The Board of Regents, State of Iowa, met on Wednesday, April 17, 2002, at the Iowa School for the Deaf, Council Bluffs, Iowa. The following were in attendance:

Members of Board of Regents, State of Iowa

- Mr. Newlin, President
- Ms. Ahrens
- Dr. Arbisser
- Dr. Becker
- Mr. Fisher
- Dr. Kelly
- Mr. Neil
- Ms. Nieland
- Dr. Turner

Office of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa

- Executive Director Nichols
- Deputy Executive Director Barak
- Director Elliott
- Director Wright
- Associate Director Hendrickson
- Associate Director Racki
- Minutes Secretary Briggle

State University of Iowa

- President Coleman
- Provost Whitmore
- Vice President Jones
- Vice President True
- Director Parrott
- Associate Director Braun
- General Counsel Schantz

Iowa State University

- President Geoffroy
- Provost Richmond
- Vice President Hill
- Vice President Madden
- Assistant to President Chidister
- Director McCarroll
- Director Steinke
- Associate Director Baumert

University of Northern Iowa

- President Koob
- Provost Podolefsky
- Vice President Romano
- Interim Vice President Dell

Iowa School for the Deaf

- Superintendent Johnson
- Director Heuer
- Interpreter Potter-Maxwell
- Interpreter Christenson

Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School

- Director Hooley
- Director Woodward

Excused at 4:05 p.m.
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GENERAL

The following business pertaining to general or miscellaneous business was transacted on Wednesday, April 17, 2002.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Board of Regents met in executive session beginning at 1:00 p.m. and adjourning at 1:15 p.m. The following business was then conducted.

President Newlin welcomed everyone to the April meeting of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa. He thanked Iowa School for the Deaf officials for the hospitality and for the tour that morning of the Lied Recreation Center. He then asked Director Wright to make some comments about the executive session.

Director Wright stated that President Newlin had asked that the public be informed that the Regents had conducted a closed session for the purpose of discussing strategy in a collective bargaining matter. He said such sessions are exempt from the Open Meetings law pursuant to Iowa Code section 20.17(3).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS OF FEBRUARY 20 AND MARCH 13-14, 2002.

President Newlin asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. There were none.

ACTION: President Newlin stated the Board approved the minutes of the February 20 and March 13-14, 2002, meetings, as written, by general consent.

CONSENT ITEMS.

Approve the following additions to Iowa State University’s list of approved vendors with a potential conflict of interest: BioDevices Corporation and Scientific Solutions, Inc.;
Adopt A Resolution authorizing issuance of a duplicate hospital revenue bond and coupons, series 1978 (State University of Iowa);

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Refer Iowa State University’s proposal for a M.S. program in Veterinary Diagnostic and Production Animal Medicine to the Interinstitutional Committee on Educational Coordination and the Board Office for review and recommendation;

Refer the Post-Audit Report of the Bachelor of Arts in Performing Arts Major at Iowa State University to the Interinstitutional Committee on Educational Coordination and the Board Office for review and recommendation; and

Approve the transfer of $1.3 million from the Residence System (Dormitory) Surplus Fund to the Improvement Fund.

MOTION: Regent Becker moved to approve the consent docket, as presented. Regent Turner seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE OF IOWA.

Executive Director Nichols stated that, for the purpose of the election of the President of the Board of Regents, the Executive Director has presided for the duration of the process. He said the term of the newly-elected president will run for two years, through April 30, 2004. According to Robert’s Rules of Order, a nomination of a person to fill a vacancy does not need a second, and the vote must be by roll call and recorded publicly as required by the Iowa Code.

Executive Director Nichols announced that the floor was open for nominations.

NOMINATION: Regent Fisher nominated Owen J. Newlin to serve as President of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa, for the term beginning on May 1, 2002, and ending on April 30, 2004.

Executive Director Nichols asked if there were further nominations. There were none.

VOTE ON THE NOMINATION: Upon the roll being called, the following voted: AYE: Ahrens, Arbisser, Becker, Fisher, Kelly, Neil, Nieland, Turner.
NAY: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: Newlin.

MOTION CARRIED.

Executive Director Nichols announced that Owen Newlin was unanimously elected President of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa.

President Newlin accepted the nomination. He expressed appreciation for the Regents' vote of confidence and stated that he would continue to do his best to carry out the duties of the President. He has learned that there needs to be a lot of time devoted to the task. He then stated that he was extremely pleased to have Greg Nichols in the capacity of Executive Director.

REPORT OF THE BANKING COMMITTEE.

Regent Fisher stated that the Banking Committee met that morning. The first item requiring Board action was the refunding of bonds, which represented a substantial savings to the universities and the State of Iowa.

Mr. Haynie, Ahlers law firm, reported on the bids received, noting that the details were not available fully at the time of the Banking Committee meeting. Two bids were received for the University of Iowa Academic Building Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2002 sale. The low bid was received from Bank of America Securities, bidding alone which, he said, was unusual. The bid had a true interest rate of 4.3257 percent. The other bid was received from Solomon Smith Barney with a true interest rate of 4.3653 percent.

Regent Fisher stated that the University of Iowa refunding represented a savings of 10.3 percent, which was a $1.5 million present value savings. He noted that the bonds will be paid off at the same time as the original bonds.

MOTION: Regent Fisher moved to adopt the following resolutions: (1) A Resolution providing for the sale and award of $14,580,000 Academic Building Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series S.U.I. 2002, and approving and authorizing the agreement of such sale and award. (2) A Resolution authorizing and providing for the issuance and securing the payment of $14,580,000 Academic Building Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series S.U.I. 2002, for
the purpose of refunding the 2003 through 2015 maturities of the $19,620,000 Academic Building Revenue Bonds, Series S.U.I. 1992, dated April 1, 1992, presently outstanding and heretofore issued by the Board to defray costs of building construction projects on the campus of The State University of Iowa. Regent Ahrens seconded the motion, and upon the roll being called, the following voted:
NAY: None.
ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Haynie next reported on the University of Northern Iowa bond sale. The winning bid was submitted by a syndicate led by Soloman Smith Barney for a true interest rate of 4.4016 percent. He said the future value of the refunding is $603,000 with a net present value of $461,000, which represented a 9.511 percent savings.

Total savings from the refundings were about $105,000 higher than had been projected prior to the sale.

Regent Fisher stated there was an approximate $2 million savings on the two refundings.

MOTION:

Regent Fisher moved to adopt the following resolutions: (1) A Resolution providing for the sale and award of $4,890,000 Academic Building Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series U.N.I. 2002, and approving and authorizing the agreement of such sale and award. (2) A Resolution authorizing and providing for the issuance and securing the payment of $4,890,000 Academic Building Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series U.N.I. 2002, for the purpose of refunding the 2003 through 2015 maturities of the $5,530,000 Academic Building Revenue Bonds, Series U.N.I. 1991, dated July 1, 1991, presently outstanding and heretofore issued by the Board to defray costs of building construction projects on the campus of the
University of Northern Iowa. Regent Arbisser seconded the motion, and upon the roll being called, the following voted:
NAY: None.
ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Regent Fisher offered the following motion for another Banking Committee item requiring Board action:

MOTION: Regent Fisher moved to adopt A Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to fix the date or dates for the sale of up to $6,250,000 Parking System Revenue Bonds, Series I.S.U. 2002. Regent Neil seconded the motion, and upon the roll being called, the following voted:
NAY: None.
ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Regent Fisher stated that the Banking Committee approved the purchase, through master lease financing, of a scoreboard and video display system at Jack Trice Stadium at Iowa State University. He said University officials conducted two bidding processes due to an appeal filed by a bidder in the first offering. The low bid for the second offering was submitted by Daktronics, and was $104,000 lower (excluding the sound system) than the bid submitted by Trans Lux Midwest, a Des Moines company. He noted that the revenue to pay for the approximate $1 million investment comes from advertising revenues, not tax dollars. He said the unsuccessful bidder, Trans Lux, asked the Banking Committee to reconsider the recommendation to award the bid to Daktronics. After a presentation by Trans Lux officials, the Banking Committee members agreed that the bidding process provided a level playing field. He stated that, as much as the Board of Regents favors doing business with Iowa businesses, the Banking Committee members felt the savings were enough to justify Iowa State University’s recommendation to award the contract to Daktronics.
MOTION: Regent Fisher moved to approve Iowa State University’s request for approval to purchase, utilizing master lease financing, a scoreboard and video display system for Jack Trice Stadium with a combined bid from Daktronics, Inc. and DB Acoustics, Inc. in the amount of $1,032,058. Regent Turner seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Regent Fisher stated that the Banking Committee received a semi-annual report on the master lease agreement with Wells Fargo. The Banking Committee members also received an update on the status of internal audit reports.

ACTION: President Newlin stated the Board, by general consent, accepted the report of the Banking Committee.

INTERINSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL COORDINATION.
(a) Proposed Curriculum Changes, University of Northern Iowa.

Provost Whitmore presented the recommendation of the Interinstitutional Committee on Educational Coordination.

Regent Becker asked why University officials were proposing to create a minor in literacy education while removing minors in English/Language Arts (K-6) – Teaching; Reading Education (K-6) – Teaching; and Secondary Reading – Teaching. Is there some efficiency in the change?

Provost Podolefsky responded that he believed that to be the reason. Also, the new minor in literacy education would give an individual a greater endorsement area. The new minor replaces the three minors that are being dropped.

Regent Fisher expressed concern about the incremental costs associated with the new major in gerontology. With the current state budget issues, he questioned whether this was the appropriate time to initiate a new major.

Provost Podolefsky said he did not believe that the new major would require additional funds. The University of Northern Iowa will be partnering with Des Moines Area Community College and other institutions to turn the program into a more effective Bachelor’s degree program. Doing so will assist the community colleges.
MOTION: Regent Neil moved to approve the proposed curriculum changes, including the new major in Gerontology; the two new minors: 1) Literacy Education, and 2) Politics and Law; and, the termination of the major in Dietetics for the University of Northern Iowa. Regent Becker seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

President Newlin recognized Vice President Romano to make introductions.

Vice President Romano introduced Jeff Scudder, president of the University of Northern Iowa student body, and Emilia Alejo, from Argentina, vice president of the University of Northern Iowa student body.

President Newlin recognized President Geoffroy to make introductions.

President Geoffroy introduced the new president of the Iowa State University student body, T.J. Schneider.

President Newlin thanked the students for attending the Board meeting and wished them the best in their offices.

The students received applause.

(b) Proposed Minor in Exercise Science, University of Iowa.

Provost Podolefsky presented the recommendation of the Interinstitutional Committee on Educational Coordination.

MOTION: Regent Fisher moved to approve the University of Iowa’s proposal to add a minor in the Department of Exercise Science. Regent Arbisser seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(c) Proposed Name Changes for the School of Religion, University of Iowa.

Provost Richmond presented the recommendation of the Interinstitutional Committee on Educational Coordination. University of Iowa officials wished to change the name of the School of Religion to the Department of Religious Studies. The change was strongly recommended by the external review team who recently met with the School. The new
name, Department of Religious Studies, is the current disciplinary norm among major research universities.

MOTION: Regent Arbisser moved to approve the University of Iowa’s proposal to change the name of the School of Religion and to change the names of degree programs. Regent Becker seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(d) Proposed Consolidation of Regent Committees.

Director Barak stated that, in the never-ending effort to achieve an effective and efficient Regent system, the Interinstitutional Committee on Educational Coordination recommended that two of its committees be merged into one.

MOTION: Regent Fisher moved to approve the consolidation of the Regent Committee on Educational Relations (RCER) and the Regent Registrars and Admissions Officers Coordinating Committee (RRAO). Regent Ahrens seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(e) Proposed New Program Locations, University of Iowa.

Provost Whitmore presented the recommendation of the Interinstitutional Committee on Educational Coordination. He said this was an informational item for the Board. He noted that the Hong Kong program is a trial program for one cohort of students.

President Newlin said he thought the University of Iowa already offered an MBA program in Des Moines. Provost Whitmore responded that the University has been offering courses but not a full program. The full program will be offered in the same location as the courses are offered.

MOTION: Regent Ahrens moved to receive the informational report on the MBA programs to be offered in Des Moines and Hong Kong by the University of Iowa. Regent Becker seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
REGENT MERIT SYSTEM PAY PLAN PUBLIC HEARING.

Director Wright presented the report on behalf of the Board Office. He stated that, in accordance with the administrative rules of the Regent Merit System, the Board is required to conduct a public hearing for the Merit System Pay Plan for the 2002-03 fiscal year.

Regent Becker asked who attends the public hearing. Director Wright responded that, generally, represented and non-represented employees both attend the hearing. He noted that, in his history with the Board of Regents, there have never been more than 15 employees present at the public hearing.

Regent Becker asked if there was a need for Board representation at the hearing or was Director Wright the person who attends. Director Wright responded that he attends the public hearing on behalf of the Board.

President Newlin asked, if salaries and benefits are set by collective bargaining, for what is the purpose of the pay plan hearing? Director Wright responded that 700 of the Board’s Merit System employees are not in a collective bargaining unit.

ACTION: President Newlin stated the Board, by general consent, set the date for the Regent Merit System Pay Plan Public Hearing for Wednesday, May 8, 2002, at the Iowa State University Memorial Union, Regency Room at 7 p.m.

APPROVAL OF 2002-03 RESIDENCE SYSTEM RATES.

Associate Director Hendrickson stated that, at last month’s meeting, the Board of Regents received a comprehensive governance report regarding the residence systems of the three universities that included: FY 2001 annual report, ten-year plans, preliminary FY 2003 budgets, and proposed 2002-2003 residence rates. She said the residence system budgets are scheduled to be finalized at the July Board meeting. This month, the Board was requested to approve the residence system rate increases which were unchanged from those presented in March. She said proposed rates for a double occupancy room with full board were $5,255 at the University of Iowa, $5,020 at Iowa State University, and $4,640 at the University of Northern Iowa. Total incremental costs (tuition, mandatory fees, room, and board) to undergraduate students were $1,253 at the University of Iowa, $1,022 at Iowa State University, and $920 at the University of Northern Iowa. Student government offices were notified of the proposed residence systems rates on March 5, 2002.
Regent Neil stated that when Iowa State University officials began discussing the Union Drive project, they indicated that residence rate increases would be held at 5 percent. The proposed increases were now at 7.6 percent and University officials requested approval to proceed with another Suite project.

Vice President Madden stated that the rate proposed was the average rate for a particular set of rooms. There will be no increase in the rates for Knapp Hall and Storms Hall to provide a lower cost option for students seeking economical housing. With regard to the planning number, he said University officials used the assumption at that point in time. These are based upon cost projections that change, such as the collective bargaining agreements and utilities. Costs were higher than anticipated.

Regent Neil asked if the rate increase for some of the rooms will be higher than 7.6 percent. Vice President Madden said that was correct. Some of the newer rooms will have a different percentage of increase.

Regent Neil stated that he was not satisfied with the response. Were University officials saying the only reason for the larger-than-anticipated rate increase was the collective bargaining agreement? Vice President Madden said that was not the only reason. Other factors include health insurance premiums, supplies and materials. Additionally, utility increases have substantially exceeded the planning rates.

President Geoffroy stated that one set of assumptions has been particularly problematic. The budget for the suite building included $2 million from private fund raising. He said it is challenging, if not impossible, to find private donors for dormitories. There has been discussion about the University providing the $2 million but the present budget situation prevents that from happening.

Regent Neil stated that the information provided by President Geoffroy leads him to believe that the University should not be moving forward with the second suite facility.

Regent Ahrens noted that part of Helser Hall had already been torn down, reducing the number of beds in the system.

Regent Neil stated that the residence system charges must be added to tuition to determine the cost of attending the universities. He noted that in the previous day’s edition of USA Today, the University of Iowa is ranked #7 in the Big 10 in cost of attending, and those figures did not include the upcoming double digit tuition increase.

Regent Neil stated that University officials should be able to do a better job of estimating costs.
Regent Becker said there needs to be a range of housing opportunities for students. University officials have to make sure the students who want the nicer facilities pay for those.

Regent Ahrens noted that student housing accommodations are also a recruiting tool.

Regent Neil said he understood the need for a variety of student housing options. He was concerned that a year ago the Board had two discussions with Iowa State University officials at which assurances were given that residence rate increases could be held to around 5 percent. Increases proposed this month for a double occupancy room with full board at Iowa State University were 7.6 percent.

Regent Fisher stated that utility costs must be taken into consideration. He said his company had no idea of the rapid escalation that would be experienced in utility costs.

Associate Director Hendrickson said Board Office research showed that current room and board rates compared to peer institutions are the second lowest at the University of Iowa, Iowa State University, and the University of Northern Iowa.

MOTION: Regent Becker moved to approve the university proposed rates for family housing, student apartments, residence halls, and dining contracts for the 2002-2003 academic year, as presented. Regent Arbisser seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND CHARGES.

Associate Director Hendrickson presented this item on behalf of the Board Office. She said the non-tuition related fees were unchanged from those presented at the March meeting. Non-tuition related fees include a variety of items ranging from course delivery fees to private music lessons. In each category, students pay only for miscellaneous fees and charges that apply to them, with variances in the type and amount dependent on each student’s program, needs, and interests.

Regent Fisher asked if the Master’s thesis fee was a new fee. Associate Director Hendrickson responded that it was a new University of Iowa fee.

MOTION: Regent Fisher moved to (1) approve the proposed miscellaneous fees and charges for 2002-2003, as presented, and (2) approve the proposed changes to the Iowa Administrative Code rules to increase
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Iowa State University’s and the University of Northern Iowa’s application fees from $20 to $30 for domestic student applications. Regent Nieland seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF PARKING RATES.

Director Elliott stated that an additional informational item in this month’s parking rates memorandum was the estimated FY 2003 revenues for the university parking systems. At its March meeting, the Board gave preliminary consideration to the proposed parking rate increases and parking manual changes at the Regent universities. The proposals were unchanged from those presented in March. Proposed increases to charges and fees require statutory notice to students and a waiting period of 30 days before final approval. Notification of the proposed parking rate increases was sent to Student Government presidents at the three Regent universities by overnight mail on March 5, 2002.

MOTION: Regent Ahrens moved to (1) approve the parking rate increases and the parking manual changes at the Regent universities, as presented, and (2) approve the revised administrative rules and approve the submission of a Notice of Intended Action for the changes to Iowa State University’s traffic and parking rules. Regent Becker seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ANNUAL REPORT ON COMPETITION WITH PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

Associate Director Hendrickson stated that the purpose of this report was to inform the Board of institutional activities, including any formal complaints related to competition with private enterprise, during the past calendar year. She said state law precludes the Regent institutions from competing with private enterprise, except in certain situations. To be in compliance with the law, the Board has adopted a policy that Regent institutions shall not engage in competition with private enterprise unless the activity will assist in the education, research, extension, or service mission of the institutions. Each institution has established written policies regarding competition with private enterprise. She reported that there were no complaints received during the past calendar year at the Regent institutions.

ACTION: President Newlin stated the Board received the annual report on the Regent institutions.
competition with private enterprise, by general consent.

REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

Executive Director Nichols provided the Board members with an overview of information provided in the meeting materials, as follows: Both the House and the Senate adjourned on Friday evening, April 12, 2002. The Governor has 30 days to sign or veto all bills that are received during or after the last three days of the session. The Governor has announced a special session beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 22.

The legislature passed three major appropriations bills which include funding for the Regent institutions:

Omnibus Appropriations Bill (SF 2326) — significantly reduces FY 2003 operations funding (compared to Governor’s recommendations) for the Regent universities while maintaining special schools funding even with FY 2002. The FY 2003 special schools base operating funds are slightly below FY 2002 amounts. Board Position: Oppose.

Salary Bill (HF 2623) — requires the Regents to transfer $30 million of Regent funds received from the Principal demutualization to the state, limits Regent salary funding to $25 million (full funding is $33 million), and reduces the operating appropriations (in SF 2326) by an additional $5 million for an overall reduction of $24.7 million in operating appropriations. Board Position: Oppose.

Infrastructure Bill (HF 2614) — provides $51.1 million for new Regent capital projects, modifies funding sources, fully funds tuition replacement, and funds the UNI 21st century learning infrastructure initiative. Board Position: Support.

With the bills, as passed by the General Assembly, the university base educational appropriations would be almost 4 percent below the final FY 2002 levels while the economic development appropriations are between 14 percent and 18.5 percent lower than FY 2002.

These FY 2003 base operating appropriations are almost $25 million less than the final FY 2002 levels. Total operating appropriations, base and salary, are more than $45 million below the Governor’s recommended levels. The FY 2003 appropriations are $60.8 million less than the original FY 2002 appropriations.
With regard to salary funding, Executive Director Nichols said there are two issues. One is the legal issue of the Board’s and institutions’ obligations under collective bargaining. The second issue is internal equity for non-bargained employees.

Regent Fisher asked if the salary bill provides funds just for faculty or for all general fund Regent employees. President Newlin responded that the salary bill is for all employees.

Regent Neil asked if the Regent appropriations are $24.7 million short of the Governor’s recommendation. Executive Director Nichols responded that $24.7 million is how much the Regent appropriations are short under the legislative enactment for operations, compared to the current fiscal year after the various reductions. Additionally, that figure does not include the necessary funding for salaries. The total gross appropriations for FY 2003 compared to final FY 2002 are comparable in dollars; however, the projected salary need is increased, at a minimum, by $33 million.

President Newlin stated that if the Board and institutions have an obligation for $33 million more than what is appropriated by the legislature, there is still the obligation.

Executive Director Nichols stated that, in dealings with the legislature in the last weeks of the session, both the concern about operating funds and the concern about salaries were raised frequently by the Board’s legislative liaisons, institutional officials and the Board Office. The discussions have been taking place for a couple of weeks.

Regent Fisher pointed out that the legislature seems to appropriate the funds the Board requests for capital expenditures. He said that operating the institution is the most important need. He questioned whether the Board might consider delaying some capital projects to put those funds into operations.

Executive Director Nichols said it was his understanding that a great deal of the capital appropriations that were provided this year were funded from restricted funds from the tobacco settlement. Under the provisions of the tobacco settlement, proceeds can only be used for certain capital expenditures. He was unsure whether the Board would have the option to use those proceeds for non-capital purposes.

Regent Fisher said he was glad that those funds were going into higher education. However, there was a budget crunch currently. Has there ever been a reallocation of funds from capitals to operations to maintain the quality of the universities?

President Newlin said it was his understanding that the Board does not have the freedom to do that. Regent Fisher suggested the legislature could possibly do so.
Executive Director Nichols said he believes that federal regulations would apply. Regent Fisher said he was not talking about tobacco funds. That aside, the legislators have the authority to apply funds wherever they choose. If the universities are to the point where they cannot be operated, can funds be taken from capital projects to fund operations?

Executive Director Nichols responded that, to the best of his knowledge, that is not a choice that has been given. He stated that the Board of Regents made it very clear that salaries were its #1 priority; operating funds were its #2 priority, and capitals were its #3 priority. The way the funds were appropriated was somewhat opposite.

Regent Fisher suggested that requesting to fund operations from capital appropriations was something the Board may have to decide as opposed to caps on enrollments and other strategic changes that will impact the quality of the universities.

President Newlin said he did not think the Board had that freedom, in the current environment.

Regent Neil asked how much of a surcharge on tuition would be required to meet obligations to make up the appropriations shortfall. President Newlin responded that a calculation had been done. The amount was so large that he did not want to say what it is.

Regent Neil said the Board may very well be faced with a significant surcharge on tuition. They either start downsizing the institutions in a meaningful way or shift the funding. The amount of funds from tuition which are utilized for instruction is approaching 40 percent. Pretty soon, the public education portion will be gone. In order to keep the institutions affordable, there will have to be downsizing which would mean, for example, shutting down outreach centers. There will have to be some structural changes.

Regent Kelly stated that the Board has talked about the budget concerns for a long time. He believes the following should be considered: 1) raising admission standards, 2) raising retention standards, and 3) raising tuition.

President Newlin noted that, to date, the increase in tuition has not lessened enrollments.

Executive Director Nichols said the consensus of the Board’s legislative liaisons is that there will be uncertainty on the budget for some weeks to come. There is a belief that
the upcoming special session is unlikely to result in the resolution of differences between the executive and legislative branches. Therefore, there will be an opportunity, going forward, to consider every alternative that has been mentioned at this meeting in terms of revenues, expenditures and programs. If there is any encouragement in recent activities, he said the final changes to the budget right before the legislature adjourned, did reflect some changes in the Regent system. There was discussion about how to change the appropriations for the Regent system. It appeared that both the executive and legislative branches were beginning to understand the Board’s concerns. The Board members need to keep voicing their concerns.

Regent Becker stated that it is difficult for the public to understand how strapped the universities are in terms of operating funds and salaries when they see more buildings being built. The Board has to continue to help the legislators understand that the institutions cannot manage without instructors for the students. She expressed her strong opposition to enrollment caps because of the effect on the constituency in the state. If there are going to be limitations in funds, legislators need to understand the Board’s priorities in terms of the kinds of funds needed. With regard to fund raising for buildings, she suggested that funds also be raised for operations and faculty to carry out the programs in those buildings.

Executive Director Nichols addressed three other pieces of legislation. He said the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics bond legislation was approved in the final days of the session. The legislation on sale of farm land for Iowa State University was approved on the final day of session with language acceptable to the University. The third piece of legislation concerned human cloning. This legislation went through several changes in the last weeks of the session. The final version of the bill was far more acceptable and far less intrusive on the research process than were the earlier versions. The Board Office recommended that the Board change its position on that legislation from “oppose” to “monitor”.

President Coleman stated that University of Iowa officials remain concerned about the prohibition on therapeutic cloning. However, the benefits of therapeutic cloning are as yet unknown because the basic research has not been done. She expressed appreciation for the hard work of the Board’s legislative liaisons, especially Mark Braun, and the assistance of members of the Board which made it possible to continue research on stem cells.

Executive Director Nichols addressed the daily work done by the Regent legislative liaisons – Andrew Baumert, Mark Braun, and Keith Saunders. He said he appreciated the ability to work with them and to rely on them. They do a terrific job and should be commended for their hard work in a very difficult legislative environment.
The legislative liaisons received applause.

President Newlin expressed the Board's appreciation for the liaisons' very hard work. He stated that Gary Steinke should also be acknowledged for his assistance and guidance during this legislative session.

ACTION: President Newlin stated the Board received the monthly report on the 2002 legislative session and, by general consent, accepted the recommendations of Board positions on proposed legislation.

INSTITUTIONAL AND BOARD OFFICE PERSONNEL TRANSACTIONS.

Director Wright noted that the personnel registers of the three universities included the annual promotion and tenure reports. He then stated that each of the university presidents wished to address administrative appointments at their institutions.

President Coleman stated that the University of Iowa consolidated the offices of Vice President for External Relations and Vice President for Research. Dr. David Skorton has accepted the combined position (the additional duties of which he has been performing on a temporary basis). She then introduced David Johnsen, Dean of the College of Dentistry, who was chair of the UIHC Director search committee.

Dean Johnsen discussed the process of the search, which began in early-December 2001. He said the search committee is large and its membership includes Regent Turner. The committee members have worked together very well and have left personal “agendas” at the door. A search firm from Chicago is assisting the search committee. He then highlighted the qualities the successful candidate will possess. The individual will be a member of the upper circle of a large hospital administration but the committee is flexible on the route the person took to reach the upper circle. The individual will be a team player and one who will help to preserve the partnership between the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and the College of Medicine. He said off-site interviews will be conducted soon, with campus interviews taking place as early as May. The committee is currently finalizing a list of what it believes to be very attractive in the position; challenges of the position will also be listed. He noted that there is not an abundance of individuals who meet the qualifications for the position.

Regent Neil encouraged the committee members to go forward and find the top person in the country who is willing to come to the state of Iowa, someone who has managed a large, complex teaching hospital.
Regent Becker asked if there was a particular month in which hospital administrators make employment changes. Dean Johnsen said it was not his sense that there is a seasonal aspect to the recruitment issue.

Regent Fisher stated that one of the bigger challenges will be getting a high-quality person at the salary being offered. Dean Johnsen said the salary structure will be a major challenge.

President Newlin thanked Dean Johnsen for his time and effort dedicated to the search.

Dean Johnsen thanked Regent Turner for her active participation in the search.

President Koob complimented the University of Northern Iowa faculty and Provost Podolefsky for a well gender-balanced tenure list. He then announced the offering to Thomas Schellhardt of the position of Vice President of Administration and Finance. Mr. Schellhardt has been at land grant universities. President Koob visited Kansas State University (Mr. Schellhardt’s most-recent employer) and found its culture to be similar to that of the University of Northern Iowa. University officials were excited that he is interested in the position. He then acknowledged Gary Shontz, who chaired the search committee for this position, and noted that it took nearly two years to complete the search process. He next acknowledged the contribution of Eunice Dell, chief budget officer, who served in the vice president position in the interim. At the same time as she was serving as interim vice president, she also undertook the installation of a major new information system.

Interim Vice President Dell received applause.

President Geoffroy stated that, since the last Regents meeting, Iowa State University officials announced that Rollin Richmond will be leaving the University to become President of Humboldt State University in California on July 1. Although Provost Richmond will be missed, this opportunity was a tremendous promotion for him. President Geoffroy has appointed Interim Vice President of External Affairs, Benjamin Allen, to serve as Provost in the interim. A search committee to find Provost Richmond’s successor has already been appointed. Distinguished Professor Richard Seagrave will chair the search committee. He then stated that he had just finished interviewing three candidates for the position of Dean of the School of Business.

Regent Becker referred to the University of Iowa’s promotion and tenure data. She asked for the reason for the differences in the number of female and male receiving tenure. Provost Whitmore responded that the gender balance related to the people who were hired six years ago.
MOTION: Regent Fisher moved to ratify the personnel transactions at the Regent institutions, as noted below, and receive a report from President Coleman on the searches at the University of Iowa. University of Iowa: Register of Personnel Changes for February 2002 including promotion and tenure actions for the 2002-03 academic year, consolidation of the Offices of Vice President for Research and the Vice President for External Relations, and assignment of Dr. David Skorton as Vice President for Research and External Relations effective April 1, 2002, at an annual salary of $229,402. Iowa State University: Register of Personnel Changes for March 2002 including promotion and tenure actions for the 2002-03 academic year and resignation of Rollin C. Richmond, Provost, effective June 30, 2002. University of Northern Iowa: Register of Personnel Changes for February 2002 including promotion and tenure actions for the 2002-03 academic year, appointment of Thomas G. Schellhardt as Vice President for Administration and Finance effective June 17, 2002, at an annual budgeted salary of $150,000 and, pursuant to Regent Policy Manual, §4.05D, notification of intent to begin an internal search to fill the position of the Dean of the Library. Iowa School for the Deaf: Register of Personnel Changes for March 2002. Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School: Register of Personnel Changes for February 2002. Regent Ahrens seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REGENT POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS.

Director Wright provided the Board members with a summary of the revisions that have been presented to date.

MOTION: Regent Ahrens moved to (1) approve the replacement of Chapter III—“Board Office”, §4.04—“Appointment of Presidents, Superintendents, and Executive Director”, §4.11—
“Employment and Supervision of Immediate Family Members” and Chapter VI—“Academic Policies and Procedures” of the Board of Regents Policy Manual with revised versions of these sections/chapters and (2) receive the proposed revised version of Chapter I—“Board of Regents”. Regent Turner seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORT ON AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS.

Director Elliott stated that reports of 18 affiliated organizations were presented this month. Affiliated organizations are independent entities that provide financial resources for students, programs, facilities, and research; extend outreach services; enrich campus experiences; and comprise a wide variety of special activities and interests.


APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, STUDY GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS.

President Newlin asked if there were any questions regarding the proposed appointments. There were none.

MOTION: Regent Fisher moved to ratify the appointments to boards, committees and priority issue study groups, as presented. Regent Becker seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
APPROVAL OF VENDORS WITH A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

ACTION: The vendors with a potential conflict of interest were approved on the consent docket.

REPORT ON MEETING OF THE IOWA COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION.

Executive Director Nichols stated that the Iowa College Student Aid Commission met in March. The Board members were provided with a summary of the activities undertaken at that meeting. One item highlighted for the Board was that the Iowa College Student Aid Commission budget had experienced reductions in the current year and was anticipating reductions in the budget for FY 2003. He said those budget cuts will impact the state’s ability to leverage additional federal funds. Therefore, it would appear that two federal student aid programs – Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) and Supplemental Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (SLEAP) -- will not be accessible to Iowa.

Regent Fisher asked for the mission of the Iowa College Student Aid Commission. Executive Director Nichols responded that the Commission is a state agency with responsibility as the state fiscal agent for federal student aid programs and administration of several state student aid programs.

Regent Fisher asked if the Iowa College Student Aid Commission administers the private tuition grant program. Executive Director Nichols responded affirmatively.

Regent Becker asked about the tuition tax write-off that was proposed by the Governor. Executive Director Nichols responded that the Governor’s proposal was not passed into law. If it had been, the Iowa College Student Aid Commission would have had a role in that program, as well as the Department of Revenue and Finance.

ACTION: President Newlin stated the Board received the report, by general consent.

BOARD MEETINGS SCHEDULE.

Executive Director Nichols stated that in the revised Board meeting schedule, meetings scheduled for 2003 mirror the sequence approved for 2002.

Regent Arbisser asked if there would be a need to schedule an additional Board meeting depending on what happens in the legislature. President Newlin responded that if such a meeting were necessary it would probably be held telephonically. Executive Director Nichols stated that the normal sequence for preparing budget
recommendations for the Board’s review will be impacted by delays in state appropriations.

ACTION: President Newlin stated the Board meetings schedule was approved, by general consent.

APPEAL OF FINAL INSTITUTIONAL DECISION.

Director Wright stated that Board members had received a packet of confidential materials related to this appeal. Based on the record before the Board, the Board Office recommended that the Board affirm the final institutional decision in this matter.

MOTION: Regent Fisher moved to affirm the final institutional decision of the University. Regent Arbisser seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

President Newlin then asked if there were additional general or miscellaneous items for discussion. There were none.
The following business pertaining to the University of Iowa was transacted on Wednesday, April 17, 2002.

REGISTER OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS.

Vice President True introduced Phil Jones, Vice President of Student Services, Steven Rohrbach of Rohrbach Carlson P.C., and Beverly Robalino, University of Iowa senior architect, to provide a design presentation on Burge Residence Hall remodel food service area project.

Vice President Jones reviewed the concept for this unifying project.

Mr. Rohrbach provided a summary of the project’s schematic design. Burge Residence Hall is located in an area which includes five residence facilities, serving the needs of 3,200 students. The redesigned food service area would be similar in context to that of the recently-remodeled Hillcrest Residence Hall dining area but with more of a marketplace feel. The project will renovate 70,000 square feet, provide a small new addition on the south side, as well as new entrances. Construction is scheduled to begin at the end of this year and to be completed by the end of 2004. Project completion will take a couple of years because the current facility’s operation must be maintained.

Regent Turner asked how many residence halls will use the Burge food service facility. Mr. Rohrbach responded that students in five residence halls will utilize the Burge food service.

Regent Turner asked if students will enter Burge on the first floor. Mr. Rohrbach responded affirmatively.

Regent Turner asked for clarification regarding the basement diagram which showed locker rooms and a women’s rest room facility. Mr. Rohrbach responded that in the lower level there is an existing men’s rest room. A women’s rest room is being added at the same general location.
President Newlin asked if the facility will have a 2-1/2 to one ratio of women’s to men’s rest room fixtures. Mr. Rohrbach said there will be a 2-1/2 to one ratio. He noted that there are additional rest rooms on the main floor, and that the locker rooms in the basement are for the food service staff.

Vice President True stated that the next schematic design presentation was for the Athletic Learning Center. He said Mark Schantz, University General Counsel, would introduce the architect.

Mr. Schantz presented the University’s request for approval of the schematic design for the Athletic Learning Center. He said University officials strive to provide the necessary support to allow athletes to receive their degrees. This project will bring the athletes’ academic support services together in one place, facilitate scheduling, and provide effective monitoring of tutorial services. In selecting a site, a site was obtained that will keep student athletes integrated into student life. He said the project will be financed from private contributions. He then introduced Bradd Brown, the project architect with OPN Architects, Incorporated.

Mr. Brown reviewed with the Board members the schematic design. The project site is bounded by parking lot 14 on the west and north, Grand Avenue Court on the east, and Melrose Avenue on the south. He discussed the goals of the design, noting that the design will have a timeless feel.

Regent Nieland asked for a description of cast stone. Mr. Brown responded that the stone accent on the outside of the Lied Recreation Center (which the Regents had toured that day) looks like limestone, but is cast stone. Cast stone is man-made and is more durable than stone.

Mr. Brown continued with the design presentation. He said mechanical systems will be located in the attic. There will also be dormers in the attic and the walls will be sound proofed. This will provide for critical future growth opportunities without requiring an addition. He discussed the floor plan for each of the floors, noting that the floor plans were very simple. The more active, high-turnover spaces will be located on the ground floor. Quieter spaces, such as study rooms, will be located upstairs. He provided various views of the outside elevations of the proposed facility.

Regent Fisher asked if Associate Athletic Director Fred Mims and his staff will be housed in this new facility. Mr. Schantz responded affirmatively.

Regent Fisher asked if the three rooms on the second floor identified for tutoring were enough, from an academic standpoint, for one-on-one instruction. Mr. Brown
responded that other rooms in the new facility will have multiple uses. The offices are
designed to accommodate more than one person.

Regent Becker asked if the large study lounges will have flexible walls to allow dividing
into smaller spaces. Mr. Brown responded that the study lounges were primarily open
spaces which will generally be monitored by graduate assistants.

Regent Becker asked if there would be good sound proofing in the study lounges.
Mr. Brown responded that there is a compromise between the visibility of monitoring
and sound proofing.

Regent Ahrens asked why there were separate study lounges for under classmen and
upper classmen. Mr. Brown said there was a programmatic requirement for the facility
to provide more study space for upper classmen. Regent Ahrens said she believed the
University should encourage mixing and learning from each other among the under and
upper classmen.

Regent Ahrens asked about the outside materials of the buildings near the site for this
facility. Mr. Brown responded that the nearby buildings were of fairly traditional
architecture with red brick. The architects are trying to select a brick with the look of the
existing brick of the surrounding buildings.

Regent Fisher asked how the project will be funded. Mr. Schantz responded that the
$4.5 million budget would be funded entirely from private contributions.

Regent Fisher asked if construction would not begin until all of the money was in hand.
Mr. Schantz said that was correct.

Regent Neil asked if there would be any regular classes taught in this facility.
Mr. Schantz responded that there would not.

Regent Neil said he really liked the roof.

Regent Nieland asked for the reason for using a combination of membrane and shingles
on the roof. Mr. Brown responded that the roof of this building would be similar to that
of the Lied Recreation Center at the Iowa School for the Deaf. The main roof would be
peaked with shingles, coming down to “flat” membrane edges.

Regent Kelly asked if there would be any sleeping facilities or food service in the
building. Mr. Brown said there would not be.
Regent Kelly asked if the facility will be wired adequately. Mr. Brown responded affirmatively, noting that there will be quite a bit of technology utilized within the facility.

Regent Becker asked that consideration be given to designing the building for wireless Internet access. Mr. Brown said the architects can work with the University’s technology department on that issue. Mr. Schantz said that was an issue to be taken back to the University for a cost determination.

Regent Kelly asked if there were adequate exits for emergencies. Mr. Brown responded affirmatively, stating there were two exits on each level and a stair tower.

President Newlin asked for the ratio of men’s to women’s rest rooms. Mr. Brown responded that the ratio complies with the Building Codes.

President Newlin stated that the Regent-required ratio is 2-1/2 women’s to 1 men’s rest room facilities. Mr. Brown said the architects will look at that issue.

Regent Arbisser asked if consideration had been given to security issues. Mr. Brown responded that each of the floor plans provides a single point of control to monitor entrances. The walls are flared out to allow a single point of control in the center.

President Newlin asked about the five residences on the site location. Vice President True responded that arrangements will be made to move or to raze those residences.

President Newlin asked if Grand Avenue Court will remain open. Vice President True responded that University officials are working with the City of Iowa City to vacate that street in order to close it.

MOTION: Regent Becker moved to approve the schematic design, project description and total budget for the Burge Residence Hall—Remodel Food Service Area project, and the schematic design for the Athletic Learning Center project. Regent Fisher seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Vice President True introduced Linda Maxson, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, and Steve Knierim, OPN Architects, to provide a schematic design presentation on the Classroom and Journalism Building.

Dean Maxson began the presentation of the schematic design. She said the project will bring faculty from three separate units, involving over 2,000 students, into daily contact.
The facility will also provide more and better classroom space. The new building will be adjacent to the Becker Communications Building, with a bridge connecting the two buildings. New and more specialized teaching venues for film and video production will be accommodated. This project will also free up space in the English Philosophy Building.

Mr. Knierim presented an overview of the schematic design and site location on the east campus. He described the design objectives. It will be a three-story building of red brick with pre-cast limestone, with a pedestrian plaza and three-story atrium. He provided slides of views from different elevations. There will be 67,388 square feet in the building and the mechanical systems will be housed in the basement.

Regent Becker questioned the need for computer labs. She suggested that wireless technology be given serious consideration. Dean Maxson said the point about wireless versus plug-in was valid. Mr. Knierim stated that hard wiring would be needed for high-speed video.

Regent Becker referred to the laptop computer lease program in Iowa State University’s College of Design. Students lease the laptops, which have specialized programs and eventually own the equipment. She said that might be something that University of Iowa officials will want to consider.

Dean Maxson said the University of Iowa has a support unit that loans equipment to Communications students and that will serve students in both the Becker Building and the new building. It would be easy to accommodate laptops within that system.

Regent Fisher asked about the budget and funding for this facility. Vice President True responded that it was substantially funded through the General Assembly funding. The project has a $15 million budget exclusive of instructional technologies and furnishings/fixtures/equipment.

Regent Neil asked if all of the mechanical systems will be housed inside the building. Mr. Knierim responded affirmatively.

President Newlin asked for the ratio of women’s to men’s toilets. Mr. Knierim responded that the ratio was one and one-half times the legal requirement.

President Newlin noted that a picture in the design booklet appeared to indicate that the brick on the Becker Building is lighter colored than the brick shown for the new building. Mr. Knierim said the brick on the Becker Building has an orange tone while the buildings surrounding it have a deeper red-colored brick. The architects are considering whether
there may be a way to treat the Becker Building brick to bring its color closer to the color of the other buildings.

MOTION: Regent Neil moved to approve the remainder of the Register of Capital Improvement Business Transactions for the University of Iowa. Regent Turner seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF LEASES AND EASEMENTS.

MOTION: Regent Fisher moved to approve a lease agreement with Grinnell Regional Medical Center, Grinnell, Iowa, for the University’s use of space for a satellite clinic for the UIHC Renal Dialysis Treatment Center, and easement agreements with the City of Coralville, Iowa, for the City’s use of University property for construction of a recreational trail. Regent Ahrens seconded the motion, and upon the roll being called, the following voted:
NAY: None.
ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ISSUANCE OF DUPLICATE HOSPITAL REVENUE BOND AND COUPONS, SERIES 1978.

ACTION: This matter was approved on the consent docket.

ISSUANCE OF DUPLICATE HOSPITAL REVENUE COUPONS, SERIES 1978.

ACTION: This matter was approved on the consent docket.

President Newlin then asked Board members and institutional officials if there were additional items for discussion pertaining to the University of Iowa. There were none.
The following business pertaining to Iowa State University was transacted on Wednesday, April 17, 2002.

PROPOSAL FOR M.S. PROGRAM IN VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC AND PRODUCTION ANIMAL MEDICINE.

ACTION: This matter was referred on the consent docket.

POST-AUDIT REPORT OF THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PERFORMING ARTS MAJOR.

ACTION: This matter was referred on the consent docket.

DRAFT REVISION OF CHAPTER 681-13 OF IOWA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE – IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY ORGANIZATION AND GENERAL RULES AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENDED RULE-MAKING.

President Geoffroy presented the University’s proposed revision to its sections of the Iowa Administrative Code. Included, for example, were the new policies on use of campus facilities.

MOTION: Regent Ahrens moved to approve draft revision of Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 681-13, Iowa State University Organization and General Rules, and publication of Notice of Intended Rule-Making. Regent Becker seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REVIsION OF PERFORMANCE INDICATORS.

Iowa State University officials requested Board approval of a revised list of 31 institutional indicators, including 13 new indicators. President Geoffroy stated that three of the new indicators relate to measuring the area of student engagement.
President Newlin stated that University officials had presented 31 good performance indicators.

MOTION: Regent Fisher moved to (1) approve the revisions of performance indicators in Iowa State University’s Strategic Plan for 2000-2005; and (2) approve three deletions from the Board of Regents’ performance indicators list that pertain only to Iowa State University. Regent Ahrens seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION BY ISU FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT AT THE REQUEST OF PRESIDENT GEOFFROY.

President Geoffroy stated that the Faculty Senate passed a resolution opposing the naming of the Honors Building after Martin Jischke, which it forwarded to him. He sent it back to the Senate indicating that he did not think it was appropriate for him to ask the Board to reverse its previous action. The Faculty Senate subsequently voted to continue to approve the resolution. The Iowa State University campus governance requirements require him to bring the matter to the Board. He then introduced Christine Pope, President of the Iowa State University Faculty Senate.

Professor Pope thanked President Newlin for graciously allowing this matter to be added to the agenda for this meeting. She proceeded to read the resolution, which she said was passed originally on a 55 to 10 vote and reaffirmed with a 42 to 20 vote.

Following Professor Pope’s presentation, Regent Fisher stated that this matter was acted on by the Board of Regents nearly two years ago. In fact, he made the motion. At the time the proposal to name the Honors Building after Martin Jischke was presented to the Board, the Board members did receive information from the student body and from the faculty. The Board unanimously approved the naming. He said he did not want to go back and rehash its action of two years ago. He believes it is a well-deserved honor for President Jischke.

Regent Becker asked if there was discussion and a decision to make a change in the Board’s internal process about naming facilities and, at the time this naming was approved, did the Board consciously waive the 5-year requirement?
President Newlin responded affirmatively. He stated that Interim President Seagrave, the campus naming committee and University administration requested the Board waive that requirement. He referred to the naming of the Parks Library and Lagomarcino Hall and said there was precedent for doing so.

Regent Becker said she would not feel comfortable going back and reviewing the action taken by the Board in past years.

Regent Nieland stated that she was not comfortable voting now on discussion that she was not a part of.

Regent Kelly said he firmly supported what Regent Fisher said. The building should continue to be called the Martin Jischke Honors Building.

Regent Neil stated that there was money raised for the building with the understanding that it would be named for President Jischke. He noted that the Board has had more controversy over naming buildings than over the budgets.

Regent Ahrens said it was her hope that the University can continue to move forward, to put this matter behind them, and direct their energies elsewhere. She believed it was time to lay this matter to rest.

President Newlin stated that there has been no expression to him by Board members to make a change in the name. He said there was no action before the Board at this time, he declared the matter was closed.

Professor Pope stated that faculty were not consulted on the naming. Then-president of the Faculty Senate Hopper heard about the proposed naming at a going-away party for Martin Jischke. She said this matter highlights the need for greater communication between the faculty and the Board of Regents; however, faculty is hamstrung by the policy of the Board not to speak with faculty unless it is through the University president.

President Newlin stated that, as far as the Board is concerned, this issue is closed. As far as the issue of the policy on naming buildings is concerned, the policy has been addressed by the Board.

**REGISTER OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS.**

Vice President Madden stated that one month ago the Board directed University officials to review the process for selection of a consultant for designing the North Campus
Chiller facility. That review was done and University officials recommended the selection of Sebesta Blomberg and Associates for that project.

Regent Neil thanked University officials and, particularly, Vice President Madden for reviewing the selection process for a consultant to design the North Campus Chiller facility. He pointed out it is imperative that University officials give serious consideration to using Iowa employees and Iowa-based companies.

Regent Neil then stated that he was very concerned about proceeding with the Union Drive project, in light of the proposed increases in residence system rates. If there will be continuing increases of 7.5 percent per year, he questioned how much longer students are going to march with their feet to live in the dormitories. Before he is comfortable continuing with the Union Drive project, he would like to review the feasibility of the project.

MOTION: Regent Neil moved to approve the University’s capital register, except for the Union Drive project. Regent Turner seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Vice President Madden stated that Iowa State University officials have made several presentations on the Union Drive Suite 2 Building project to the Board over the last several months. He believes the data support the need for the project which is part of the residence system master plan. If there is more information that University officials can bring to the Board over the next 30 days, he said they would be willing to do that. University officials will need to have an understanding of the questions that need to be answered and what materials would be of assistance to the Board.

President Newlin stated that Regent Neil and he would meet with President Geoffroy and Vice President Madden to receive the information on the Union Drive project. Regents Turner and Becker indicated an interest in participating in the meeting.

Vice President Madden said University officials will meet with Board members at their convenience.

MOTION: Regent Neil moved to defer action on the Union Drive project until next month. Regent Fisher seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT.

MOTION: Regent Fisher moved to approve a lease renewal with NYT Broadcast Holdings, LLC, for the University’s continued use of land in Alleman, Iowa, for a transmitter site for WOI-TV. Regent Ahrens seconded the motion, and upon the roll being called, the following voted:
NAY: None.
ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

DORMITORY IMPROVEMENT FUND TRANSFER.

ACTION: This matter was approved on the consent docket.

President Newlin then asked Board members and institutional officials if there were additional items for discussion pertaining to Iowa State University. There were none.
The following business pertaining to the University of Northern Iowa was transacted on
Wednesday, April 17, 2002.

REGISTER OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS.

Vice President Dell reported that the capital register was in order.

MOTION: Regent Ahrens moved to approve the Register of Capital Improvement Business Transactions for the University of Northern Iowa. Regent Turner seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEASE OF PROPERTY.

MOTION: Regent Fisher moved to approve a lease agreement with students Jennifer Webb, Elizabeth Heine, Jennifer Heine, and Sarah Fuller for their use of a University residential property. Regent Ahrens seconded the motion, and upon the roll being called, the following voted:
NAY: None.
ABSENT: Nieland, Turner.

MOTION CARRIED.

President Newlin then asked Board members and institutional officials if there were additional items for discussion pertaining to the University of Northern Iowa. There were none.
IOWA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

The following business pertaining to the Iowa School for the Deaf was transacted on Wednesday, April 17, 2002.

TOUR OF LIED RECREATION CENTER.

Over the lunch hour, the Board members toured the soon-to-be opened Lied Recreation Center at the Iowa School for the Deaf.

Later in the day, the following discussion took place:

Regent Ahrens thanked Superintendent Johnson for the tour of the new recreation center. She said School officials have much of which to be proud.

Regent Fisher said he believes the architect did an outstanding job. The building is at the “top of the class”. He was pleased with how the facility was tied into the rest of the campus with the roof and exterior materials. He said the whole package is outstanding.

Regent Becker expressed appreciation for the incorporation of Iowa School for the Deaf students’ artwork.

President Newlin congratulated Superintendent Johnson on the success of the project.

Regent Neil noted that Regent Fisher had encouraged Superintendent Johnson to raise the funds necessary for building a facility which included a swimming pool. He congratulated him on a job well done.

Superintendent Johnson received applause.

Superintendent Johnson stated that the last few months with the state budget concerns had been tough. He asked to share some positive news of happenings at the School this year. He provided examples of athletic and academic successes. Iowa School for the Deaf competes with other deaf schools in all sports. Its boys football team is the 10-state champion. The boys basketball team was similarly successful, and School officials expect the students will win in track in two weeks. He said the girls’ teams are
in the top 4 of their sports this year, also. The School’s multi-handicapped students also
compete against other teams around Iowa in the special Olympics. Students have
visited the NASA Space Camp and Washington, D.C. There were only two deaf
students in the country who were Olympic torch bearers, and those were Iowa School
for the Deaf students. Iowa School for the Deaf students came in first and third in a ten-
state oratorical contest with 20 competitors.

Superintendent Johnson distributed books to the Board members of the positive public
relations happening at Iowa School for the Deaf this year. He said it has been a good
year despite all of the concerns and worries. He said that on May 17 the official grand
opening of the Lied Center will take place at 2:00 p.m., and noted that Christina Hixson
would participate in the activity. There is much curiosity about the building from the
Council Bluffs community.

REGISTER OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS.

Superintendent Johnson stated that School officials are preparing to tear down Old
Primary Hall. The capital register included an amendment to the engineering contract
for that project. School officials presented the following supplemental capital register
item: revised project budget and construction contract award for the Utility Distribution
System Replacement—Phase 3 project.

MOTION: Regent Fisher moved to approve the capital
register, as presented. Regent Ahrens seconded
the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

President Newlin then asked Board members and institutional officials if there were
additional items for discussion pertaining to the Iowa School for the Deaf. President
Newlin thanked Iowa School for the Deaf officials for their hospitality.
The following business pertaining to the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School was transacted on Wednesday, April 17, 2002.

**REGISTER OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS.**

Director Hooley said the School's capital register was in order.

**MOTION:** Regent Neil moved to approve the School's capital register, as presented. Regent Fisher seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

President Newlin then asked Board members and institutional officials if there were any additional items pertaining to the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School.

President Newlin noted that Superintendent Thurman was not in attendance at this meeting. He stated that his shoulder had been operated on last Friday. President Newlin spoke with Superintendent Thurman that morning. He said he sounded good and was doing well. He asked that Director Hooley give Superintendent Thurman the Board members' best wishes. Director Hooley responded that he would do so.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

The meeting of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa, adjourned at 4:50 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2002.