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August 1, 2013

The Honorable Terry Branstad, Governor  
State of Iowa  
State Capitol Building  
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Governor Branstad:

This letter provides information about the meeting of the Board of Regents on August 7-8, 2013. The meeting will be held at the Iowa State University in Ames.

The meeting materials are available on the Regent website at the following address:

[www.regents.iowa.gov/Meetings/DocketMemos/agendaitems.html](http://www.regents.iowa.gov/Meetings/DocketMemos/agendaitems.html)

I am available at any time to answer questions about the meeting materials or any other matter.

Audio streaming of the meeting may be accessed through the Board of Regents website.

On the first day of the meeting, the Board will conduct annual evaluations of the institutional heads and the Executive Director. All individuals have requested, in accordance with the Iowa Code, that their evaluations take place in closed session. The executives will report on the accomplishments of their performance goals established for FY 2013 and discuss their FY 2014 goals with the Board.

The Education and Student Affairs Committee chaired by Regent Mulholland will meet at 3 p.m. on August 7 and will consider numerous program-related items. Among them are the consideration of terminating the Harkin Institute of Public Policy at ISU, budgets for the Regional Study Centers for FY 2014, creation of the Institute for Vision Research at SUI and the Iowa Nutrient Research Center at ISU and review. The committee will review numerous accreditation reports. The committee will also receive a presentation on "Online Learning Initiatives at ISU".

The Audit/Compliance and Investment Committee will meet at 9 a.m. on August 8. Auditor of State Mosiman will review numerous state audit reports and the FY 2013 state audit plan. Regents Chief Audit Executive Todd Stewart will review FY 2013 audit progress and the FY 2014 internal audit plans.

The remainder of the Board's agenda will be considered on August 8. Agenda items are summarized below.

Each of the institutional heads will provide the Board with a brief update on campus activities.

The Board will consider renewal of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Board, the Iowa Department of Education, the Iowa Department for the Blind and the Iowa Area Education Agencies which would continue the operation of the Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired. The agreement can be found in Agenda Item #5e.

Each of the institutions will give the Board progress reports on their strategic plans. The progress reports may be found as attachments to Agenda Items #7a and #7b.

The Board is asked to modify the 2010-2016 Board of Regents Strategic Plan. Goal 1 will be revised to eliminate the reference to increasing the amount of tuition set-aside to be used for financial aid given the action by Iowa General Assembly in 2013 (HF 604 §17). The target for accomplishing this goal will be measured by increasing financial aid by 3% using state appropriations and other allowable resources. Goal 8 currently requires the institutions to collaborate on four interinstitutional efficiency projects per year. The universities already report on collaborative projects per requirements in the Iowa Code. The goal is being revised to require each institution to undertake a minimum of 24 projects over the next five years which would provide positive, programmatic, and financial impact per institution be undertaken over the next five years. More detail on these revisions may be found in Agenda Item #8.

The Board will consider the FY 2014 budgets for the universities, the Board Office and Iowa Public Radio. The proposed FY 2014 Regents Enterprise consolidated budget exceeds \$4.9 billion. Agenda Item #10 details the university operating budgets, the restricted budgets, the athletic budgets and residence system budgets.

Agenda Item #11 provides the final report of the Regents Transparency Task Force. The task force held four public hearings in April and May. A total of 31 individuals testified during the hearings. Public input was reviewed by the task force. Subsequently, the task force formulated a set of recommendations for Board consideration. The recommendations and the final report of the task force are included in the agenda item.

The University of Iowa capital register contains three projects. The first project would renovate 4,400 gross square feet of the main operating rooms in the John Pappajohn Pavilion. The \$12.5 million cost would be funded by hospital funds. The second project would increase chiller capacity at the Oakdale Utility Power Plant. The \$5 million project cost would be funded by university utility funds. The third project would construct the Biomedical Research Support Facility to accommodate the needs for university health science research. The \$33.9 million project cost would be funded by indirect cost recoveries, College of Medicine gifts and earnings and Treasurer's Temporary Investment income. More details on these projects may be found in Agenda Item #14.

The Iowa State University capital register includes a request to increase the project budget for the Hansen Agriculture Student Learning Center by \$442,000. The revised project budget includes additional funds from private giving and the university funds. More detail on the project may be found in Agenda Item #15.

The Board will receive bids for academic building revenue refunding bonds for the University of Iowa totaling slightly more than \$21 million. Projections indicate that the present value savings from the refunding will be approximately \$1.0 million. The bonds were issued to finance, in part, renovations to of the Chemistry Building.

The Board will receive a presentation by John Baldwin, Director of the Iowa Department of Corrections. Mr. Baldwin will share information about the collaborative project between Mitchellville Prison and ISU's Department of Landscape Architecture.

The Board will receive a presentation from Professor Michael Cho who will address the links between animal and human disease and discuss his research. He will also describe a new interdisciplinary vaccine research program at ISU.

If we can provide additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce A. Rastetter", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bruce A. Rastetter

cc: Lt. Governor Kimberly Reynolds  
Members of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa