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April 11, 2017

The Honorable Terry E. Branstad, Governor
State of Iowa
State Capitol Building
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Governor Branstad:

This letter provides information about the meeting of the Board of Regents on April 19-20 at the Iowa School for the Deaf in Council Bluffs.

The meeting materials are available on the Regents website at the following address:

<http://www.iowaregents.edu/meetings/upcoming-meetings-and-agendas/>

Audio streaming of the meeting may be accessed through the Board of Regents website. I am available at any time to answer questions about the meeting materials or any other matter.

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee, chaired by President Pro Tem Mulholland, will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19. The committee will receive a presentation on statewide services for parents, teachers and interpreters of deaf children (ASAC item 2).

The committee will receive the annual report on faculty resignations (ASAC item 3). Compared to the previous year, SUI resignations increased from 90 to 94, ISU saw a decrease from 33 to 24, and UNI saw an increase from 7 to 15. The committee will also receive the annual governance report on faculty tenure (ASAC item 4). The report includes approval of promotion and tenure actions for the academic year beginning this fall. The University of Iowa is requesting approval of 155 promotion and tenure actions; Iowa State University is requesting 52; and the University of Northern Iowa is requesting 34. In 2016-17, the number of tenured faculty at the universities was 2,590, a 2.1 percent decrease from the previous year. The number of tenure-track faculty was 844, a 3.4 percent decrease from the previous year.

The committee will receive a report from the Campus Safety and Security Subcommittee, which met April 6. Additionally, the committee will receive recommendations from the University of Iowa and Iowa State University regarding proposed changes to academic programs and administrative units at each respective university (ASAC items 6 and 7).

The Property and Facilities Committee, chaired by Regent Dakovich, will meet at 2:45 p.m. on April 19. The committee will review the register of capital improvement transactions for the University of Iowa (P&F item 2). The first project to consider is permission to proceed with project planning for renovation of Burge Hall. Burge is the second-largest residence hall on the east side

of campus, housing 939 students. The project budget of \$7 million would be funded by university housing renewal and improvement funds.

The second project to consider is requesting approval of schematic design, project description and budget for the renovation of the College of Nursing building. This project would remodel approximately 50 percent of the building on five floors. The project budget of \$11.8 million would be funded by College of Nursing gifts and earnings.

The third project to consider is requesting approval of schematic design, project description and budget for the remodeling of level 3 of the John Colloton Pavilion, creating 24 inpatient acute leukemia and bone marrow patient rooms. The project budget of \$15.34 million would be funded by university hospitals building usage funds. The fourth project is requesting approval of schematic design, project description and budget for conversion of level 7 of the John Pappajohn Pavilion into a new adult inpatient burn unit. The project budget of \$15.29 million would be funded by university hospitals building usage funds.

The fifth project is requesting approval of schematic design, project description and budget for renovation of the north half of level 7 of the Roy Carver Pavilion, creating 12 adult inpatient psychiatry beds. The budget of \$8.3 million would be funded by university hospitals building usage funds. The sixth project is requesting approval of schematic design, project description and budget for a remodeling of the MRI suite on lower level 1 of the John Colloton Pavilion. The project budget of \$5.4 million would be funded by university hospitals building usage funds. The seventh project is requesting approval of schematic design, project description and budget for a renovation an existing linear accelerator vault in the lower level of the Pomerantz Family Pavilion. This project budget of \$10.5 million would be funded by university hospitals building usage funds.

The university will request approval of project description and budget to raze the Hawkeye Drive Apartments. This project would demolish 14 apartment buildings, totaling 192 apartments, on the west side of campus. These apartments were built in 1960 and have exceeded their useful life. The budget of \$2.5 million would be funded by university housing and improvement funds.

The committee will also be asked to consider a proposed property purchase by the University of Iowa (P&F item 3). This one acre of property is directly south of the future UIHC Iowa River Landing extension, which is planned to start construction in early 2018. The university wishes to acquire this land to build a parking ramp. The purchase price of \$1.4 million would be funded from university hospitals building usage funds.

The committee will review the register of capital improvement transactions for Iowa State University (P&F item 4). The first project to consider is approval of project description and budget for a replacement of more than 1,300 feet of roads, sidewalks and storm sewer piping east of Friley Hall between Lincoln Way and Bissell Road. This \$3.2 million project will be funded by utility infrastructure and utility repair funds. The second project to consider is approval of project description and budget for installation of a larger underground chilled water system, as well as replacing underground utilities and reconstructing Bissell Road. This \$8.5 million project would be funded by utility infrastructure and utility repair funds.

The Audit/Compliance Committee, chaired by Regent McKibben, will meet at 3:45 p.m. on April 19. The committee will review several state audit reports with Auditor of State Mary Mosiman. Board of Regents Chief Audit Executive Todd Stewart will review internal audit reports. External audit reports of Iowa Public Radio and the Quad Cities Graduate Study Center will also be reviewed. The committee will also receive the investment and cash management report for the quarter that ended December 31, 2016.

The University Hospitals and Clinics Committee, chaired by Regent McKibben, will meet at 4:15 p.m. It will receive the operating and financial performance report; the FY18 operating budget; and the UIHC proposed strategic plan. The committee will also review a proposal from UIHC for a six percent rate increase for FY18.

On Thursday, April 20 at 9:00 a.m., the Board will have breakfast with student leaders from the Regent institutions. The full Board will convene in open session at 10:00 a.m.

The Board will consider approval of proposed rates for room and board at the universities (agenda item 10) The residence systems are self-supporting operations and do not receive state appropriated funds for operations or capital improvements. The universities provide many different room and board options to students. Rate increases for each university's most popular double residence hall room and meal plan are 1.9 percent at Iowa State University, 1.8 percent at the University of Northern Iowa, and 0.5 percent at the University of Iowa.

Other agenda items for the Board include:

- Receiving an update from Executive Director Donley on the search for the next president at Iowa State University.
- Receiving a presentation on FY18 salary policies from faculty/staff at Regents institutions who are not organized for the purpose of collective bargaining.
- Receiving a faculty presentation from the Iowa School for the Deaf on special programs for students at ISD.
- Receiving an update on campus activities from each of the institutional heads.
- Receiving bids for the sale and award of an academic building revenue bond refunding for an estimated \$23.5 million. Present value savings is estimated to total \$1.59 million.

If we can provide additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely,



Bruce L. Rastetter

cc: Lt. Governor Kimberly Reynolds
Members of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa