Actions Requested:  (1) Consider approval of the holiday calendars for the University of Northern Iowa [2008] and the Iowa School for the Deaf [2006-07]; (2) Consider approval of the 2006-07 academic calendar for the Iowa School for the Deaf.

Executive Summary:  In accordance with the Board of Regents Policy Manual (§6.12), the holiday calendars for the University of Northern Iowa and the Iowa School for the Deaf are presented for consideration.

According to Board policy and various collective bargaining agreements, employees are entitled to eleven holidays.  Seven holidays are specified (New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Friday after Thanksgiving and Christmas).  Two holidays may be designated by the heads of the institutions.  Two holidays are accrued as vacation days.

University of Northern Iowa

1. New Year’s Day  Tuesday, January 1, 2008
2. Martin Luther King’s Birthday  Monday, January 21, 2008
4. Independence Day  Friday, July 4, 2008
5. Labor Day  Monday, September 1, 2008
6. Thanksgiving Day  Thursday, November 27, 2008
7. Friday after Thanksgiving  Friday, November 28, 2008
9. University Holiday  Friday, December 26, 2008

Iowa School for the Deaf

1. Independence Day  Tuesday, July 4, 2006
2. Labor Day  Monday, September 4, 2006
3. Thanksgiving Day  Thursday, November 24, 2006
4. Friday after Thanksgiving  Friday, November 25, 2006
6. Day after Christmas  Tuesday, December 26, 2006
7. New Year’s Day  Monday, January 1, 2007
8. Day after New Year’s  Monday, January 2, 2007

Also in accordance with Board policy, the Board is asked to consider the Iowa School for the Deaf academic calendar for the 2006-07 school year.  The ISD calendar is aligned with the Lewis Central school system since ISD students take many classes there.  ISD will continue to use a trimester system to match the Lewis Central grading periods.  In compliance with state law, the calendar includes 180 instructional days for students and 189 contract days for teachers.  The calendar is shown on page 2.