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November 28, 2017

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 December 6 originating from the Board of Regents office in Urbandale.

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 Academic and Student Affairs Committee, chaired by Regent Boettger, will meet at 12:30 p.m. The committee will receive requests from the public universities on academic program additions, terminations, suspensions, renamings and reorganizations (ASAC items 1-3).

The committee will receive the report on Professional Development Assignments (PDAs) for FY2017 (ASAC item 4). There were 100 PDAs approved for that fiscal year. PDAs provide increased visibility and prominence of faculty in research and scholarship. The replacement cost of PDAs (\$469,054) was leveraged with more than \$6.3 million in grants and other external funding resulting from those assignments.

The committee will also consider approval of requests for PDAs for FY2019 (ASAC item 5) as specified in Iowa Code §262.9. A total of 111 have been requested with an estimated replacement cost of \$582,301.

The committee will hear a report on the Center for Educational Development at the University of Northern Iowa (ASAC item 6). Annual reports are required for submission to the Iowa General Assembly to provide of the center's work on pressing educational and teacher preparation issues in Iowa and nationally.

At approximately 1:15 p.m., the Property and Facilities Committee, chaired by Regent Dakovich, will meet. The committee will consider the register of University of Iowa capital improvement transactions (P&F item 2). The first project to consider is a request to approve the schematic design, project description and budget for a renovation of 7,500 square feet of space in the Interventional Radiology recovery area. The project budget of \$3.8 million would be funded by hospital building usage funds.

The second project to consider is a request to proceed with the project description and budget for new electrical infrastructure in the John Colloton Pavilion. This new electrical service, updated to current building codes, would be distributed throughout the pavilion, including the Pediatric Specialty Clinic and the Acute Leukemia and Bone Marrow Transplant Unit. The project budget of \$4.9 million would be funded by hospital building usage funds.

The third project is a request for a revised project description and budget for the renovation of suites 2700 and 3700 in the University Capitol Centre. The requested budget increase is to allow for the inclusion of a newly constructed Student Transaction Center. This additional space would allow for the consolidation of many student-centric services to be in one location, as they are currently scattered across campus. The revised budget of \$3.9 million would be funded by treasurer's temporary investment income and building renewal funds.

The committee then will consider the register of Iowa State University capital improvement business transactions (P&F item 5). The first project is a request to proceed with project planning to build out the fifth floor of the Biosciences Facilities – Advanced Teaching and Research Building. This project would provide state-of-the-art research space for the new Nanovaccine Institute research project. The estimated budget of between \$6-\$6.5 million would be funded by university funds and private giving.

The second project is a request to approve the schematic design, project description and budget for restroom renovations in Parks Library. The current restrooms are in poor condition and not ADA compliant. The budget of \$2.3 million would be funded by general university funds.

The third project is a request to approve the schematic design, project description and budget for a renovation of the Hub retail dining space. The project budget of \$2.4 million would be funded by dining services.

The fourth project is a request to approve the schematic design, project description and budget for an expansion of parking at Hilton Coliseum. This project would expand and reconstruct lots to the north and south, providing 282 parking stalls, as well as rebuild the access drives to the east and west. The project budget of \$3.9 million would be funded by athletic department funds.

The fifth project is a request to approve a revised project description and budget for improvements to the Maple-Willow-Larch recreational fields. These improvements would enhance drainage, durability of turf, and allow the fields to be used at night for sport clubs and intramural activities for the first time. The revised project budget is \$2.7 million and would be funded by recreational services.

The Investment and Finance Committee, chaired by Regent McKibben, will meet at approximately 1:35 p.m. It will receive the investment and cash management report for the quarter ended September 30, 2017 from the Board's investment advisor, Marquette Associates, Inc.

The full Board will convene at approximately 2:00 p.m. The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee, chaired by Regent Bates, will then meet. The committee will receive UIHC's operating and financial performance report.

The Board will receive bids for the sale and award of ISU academic building revenue refunding bonds for an estimated \$25.8 million, and bids for the sale and award of ISU recreational system facilities revenue refunding bonds for an estimated \$21.9 million.

If we can provide additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Richards". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Richards".

Michael J. Richards

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