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**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 2007  
BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE OF IOWA**

**MAUCKER UNION, OLD CENTRAL BALLROOM, ROOMS A AND B  
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA  
CEDAR FALLS, IOWA**

**Board Members**

Bonnie Campbell	Via phone
Jenny Connolly	Via phone
Robert Downer	Via phone
Jack Evans	Via phone
Michael Gartner	Present
Ruth Harkin	Present
Craig Lang	Present
David Miles	Via Phone
Rose Vasquez	Via phone

**Staff Members**

Andrea Anania, Andy Baumert, Brad Berg, Marcia Brunson, Aimee Clayton, Tim Cook, Sheila Doyle, Tom Evans, Diana Gonzalez, Joe Murphy, Joan Racki, Keith Saunders, Patrice Sayre, Ilene Tuttle

**Regent Institutions**

University of Iowa (via phone)  
Iowa State University (via phone)  
University of Northern Iowa  
Iowa School for the Deaf (via phone)  
Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School (via phone)

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**President Gartner called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on December 4, 2007.**

President Gartner referenced an email he sent to Board members on December 3<sup>rd</sup> notifying them of his resignation as President of the Board of Regents, effective January 1, 2008. He announced that a Board meeting is scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of selecting a new President to complete his term and that notice of the meeting had been posted.

**Approval of 2008 – 09 Tuition and Fees**

Regents Downer and Connolly moved and seconded a motion to approve the 2008-09 tuition and fees as outlined in the docket memorandum. Regent Vasquez said she had hoped for a smaller increase, but would reluctantly vote yes for the proposed rate. President Gartner and Regent Harkin agreed. President Gartner thanked University and Board Office personnel for the vast amount of work put into this item.

- MOVED by DOWNER, SECONDED by CONNOLLY, to approve the tuition and related fees for the 2008 - 09 academic year as outlined in the materials circulated to the Board.

<u>Regent</u>	<u>Campbell</u>	<u>Connolly</u>	<u>Downer</u>	<u>Evans</u>	<u>Gartner</u>	<u>Harkin</u>	<u>Lang</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Vasquez</u>
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Nay									
Absent							x		

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

**Report on Search for Executive Director**

Executive Director Search Committee Chair David Miles reported that: (1) Roger Maxwell was appointed to the Committee as the citizen member and described Mr. Maxwell's background; (2) the Committee received proposals from four executive search firms; and (3) Regents on the Committee agreed to seek input from other Regents regarding possible changes to the job description, key qualities, attributes, and qualifications.

Chair Miles said that Committee members will review the search firm proposals and the Executive Director job description and key qualifications at its meeting later today.

Chair Miles added that the Committee welcomes input from all Regents and continues to move with all deliberate speed to select a new Executive Director in a timely manner.

- The Board received the report by GENERAL CONSENT.

**Legislative Update**

Interim Director Andy Baumert explained that each year the Board and the State Relations Officers look for opportunities to improve the institutions through policy changes or legislative actions.

Regent Downer said he had received comments indicating that changes to the competitive bidding statute may be a legislative agenda item and asked that the Board act on any proposal prior to any requested legislative action. Interim Director Baumert said that there is no specific legislative agenda item at this time. Vice President Madden added that facilities personnel have been communicating with industry trade groups about construction management processes and that a proposal may be presented to the Board for consideration at some point. In response to a question from President Gartner, Interim Director Baumert reported that lobbyists must register as interested parties to specific bills that are filed from outside sources.

- MOVED by HARKIN, SECONDED by LANG, to approve the legislative update.

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Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nay									

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

**Private College Grow Iowa Values Fund (GIVF) Projects**

Interim Director Baumert noted that this is the third year funds have been allocated by the Board for economic development research projects at the private colleges. He added that the Regents work closely with the Iowa Association of Independent Colleges and Universities to solicit, prioritize, and evaluate projects from the private institutions.

Regent Harkin said that the proposals are good projects and that she looked forward to follow-up progress reports. Regent Lang noted that it is important for the Board to review these reports in order to assure the goals are met.

- MOVED by EVANS, SECONDED by HARKIN, to approve GIVF funding for the projects submitted by Drake University, Clarke College, and Luther College.

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Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nay									

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- ◆ Minutes of October 31, 2007, Meeting
- ◆ Institutional and Board Office Personnel Transactions
- ◆ Conflict of Interest Vendors
- ◆ Report of Drug and Alcohol Programs Available at the Universities
- ◆ University of Iowa Equipment Purchases
- ◆ Iowa State University – Speed Limit and Street Name Change Resolution
- ◆ Register of University of Northern Iowa Capital Improvement Business Transactions
  - ◆ (project description and budget [\$5.8 million] for the **Electrical Distribution Loop System Load-Break Switches – Phase 2** project.)
- ◆ IBSSS Monthly Report
- ◆ Professional Development Assignments Requests for FY 2009
- ◆ Revision to 2008 Meeting Schedule and Addition of 2009 Meeting Dates
- ◆ Selection of Tax-Exempt Master Lease Agreement Provider
- ◆ Iowa Department of Economic Development Appointment

Regent Downer indicated that while it did not entail pulling the University of Northern Iowa Capital Register from the consent agenda, he had a question regarding the project description and budget for the **Electrical Distribution Loop System Load-Break Switches – Phase 2** project. He asked how far this phase of the project would go toward completion of the extensive electrical renovations on the UNI campus. Vice President Schellhardt responded that the Phase 2 project would complete the repairs/renovations to the University’s electrical distribution system.

- MOVED by LANG, SECONDED by CAMPBELL, to approve the Consent Agenda.

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Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nay									

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

**Institutional Agreements, Leases and Easements**

- MOVED by EVANS, SECONDED by DOWNER, to approve the lease amendment for the benefit of the University of Iowa and the easement for the benefit of Iowa State University as summarized in the agenda item, subject to approval of the final documents by the Board Office and Attorney General's Office.

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Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nay									

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

**Register of University of Iowa Capital Improvement Business Transactions**

Vice President True provided an overview of the proposed utility projects at the Oakdale Campus, explaining that the utility improvements would provide reliable back-up power for the Oakdale facilities as well as the opportunity to utilize renewable resources. Regent Lang questioned whether the improvements would result in excess power for the University to sell to Alliant Energy (the electrical provider), as indicated in the agenda item. Vice President True explained that while this is not the University's objective, it has discussed this topic with Alliant Energy and plans to consider the possibility as planning for the projects moves forward. He pointed out, however, that the University's primary objective is to supply power, steam and chilled water to the Oakdale facilities. A secondary objective is to provide energy service with 100% renewable resources, and a third objective would be to sell power back to Alliant Energy, if the University has the capacity to do so.

President Gartner questioned whether the University would be allowed by law to sell power to Alliant, and he recommended that University legal counsel carefully review this issue. Vice President True confirmed that the University would do so to ensure that it has reasonable aspirations. President Gartner added that if such a sale is currently prohibited, and the University and the Regents believe it would be beneficial, the University should consult with Interim Executive Director Andy Baumert about the possibility of amending the law. Vice President True agreed to do so.

Regent Downer asked if the tenants in the Oakdale Research Park purchase their power directly from Alliant Energy or if they are served by the University utility system. Vice President True explained that the private businesses in the Research Park (located north of Oakdale Boulevard) are served by Linn County Cooperative.

Vice President Robillard outlined the University's additional review of the proposed site for the **University Hospitals and Clinics – Institute for Orthopaedics, Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation** (IOSMR) project; this review was requested by the Board with authorization to proceed with project planning in May 2007.

The University's review focused on five principles relative to the project:

- ◆ Improving access to patients;
- ◆ Decreasing the density of the UIHC campus;
- ◆ Integrating fitness, wellness, and sports medicine;
- ◆ Ensuring for patients who have conditions other than the need for sports medicine services, that these conditions be taken into consideration when the patients are seen by sports medicine physicians; and
- ◆ Providing education, research and critical care.

Vice President Robillard explained that after thorough consideration of these principles and the global plan for this campus (to be presented at the February meeting), the University believes the best site for the facility is the area at the corner of Mormon Trek Boulevard and Melrose Avenue, the same site presented to the Board at the May 2007 meeting. He indicated that this location was chosen for its easy access to patients and athletes, its close proximity to Interstate 380, and the ability to treat athletes and other patients at the same time in one location.

President Gartner explained that several Regents questioned this site when the project was presented at the May 2007 meeting, and the Board asked the University to revisit the issue for reassurance that it is the correct site for the project. President Gartner expressed his satisfaction with respect to the site selection and his willingness to support this location. Regents Downer and Vasquez also expressed their support for the chosen project site.

While indicating his approval of the site, Regent Lang also expressed his concern that the University, in its future planning, needs to give greater consideration to the use of land and building facilities up, rather than spreading them out. He expressed the importance of preserving available arable land and the need to use land wisely.

Vice President True provided an overview of the revised budget for the **Art Building – Phase 2 – Renovation and Landscaping** project. In response to a question from President Gartner regarding funding for the project, Vice President True indicated that the project would be funded by proceeds from the sale of Academic Building Revenue Bonds authorized several years ago, and institutional funds for the deferred maintenance component of the project. He explained that the bonding authorization approved by the 2007 General Assembly and the Governor, which provides deferred maintenance funding, makes it possible for the University to utilize additional institutional funds (building renewal funds and Income from Treasurer’s Temporary Investments) at this time to incorporate other deferred maintenance work into the current project. He further explained, in response to a question from Regent Lang, that the additional deferred maintenance needs for the Art Building had been previously identified but had not been included in the project prior to approval of the bonding authorization. He added that the additional institutional funding would allow the University to undertake any deferred maintenance work for the Art Building that would need to be addressed within the next ten years.

- **MOVED** by HARKIN, **SECONDED** by EVANS, to authorize permission to proceed with project planning, including the consultant selection process, for the **Oakdale Campus – Upgrade Electrical Distribution** and **Oakdale Campus – Renewable Energy Plant – Electrical Generation Upgrade** projects; approve the site selection for the **University Hospitals and Clinics – Institute for Orthopaedics, Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation** project; and approve the revised project budget (\$16,579,705) for the **Art Building – Phase 2 – Renovation and Landscaping** project.

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Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nay									

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

**Progress Report on Statewide System for Blind and Visually Impaired**

IBSSS Superintendent Jeananne Schild provided a progress report and said the following would be presented for consideration at the Board's February 2008 meeting:

- ◆ A position description for the Superintendent/Administrator of the State-Wide System for Vision Services and a recommendation that a search committee be formed to fill the position;
- ◆ A proposed contract between the Iowa Department of Education (IDOE) and the Board of Regents, whereby the IDOE would financially support the administrator portion of the position; and
- ◆ A Memorandum of Understanding to assure on-going management and direction from the three entities that have major responsibilities for the education of this population: Board of Regents, Iowa Department of Education, and Area Education Agencies.

President Gartner noted that service to this population in the state of Iowa through IBSSS has dramatically changed over the past couple of years and thanked Jeananne Schild for everything she has done.

➤ The Board received the update by GENERAL CONSENT.

**Request to Reduce Admissions to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program at the University of Iowa**

Interim Provost Lola Lopes explained that the University of Iowa currently allocates its resources in the ratio of 75% production of new bedside nurses and 25% production of researchers and educators. The proposed reduction of admissions to the BSN Program will result in a change to 55% production of new bedside nurses and 45% production of researchers and educators. The proposed reductions resulted from an assessment that there is and will continue to be a shortage of nursing faculty and clinical supervisors.

President Gartner indicated that the Board of Regents had received a letter of concern regarding the proposed reduction. He asked about the nursing faculty's views regarding the proposed reduction. Dean Rita Frantz responded that the majority of the nursing faculty members were in favor of the reduction. Regent Evans asked Dean Frantz if other nursing programs were making similar changes. Dean Frantz responded that other nursing programs were using various alternatives, including allocating more funds for doctoral programs; obtaining private dollars for students to return to school; as well as decreasing enrollments. She indicated that nursing programs cannot admit students without faculty.

Regent Downer asked if the proposed reduction resulted from a lack of qualified applicants to the nursing program. Dean Frantz responded that the proposed reduction was meant to address faculty and clinical supervisor shortages rather than lack of qualified applicants. She indicated that in 2006-07 there were 42,000 individuals nationally who were qualified to be admitted to a nursing program, but who could not be accommodated.

President Pro Tem Miles asked about the impact on future students; specifically, how many students typically apply and what communication there has been with currently enrolled students who anticipated applying to the BSN Program. Dean Frantz responded that there are 225-250 pre-nursing students. She said that, in the past, 75 students would have been admitted in the fall semester and 75 students would have been admitted in the spring semester. She indicated that if the Board approved the reduction request, then 80 students would be admitted in the fall semester; no students would be admitted in the spring semester. Interim Provost Lopes indicated that pre-nursing students who would not be admitted would be advised to complete an inter-departmental major in health sciences and then apply to the University's Entry into Practice Master of Science in Nursing Program. She said that this approach would allow students to prepare themselves more fully for the rigorous nursing curriculum.

President Pro Tem Miles asked if counseling and outreach to students will be provided to students to guide them through alternatives as a result of reduced opportunities for those students admitted as pre-nursing students in Fall 2007. Dean Frantz responded that students have been informed that a possibility exists to reduce admissions if the Board approves such a reduction.

Regent Harkin asked about the future of the program during the next 10-year period. Dean Frantz responded that if the University does not take strategic steps to address faculty shortages, it is likely that the problem will escalate. She stated that the national average age of nursing faculty is 54.

- MOVED by EVANS, SECONDED by CONNOLLY, to approve the reduction of admissions to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program at the University of Iowa.

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Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nay									

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

#### **Investment and Cash Management Report for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2007**

Mark Brubaker from Wilshire and Associates discussed performance, benchmarks, and indexes.

- The Board received the report by GENERAL CONSENT.

#### **Resolution for the Sale and Award of \$25,000,000 Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series S.U.I. 2007A**

Barry Fick from Springsted, Incorporated, reported that four bids were received. He said the winning bid submitted by Piper Jaffray & Co., with D.A. Davidson & Co. as a member, had a true interest rate of 4.279%.

- MOVED by LANG, SECONDED by HARKIN, to approve A Resolution providing for the sale, award, and issuance of \$25,000,000 Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series S.U.I. 2007A, approving and authorizing the agreement of such sale and award and authorizing and approving the execution and delivery of the Thirteenth Supplemental Indenture, Tax Exemption Certificate, and Continuing Disclosure Certificate.

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Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nay									

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

#### **Other**

SUI Vice President for Medical Affairs and Carver College of Medicine Dean Jean Robillard announced the appointment of Ann Williamson, Ph.D., as Associate Vice President for Nursing and Chief Nursing Officer at UIHC, effective February 1, 2008.

President Gartner reminded everyone about the December 5, 2007, telephonic Board meeting to elect a new Board of Regents President, effective January 1, 2008.

President Pro Tem Miles reminded everyone about the Executive Director Search Committee meeting at the conclusion of this meeting.

**President Gartner adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.**