Action Requested: Consider adoption of amendments to Iowa Administrative Code 681 — Chapter 1 "Admission Rules Common to the Three State Universities".

Executive Summary: At the September 9, 2015, meeting, the Board approved filing a Notice of Intent to amend Chapter 1. The rules in Chapter 1 set forth criteria for classification of residents and nonresidents for admission, tuition, and fee purposes. The proposed amendment will align Iowa Administrative Code with federal rules and Home Base Iowa regarding the classification of veterans as residents.

The notice was published in the September 30, 2015, issue of Iowa Administrative Bulletin (IAB). With the publication of the notice, a comment period was established. No comments were received. Upon approval of the adoption of the amendment by the Board, the amendment will be filed and published as adopted in the next issue of the IAB on December 23, 2015. The amendment will be effective December 23, 2015.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code §262.9(3). The text of the amendment is shown below.

681 — CHAPTER 1 - ADMISSION RULES COMMON TO THE THREE STATE UNIVERSITIES
1.4(262) CLASSIFICATION OF RESIDENTS AND NONRESIDENTS FOR ADMISSION, TUITION, AND FEE PURPOSES.
Amend paragraph 1.4(2)“b” as follows:

b. Additional guidelines are used in determining the resident classification of a veteran, qualified military person, and children and spouses of a veteran or qualified military person other qualified individuals for purposes of admission and undergraduate, graduate, or professional, or certificate tuition and mandatory fees:

(1) A person who is stationed on active duty at the Rock Island arsenal as a result of military orders, or the child or spouse/domestic partner of such person, is entitled to resident status for purposes of undergraduate, graduate, or professional tuition and mandatory fees. The child or spouse/domestic partner may be required to submit appropriate documentation to the university.

(2) A veteran who is eligible for benefits or has exhausted benefits under any federal program authorizing veteran educational benefits is entitled to resident status for purposes of undergraduate, graduate, or professional tuition and mandatory fees. The child or spouse/domestic partner of a veteran who meets these requirements is entitled to resident status for undergraduate, graduate, or professional tuition. The rules for classification of veterans and qualified individuals shall be in full compliance with all federal laws, including Section 702 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (Choice Act). The child or spouse/domestic partner qualified individual may be required to submit appropriate documentation to the university.

(3) A person who is moved into the state as the result of military or civil orders from the government for other than educational purposes, or the child or spouse/domestic partner of such a person, is entitled to resident status. The child or spouse/domestic partner may be required to submit appropriate documentation to the university. Legislation, effective July 1, 1977, requires that military personnel who claim residency in Iowa (home of record) will be required to file Iowa resident income tax returns.