MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE OF IOWA

PAPPAJOHN BUSINESS BUILDING, ROOM W401
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY, IOWA

JULY 22, 2008
3:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order – President Miles

2. Attendance and Establishment of Quorum

3. Board Convenes in Open Session

4. Agenda Item 1 – Establishment of an Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents to Reopen the Investigation of the University of Iowa’s Compliance with Policy and Procedures While Investigating a Sexual Assault Complaint

5. Other Business, if any

6. Adjournment
ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Action Requested: Consider the creation of an Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents to reopen the investigation of the University of Iowa’s compliance with policies and procedures while investigating a sexual assault complaint.

Executive Summary: Additional documents, related to the University of Iowa’s compliance with policy and procedures while investigating a sexual assault, have recently been made available to the Board of Regents. These documents were not made available to Board staff when they conducted their investigation of the University’s compliance with policies and procedures related to the alleged sexual assault.

Due to this new information, the investigation ordered by the Board on November 16, 2007, will be reopened. An Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents will be created to investigate the University of Iowa’s compliance with policies and procedures while investigating a sexual assault case. This Advisory Committee will be chaired by Regent Campbell with assistance from Regent Harkin and Regent Downer. The Advisory Committee will be staffed by Tom Evans, General Counsel to the Board of Regents, and will be assisted by the Attorney General’s Office. The Advisory Committee is further empowered to hire outside counsel as needed to assist in their investigation of the facts.

In light of the substantial time that has passed since the alleged assault, the Advisory Committee shall issue a report to the full Board no later than September 18, 2008.

Specifically, the Advisory Committee is being directed to address two separate, but related issues:

1. Reopen the investigation of the University of Iowa’s handling of the alleged sexual assault on a female student on the morning of October 14, 2007, including but not limited to:
   a. Using the June 12 Board’s General Counsel’s report as a starting point, conduct a review of all actions taken by University personnel in response to the alleged assault from October 14, to the present;
   b. Assess whether the University’s policies and procedures were followed;
   c. Evaluate each of the charges advanced in the November and May letters from the alleged victim's mother to the University; and
   d. Recommend any policy changes or other actions determined to be appropriate.

2. Examine the circumstances around the decision not to disclose to the Board of Regents the existence of the November and May letters, how the decision was made, and on what basis. Again, the Advisory Committee is to recommend any policy changes or other actions appropriate.

This is not an investigation into the alleged assault itself, and the Advisory Committee is to take no action that would interfere in any way with the ongoing criminal investigation.