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ALTERNATIVE FOR SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS

Action Requested: Consider authorizing Regent institutional membership in the Common Fund for Nonprofit Organizations (“Commonfund”) and designating the Vice Presidents for Business and Finance at each institution to apply for membership, open an account, and execute transactions.

Executive Summary:

As another alternative for short term investments, the Universities request to have the option to invest portions of their operating portfolios in the Common Fund for Short Term Investments and the Commonfund Intermediate Term Fund. Wilshire, the Board’s Investment Advisor, supports this proposal.

The Common Fund for Nonprofit Organizations is a New York Membership corporation dedicated to a broad cross section of the nonprofit world, including higher education, public and private foundations, hospitals and health care providers. Commonfund manages approximately \$34 billion for more than 1,500 nonprofit clients (March 2005). The Commonfund was founded in 1971 through a grant from the Ford Foundation.

Investment in the Common Fund for Nonprofit Organizations is authorized by Iowa Code §12B.10(4d) and the Regent Policy Manual 7.04(4l).