MEMORANDUM

To                     Board of Regents  
From:                  Board Office  
Subject:               Amendments to Iowa Administrative Code  
Date:                  December 1, 2004  

Recommended Actions:

1. Approve adoption of amendment to the Iowa Administrative Code §681, Chapter 9.

2. Authorize the Executive Director to file the appropriate documents.

Executive Summary:

Iowa Administrative Code Revisions

The Board is asked to approve the adopting of an amendment proposed to Chapter 9.

Chapter 9 – Tuition Notification

In September 2004, the Board approved filing notice to amend Chapter 9 of the Regents Administrative Rules relating to timing of changes in tuition and mandatory fees.

The Eightieth General Assembly enacted 2004 Iowa Acts, House File 2418 which eliminated the month by which the Board must make the decision about increases in tuition or mandatory fees.

Formerly, the statute required that the Board make the final decision about tuition or mandatory fees increases for a fiscal year in November of the previous fiscal year.

When these changes were initially filed, a period for public comment was established. The comment period ended November 2, 2004. No comments were received.

The proposed amendment is shown in Attachment A and the rule after the revision is shown in Attachment B.

Marcia R. Brunson  

Approved: Greg S. Nichols
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The final decision on the increase in tuition for a fiscal year shall be made no later than the at a regular meeting held in November of the preceding fiscal year. The regular meeting held in November will be held in Ames, Cedar Falls, or Iowa City which is to be held in one of the three universities' cities but is not and will not to be held during the period in which classes have been suspended for Thanksgiving vacation a university holiday or break.

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