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September 5, 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 September 12-13 that will be held in the Memorial Union on the campus of the University of Iowa in Iowa City.

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 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 12. The committee will consider the Annual Facilities Report, which provides a broad overview of the facilities at Regent institutions. Academic/research/administrative (general fund) facilities at the Regent institutions total approximately 19.1 million square feet of the total 41.1 million gross square feet of facilities. The FY 2018 replacement value of all Regent facilities is estimated at \$19.3 billion, of which \$9.7 billion is the replacement value for academic/research/administrative facilities. The Regent institutions have a total of 4,398 on-campus acres and 839 off-campus acres, excluding farm acreage. It is estimated that to correct fire safety deficiencies would cost \$10.6 million. For Fall 2018, Regent institutions report a total of \$938.9 million in deferred maintenance in general fund facilities and utilities.

The committee will consider the five-year state-funded capital plans. The FY 2020-2024 period totals \$448.0 million in capital appropriations requests and \$66.7 million in private/other funds for a total of \$514.7 million. This includes a capital request of \$54.3 million for FY 2020.

The committee will also consider the five-year institutional roads program. This includes capital projects totaling \$10.5 million for calendar years 2019-2023, including \$2.1 million for calendar year 2019. Funds for improvements and maintenance of roads at the Regent institutions and other state agencies are provided annually to the State Parks and Institutional Roads Program, which is administered by the Iowa Department of Transportation. More information can be found in P&F item 2.

The committee will consider the register of University of Iowa capital improvement business transactions (P&F item 2). The first project to consider is requesting permission to proceed with project planning for the renovation of the Art Building into an Innovation Center. Since the flood of 2008, the Art Building has been unoccupied, yet maintained in accordance with federal protective requirements. Multiple options were studied for its re-use, and it was determined that the building would best serve students and the university community as a much-needed interdisciplinary center for innovation and discovery. The estimated project budget of \$20-25 million would be funded by gifts.

The next project to consider requests approval of the schematic design, project description and budget for the construction of a central sterilization services (CSS) building on the Oakdale campus. CSS is currently housed on the lower level of the John Colloton Pavilion. The project budget of \$31.5 million would be funded by University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics building usage funds.

The committee will consider a request by the University of Iowa to raze two buildings. The two buildings, located on the Oakdale campus, are beyond their useful lives and have significant deferred maintenance issues. Both properties would be restored to green space.

The committee will then consider a request from Iowa State University for permission to proceed with project planning for the construction of a new Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (VDL). This project would build an 80,000-plus square foot VDL and raze three small buildings just west of the College of Veterinary Medicine. This project would address critical space deficiencies, biosafety and biocontainment issues and important functional adjacencies for highly integrated labs. In addition, the project would support improved diagnostic sample delivery, submission, receiving and processing. The estimated project budget of \$75 million would be funded by state appropriations, private giving and university funds. More information is available in P&F item 6.

The Academic Affairs Committee, chaired by Regent Boettger, will meet at 1 p.m. The committee will consider approval of the addition and termination of academic programs, and consider approval of campus department changes. The committee also will receive the annual Lakeside Laboratory Report, the Annual Accreditation Report, and receive a presentation on increasing usage of open educational resources and library content.

The committee also will consider proposed center closures at both the University of Iowa and Iowa State University. Each institution is requesting closure of five centers and institutes. Additional information is available in AA item 2.

The Investment and Finance Committee, chaired by Regent McKibben, will meet at 2 p.m. The committee will receive the investment and cash management report for the second quarter of 2018, as well as receive the annual report on peer group comparisons. The committee also will consider approving a recommendation of the addition of two investment managers to the portfolio.

The full Board is expected to convene at approximately 2:30 p.m. The Audit and Compliance Committee, chaired by Regent Dunkel, will then meet. Auditor of State Mosiman will present the FY 2018 state audit plan and review FY 2017 reports of recommendations arising from audits in the Regent enterprise. Board of Regents Chief Audit Executive Patrice Sayre will review numerous internal audits and one external audit, review progress of the FY 2018 audit plan, and discuss the FY 2019 internal audit plan.

The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee, chaired by Regent Bates, will meet at approximately 3:00 p.m. The committee will receive the operating and financial performance report and hear a faculty presentation.

On Thursday, Sept. 13, the Board will have breakfast with student leaders from the public universities. At 9:15 a.m., the Board will convene in open session and begin with a public comment period.

The Board will consider the FY 2020 request for operating appropriations totaling \$628.4 million. This request includes an increase of \$7 million for both the University of Iowa and Iowa State University, and \$4 million for the University of Northern Iowa. Consistent with the Board's strategic plan, determining and fulfilling appropriate resource needs are essential in providing high quality public education, research and public services. Additional details may be found in agenda item 8.

Other agenda items for the Board include:

- Receiving reports from the institutional heads at the public universities and special schools.
- Receiving a presentation on the freedom of expression at public universities.

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