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**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21-22, 2018, BOARD MEETING**

**ALUMNI CENTER, REIMAN BALLROOM  
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY  
AMES, IOWA**

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>February 21, 2018</b>	<b>February 22, 2018</b>
Michael Richards, President	Present	Present
Patty Cownie, President Pro Tem	Present	Present
Sherry Bates	Present	Present
Nancy Boettger	Present	Present
Milt Dakovich	Present	Present
Nancy Dunkel	Present	Present
Rachael Johnson	Present	Present
Larry McKibben	Present	Present
Subhash Sahai	Present	Present

**Board Office**

Andrea Anania, Brock Ascher, Brad Berg, Rachel Boon, Mark Braun, Aimee Claeys, Laura Dickson, Jennifer Enzian, Josh Lehman, John Nash, Jason Pontius, Patrice Sayre.

**SUI**

Bruce Harreld  
Sue Curry  
Rod Lehnertz  
Brooks Jackson  
Doug True  
Ken Kates

**ISU**

Wendy Wintersteen  
Jonathan Wickert  
Pam Cain

**UNI**

Mark Nook  
Jim Wohlpart  
Michael Hager

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**February 21, 2018**

*The Property and Facilities Committee met at 11:30 a.m.  
The Investment and Finance Committee met at 11:50 a.m.  
The Academic and Student Affairs Committee met at 1:10 p.m.  
The Campus Safety and Security Committee met at 1:55 p.m.*

**Call to Order for February 21, 2018**

President Richards called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

	Bates	Boettger	Cownie	Dakovich	Dunkel	Johnson	McKibben	Richards	Sahai
Present	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Absent									

**Sale and Award of \$25,000,000 Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series S.U.I. 2018**

Policy and Operations Officer Brad Berg introduced Dr. Sheryl Bailey from Springstead, Inc., the Board's municipal advisor.

Dr. Bailey reported that (1) 10 bids were received; (2) the winning bid was submitted by RBC Capital Markets; and (3) the true interest cost was 3.266%.

- ✓ MOVED by DAKOVICH, SECONDED by DUNKEL, to approve a resolution providing for the sale and authorizing and providing for the issuance and securing the payment of \$25,000,000 Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series S.U.I. 2018, for the purpose of constructing, equipping, installing and extending certain facilities and improvements to the Utility System of The State University of Iowa, funding the Debt Service Reserve Fund, and paying costs of issuance.

	Bates	Boettger	Cownie	Dakovich	Dunkel	Johnson	McKibben	Richards	Sahai
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nay									

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

*The Audit and Compliance Committee met at 3:08 p.m.  
The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee met at 3:30 p.m.*

**Adjourn**

President Richards adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m.

**Call to Order for February 22, 2018**

President Richards called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

**Roll Call:**

	Bates	Boettger	Cownie	Dakovich	Dunkel	Johnson	McKibben	Richards	Sahai
Present	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Absent									

**Public Comment**

President Richards noted that public comment on issues that come before the Board is an important part of the Board's deliberations and welcomed the following presenters:

- ISU Student Body President Cody West on tuition
- ISU Student Body Vice President Cody Smith on tuition
- UIHC Staff Member Douglas Vander Ploeg on UIHC Dialysis
- Dialysis patient Denny Burgess on UIHC Dialysis
- SUI Student Lauren Mosher on Meatless Mondays at SUI
- ISU Alum Darcy Maulsby on Meatless Mondays at SUI
- ISU Alum Julianne Johnston on Meatless Mondays at SUI

The Board received the comments by GENERAL CONSENT

**Consent Agenda**

- ✓ MOVED by JOHNSON, SECONDED by DUNKEL, to approve and receive the following CONSENT AGENDA items:
  - a) Minutes of January 9-10, 2018 Board Meeting
  - b) Meeting of February 21, 2018 Investment and Finance Committee
  - c) Meeting of February 21, 2018 Property and Facilities Committee
  - d) Meeting of February 21, 2018 Academic Student Affairs Committee
  - e) Personnel Appointments
  - f) Semi-Annual Claims Activity Report
  - g) Proposed University Parking for FY 2019
  - h) Annual Diversity Report
  - i) Annual Span of Control Report
  - j) Annual Human Resources Report
  - k) Policy Manual Revision, Chapter 2.3

	Bates	Boettger	Cownie	Dakovich	Dunkel	Johnson	McKibben	Richards	Sahai
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nay									

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

**Board President Report**

President Richards read the following statement:

*The Tuition Task Force that we established last year was designed to have an open, public discussion about tuition rates and the funding of our public universities. The*

*overriding goal was to come up with the right mix of funding sources that will allow our universities to be the best they can be.*

*There are three parts to funding our universities properly: tuition, state appropriations, and savings and reallocations of resources at our universities.*

*Finding the right combination of those three areas is the challenge, but it does require all three to be in sync. Our universities have saved or reallocated \$55 million since 2010, or roughly \$8 million per year. Additionally, the Board has generated \$70 million in savings in the last decade due to debt refinancing.*

*Let me say that again. Over the last 10 years, the universities have saved or reallocated \$125 million. So the universities are doing their part.*

*With regard to appropriations, the state has been a great partner with higher education for more than a century. We recognize the state's current fiscal situation, and appreciate the governor and the legislature working with us to keep our fiscal year 2018 reduction as low as possible. We don't like any reduction – no one would – but when finalized we will work to minimize any impact on our campuses, particularly to students.*

*However, the fiscal year 2018 reductions are not yet set. Also, we do not know what the fiscal year 2019 appropriations level will be. We were encouraged that Governor Reynolds put an additional \$7.25 million into the Regents budget for her 2019 recommendation for next year, and will continue to advocate with our partners in the legislature and Governor's office for additional funding for our universities. I would note that our fiscal year 2019 funding request was for financial aid for resident, undergraduate students. The state of Iowa ranks last in the nation in need-based financial aid to public university students. This money will help keep college affordable for Iowans.*

*This leaves uncertainty with our budgets. By our meeting in April, we will have a much better understanding on where things stand, and begin the deliberation, with a final vote scheduled in June. We must get this right and will only approve rates one time this year.*

*We need the proper mix of financial resources at our universities. This must be done collectively. It takes all of us working together to maximize the resources of our public universities. The Board is committed to working collaboratively with everyone to achieve our collective goal of continuing to provide accessible, affordable, high-quality public higher education to Iowa students.*

*As I indicated yesterday when I spoke to the legislature, we are committed to doing only one tuition increase this year. Obviously there is uncertainty, but in the interest of transparency, I want to share that we have been actively studying tuition increases for resident undergraduates at rates under four percent. Under four percent.*

*Additionally, having predictability of future tuition increases was one concern that we heard from so many different groups. So this fall, we intend to announce a multi-year tuition model, with a baseline percentage increase for the next five years, starting with the 2019-20 academic year. We will do further study this year to determine what the range of increase each year and will provide more specifics as the year goes along. But we want to come up with a plan that allows for students and their families to know what tuition rates will be, and what will be projected for the next several years.*

**Reports from Institutional Heads**

President Wintersteen, President Harreld, and President Nook gave reports on recent activities at their respective institutions.

Regent Boettger asked President Harreld to elaborate on the Grow Initiative, which helps SUI students to connect student jobs and internships to their studies. President Nook noted that all three Regent Universities were ranked in the top 100 safest universities. Regent Cownie congratulated all three institutions on their inclusion.

Regent McKibben commented on President Harreld's budgeting facts, noting that the state of Iowa budget and Regent university enrollment have grown over the last 20 years, yet state appropriations have been reduced by 11.2 percent. Since FY 1998, the state's general fund budget has increased by \$2.2 billion – or 67 percent. Since FY 1998, the Regents state general fund appropriation has dropped by \$71.9 million. This is despite enrollment at Regent universities increasing by 21 percent during the same time. There has been no new support for an entire generation. Regent McKibben stated that since the state's "rainy day fund" is funded with tens of millions of dollars, there is no reason for the legislature to do a mid-year budget cut.

The Board received the reports by GENERAL CONSENT.

**Residence System Governance Report – First Reading**

Policy and Operations Officer Brad Berg introduced Pete Englin, assistant vice president for student affairs at ISU; Glenn Gray, assistant vice president for student affairs and executive director of residence at UNI; and Von Stange, assistant vice president for student life and senior director of university housing & dining at SUI to present information related to housing and dining at the three universities.

Regent Johnson noted that room and board costs represent a significant portion of the full cost of attendance at the three universities. She requested updated figures for the full cost of attendance be presented at the Board's April meeting.

Regent Sahai asked why different rooms cost different amounts at the three universities. Mr. Berg explained that the availability of amenities, the universities' respective competitive environments, and the capital needs of each system contribute to this variance. Regent Bates asked about the benefits of living on campus and whether enough students know about these benefits.

**University of Iowa Proposed Removal of Naming**

President Richards moved item 11 ahead of items nine and 10.

- ✓ MOVED by COWNIE, SECONDED by DAKOVICH, to approve the removal of the name "Stephen A. Wynn" from the Institute for Vision Research at the University of Iowa.

	Bates	Boettger	Cownie	Dakovich	Dunkel	Johnson	McKibben	Richards	Sahai
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nay									

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

**Annual Graduation and Retention Report**

Associate Chief Academic Officer Jason Pontius presented the annual graduation and retention report for Fall 2017.

The Board received the report by GENERAL CONSENT.

**ISU Presentation – Orientation to Career: Supporting Student Success**

Associate Chief Academic Officer Jason Pontius introduced Ann Marie Vander Zanden, associate provost for undergraduate education at Iowa State; Deidre Heistad, director of undergraduate studies at UNI; Kristin Woods, director of student success and retention at UNI; Mirra Anson, director of academic support and retention at SUI; and Andrew Beckett, associate dean of university college at SUI, to share approaches used at each stage in the student experience to support student success.

The Board received the report by GENERAL CONSENT.

**Closed Session – Evaluation of Institutional Heads and Executive Director**

- ✓ MOVED by BOETTGER, SECONDED by BATES, to enter into closed session in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.5.1.c, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent and premature disclosure would likely prejudice or disadvantage the position of the Board.

	Bates	Boettger	Cownie	Dakovich	Dunkel	Johnson	McKibben	Richards	Sahai
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Absent							x		

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

*The Board convened in closed session at 1:44 p.m.*

*The Board reconvened in open session at 2:40 p.m.*

**Adjourn**

President Richards adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.