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February 14, 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 meeting of the Board of Regents on February 21-22 on the campus of Iowa State University in Ames.

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 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 21. The committee will consider ratification of emergency contracting authorization at the University of Iowa to repair four water-damaged facilities related to frozen water pipes that burst. The committee will also consider removing the name of Stephen A. Wynn from the Institution for Vision Research at the University of Iowa. Additional information is available in P&F item 3.

The committee will consider approving the sale of 37 acres of undeveloped rural woodlands in Muscatine County, from the University of Iowa (P&F item 4). Also, the committee will consider the register of Iowa State University capital improvement transactions (P&F item 5). The first project to consider is a request for permission to proceed with project planning to expand, construct new, demolish, and renovate facilities at the north end zone of Jack Trice Stadium. This project would involve the expansion of Bergstrom Football Complex, construction of a new student-athlete academic and sports nutrition center, demolition of the Olsen Building, and the redevelopment of the north entrance and hillside seating areas. The project budget's estimate is \$65-80 million and would be funded by private giving and athletics department operations funds.

The second project to consider is a request to recommend approval of the project description and budget for the poultry farm teaching and research facilities. This project would demolish the nine existing buildings that were constructed in the 1960s and construct six new, state-of-the-art teaching facilities and at least three new storage facilities on the same site. The project budget of \$5 million would be funded by private giving.

The committee will then consider the register of University of Northern Iowa capital improvement transactions (P&F item 6). The project to consider is recommending approval of a revised project description and budget for the demolition of the Hillside Courts apartments. The original project budget, approved in October 2017, was for \$3.2 million and the request is an increase to \$5 million. This \$1.8 million increase is to cover the cost of additional asbestos and the increased cost of demolition and site restoration.

The Investment and Finance Committee, chaired by Regent McKibben, will meet at approximately 11:50 a.m. It will receive the investment and cash management report for the quarter ended December 31, 2017 from the Board's investment advisor, Marquette Associates, Inc. The committee will also review a change in disclosures, address a fund manager issue, and receive an oral report on university polices related to the use of trademarks at the three public universities.

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee, chaired by Regent Boettger, will meet at approximately 1:00 p.m. The committee will consider program name changes at the public universities, and hear a presentation on faculty advancement and evaluation.

The committee will also receive the annual distance education report (ASAC item 4). The report shows an enrollment increase of 31.6 percent over the past four years for credit distance education courses, with the highest areas of enrollment being in business, education, and humanities, arts and sciences.

The Campus Safety and Security Committee, chaired by Regent Johnson, will meet at approximately 1:45 p.m. It will receive a presentation on the presence of fraternity and sorority life on the campuses of the three public universities. The committee will also receive information comparing the form and content of the annual Board of Regents Campus Safety and Security Report with the Clery Report.

The full Board will convene at approximately 2:30 p.m. The Audit and Compliance Committee, chaired by Regent Dunkel, will meet. The committee will receive the external audit report for the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, and receive numerous internal audit reports.

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, and hear a faculty presentation on concepts and opportunities for cancer treatment. The committee will also consider approval of a requested 6 percent rate increase for UIHC for FY 2019 that will be voted on in April.

On Thursday, February 22, the Board will have breakfast with student leaders from the public universities at 9:00 a.m. The Board will convene in open session at 9:45 a.m. and begin with up to 30 minutes of public comment.

The Board will receive the annual Residence System Governance Report (agenda item 8), which provides university residence systems five-year plans (FY 2019-FY 2023), preliminary residence systems budgets for FY 2019, and proposed residence system rates for AY 2018-2019. The Board will be asked to approve rates in April.

The Board will receive the annual Graduation and Retention Report (agenda item 9). From Fall 2016 to Fall 2017, 86 percent of Regent university students returned for their second year at their university. Regent university retention rates are significantly above the national average for four-year public universities. Graduation rates at the public universities continue to be well above the

national average in four-, five-, and six-year rates. Additionally, time to achieving a degree has been slowly but steadily declining over the past 20 years.

Other items to come before the Board include:

- The Board will receive a presentation on supporting student success at the three public universities, from the beginning of student enrollment to completion and beyond.
- Each of the institutional heads will provide an update on campus activities.
- The Board will receive bids for the sale and award of \$25 million in utility system revenue bonds for the University of Iowa. Additional information is available in agenda item 2.

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