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July 24, 2018

The Honorable Kim Reynolds, Governor
State of Iowa
State Capitol Building
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Governor Reynolds:

This letter provides information about the telephonic meeting of the Board of Regents on August 1 originating from the Board of Regents Office in Urbandale, Iowa.

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.

The Property and Facilities Committee, chaired by Regent Dakovich, will meet at 10:00 a.m. The committee will consider the register of Iowa State University capital improvement business transactions (P&F item 2). The first series of projects to consider are requesting approval of the project descriptions and budgets for window replacement at Birch, Welch, Roberts, Hesler and Oak-Elm Residence Halls. These projects would replace windows in each residence hall. The current windows are having significant maintenance issues. The windows are not watertight, have considerable air leakage, and are not energy efficient. New windows would improve student comfort, building appearance, and reduce energy costs. The total budget for all window replacement projects is \$8.53 million and would be funded by dormitory system funds.

The next project to consider requests approval of the project description and budget for steam piping replacement at the Iowa State Center. The underground steam piping system that feeds Hilton Coliseum, the Scheman Building, CY Stephens Auditorium, and Fisher Theater is experiencing failures that lead to interruptions in the supply of steam. This project would replace the entire system with new piping and vaults, which will enhance energy efficiency, increase safety, and improve reliability in the system. The project budget of \$4.2 million would be funded by utility repair funds.

The next project to consider requests approval of the schematic design, project description and budget to renovate and reconfigure recreation fields east of University Boulevard. It would turn 39.7 acres of existing recreation fields into multiple flag football fields, six softball fields, eight sand volleyball courts, 659 parking spaces, a service building, and a maintenance building. The project budget of \$10 million would be funded by recreation services funds.

The committee will also consider the register of University of Northern Iowa capital improvement business transactions (P&F item 3). The project to consider requests approval of the schematic design, project description and budget for the remodeling of Noehren Residence Hall. This project would renovate 104 student rooms, five student lounges, and nine corridors throughout Noehren Hall's north and west wings. While smoke detectors exist in the corridors and student lounges, new smoke detectors would be added to each student room and tied into the existing fire alarm system. A majority of the work includes replacing all in-room sinks and wardrobe cabinets, upgrading Wi-Fi and electrical power, installing new doors and door hardware, replacing old vinyl flooring for new high-quality vinyl flooring, and putting in new finishes in the corridors and lounges. The project budget of \$3.3 million would be funded by the residence system surplus fund.

The committee will also consider recommending approval of a proposed property purchase by the University of Northern Iowa. A total of 0.678 acres of land at 3205 Hudson Road in Cedar Falls would be purchased at a price of \$275,000, subject to approval of the final documents by the Board Office and Attorney General's Office. More information is available in P&F item 4.

The full Board will convene at approximately 10:15 a.m. The Board will consider the proposed FY 2019 budgets for the three public universities, Iowa Public Radio and the Board Office. The Board will also consider restricted budgets which include budgets for athletics, capital funding previously approved by the General Assembly, and residence system budgets. Additional details of the budgets may be found in agenda item 3.

If we can provide additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Richards", written in a cursive style.

Michael J. Richards

cc: Lt. Governor Adam Gregg
Members of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa