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“THE STATUS OF STUDENT LOANS AT REGENT UNIVERSITIES”

Action Requested: Receive the presentation.

Executive Summary: During the past few weeks, numerous media reports have indicated that there is a “crisis” in the student loan industry. The presentation will focus on the student loan programs affected, the status of loans at the Regent universities, and what is being done locally and nationally to address this issue.

Roberta Johnson is the Director of Student Financial Aid at Iowa State University. She has worked in the Office of Student Financial Aid at ISU since 1982 in a variety of positions. Ms. Johnson holds Bachelor degrees in home economics and elementary education and a Masters degree in counselor education from ISU. She has served in a variety of capacities in financial aid organizations at state, regional, and national levels. As Chair of the National Direct Student Loan Coalition, she testified before the U.S. House Committee on Education and Labor in March 2008 regarding the status of student loans.