

Kennedy, Reid join Iowa staff

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Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz announced the additions of Bobby Kennedy and Jim Reid to his coaching staff and also confirmed the departure of running backs Lester Erb in a release sent out by the UI on Thursday. The hires of both Kennedy and Reid are effective immediately according to the release.

Kennedy takes over as the Hawkeyes' wide receivers coach, filling a void left by Erik Campbell. He recently spent the last two seasons holding the same position at Colorado and before that was the wide receivers coach at Texas, where he worked alongside current Iowa offensive coordinator Greg Davis.

Meanwhile, Reid joins the staff as "a defensive assistant" after previously serving as the defensive coordinator at Virginia the past three seasons. No specifics were provided as far as which group he would work with. His hire comes one day after defensive backs coach Darrell Wilson left to take over a similar position at Rutgers.

"Both men have coaching experiences that will complement and supplement our staff and team in a positive way," Ferentz said in a statement. "Jim and Bobby are tremendous individuals who will be a good fit on our campus and great representatives of our university and football program."

Erb's departure leaves an additional vacancy on Iowa's staff. He leaves after serving as an assistant on Ferentz's staff for the past 13 seasons, including the last five seasons as Iowa's running backs coach. Both Erb and Wilson also split the coaching duties for Iowa special teams.

In the same statement, Ferentz said he wished both ex-Iowa assistants “the best moving forward.”