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BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE OF IOWA**

TELEPHONIC MEETING

HOST SITE: BOARD OF REGENTS OFFICE, 11260 AURORA, URBAN DALE, IOWA

Board Members

Amir Arbisser, Mary Ellen Becker, Tom Bedell (absent), Jenny Connolly, Robert Downer, Michael Gartner, Ruth Harkin, Rose Vasquez, Teresa Wahlert

Staff Members

Andrea Anania, Susan Anderson, Sheila Doyle, Pam Elliott Cain, Diana Gonzalez, Joe Murphy, Gary Steinke

Regent Institutions

University of Iowa, Iowa State University, University of Northern Iowa, Iowa School for the Deaf

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President Gartner called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Selection of University of Iowa Presidential Search Committee

Dr. David Johnsen, University of Iowa Presidential Search Committee Chair, briefed the Board on the seven remaining members proposed for the University of Iowa Presidential Search Committee; the first five members were approved by the Board on January 11, 2007, and Dr. Johnsen was approved as Chair of the Committee on December 18, 2006.

Regent Downer reported that University of Iowa Student Body Government President, Peter McElligott, expressed concern about not having an undergraduate on the Committee. Chair Johnsen responded that many groups believe there should be more or different representation. He stated that he is trying to find a balance that holds a wide variety of views and is in the process of calling constituency groups to understand their key issues, including the student body government.

Regent Connolly stated that she is disappointed that an undergraduate was not named to the Committee, but is excited that the graduate student named has completed all of her degree work at the University of Iowa. She hoped that the graduate student keeps in mind the differences between undergraduate and graduate students.

Regent Becker stated that it would be difficult to have a workable committee with every constituency represented and asked that the members keep an open mind, meet with different constituencies to understand their issues, and reflect a wide range of views.

- MOVED by HARKIN, SECONDED by WAHLERT, to:
- ◆ Approve the nominations of the seven remaining members of the University of Iowa Presidential Search Committee as recommended by Dr. David Johnsen, University of Iowa Presidential Search Committee Chair:
 - ◆ Elizabeth Chrischilles, Professor of Epidemiology;
 - ◆ Sarah England, Associate Professor of Physiology and Biophysics;
 - ◆ Ed Folsom, Professor of English;
 - ◆ Gene Parkin, Professor of Civil-Environmental Engineering;
 - ◆ Cheryl Reardon, Assistant to the Dean/VP for Research;
 - ◆ Jarjisu Sa-Aadu, Professor of Finance; and
 - ◆ Sarah Vigmostad, graduate student in Biomedical Engineering
 - ◆ Thank Chair Johnsen for his efforts.

<u>Regent</u>	<u>Arbisser</u>	<u>Becker</u>	<u>Bedell</u>	<u>Connolly</u>	<u>Downer</u>	<u>Gartner</u>	<u>Harkin</u>	<u>Vasquez</u>	<u>Wahlert</u>
Aye	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Nay									
Absent			x						

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

President Pro Tem Wahlert asked if there were any plans to gather information from the institutions about former employees with emeritus status. Regent Downer felt that this issue could be handled at the institutional level and stated that, in many cases, these people perform valuable services and that it is not only appropriate, but an excellent bargain. Regent Arbisser felt that this was an internal matter for each institution to review the resources expended and the benefits received from these arrangements. President Pro Tem Wahlert and Regent Becker expressed a need to understand the institutions' policies governing emeritus status. President Gartner asked the Board Office to gather information from the institutions with regard to employees with emeritus status.

President Gartner thanked Chair Johnsen and his colleagues for their efforts and offered the Regents' full cooperation to find the best President for the University of Iowa.

President Gartner adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m.