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I have included a document we have distributed to the media and others previewing the December Board meeting.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you.

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The Honorable Terry Branstad, Governor
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Dear Governor Branstad:

This letter provides information about the meeting of the Board of Regents on December 8, 2011, at Iowa State University beginning at 1 p.m. The meeting will be chaired by President Pro Tem Bruce Rastetter. The meeting materials are available on the Regent website at the following address:

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 for the meeting may be accessed through the Board of Regents website.

The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee chaired by Regent Downer will review year-to-date financial information.

The Audit/Compliance and Investment Committee, chaired by Regent Evans, will meet to review the investment and cash management report for the quarter ended September 30, 2011.

Board agenda items are summarized below:
The Board will consider requests to award honorary degrees at the Spring 2012 commencement at the University of Iowa as follows:

- Former Governor Robert D. Ray (Agenda Item #3i)
- Former President of the Board of Regents Stanley F. Redeker (Agenda Item #3j)
- University of Iowa College of Pharmacy graduate Robert J. Osterhaus (Agenda Item #3k)

More information on these individuals may be found in the agenda items noted above.

In accordance with SF 2307 passed in the 2008 session of the Iowa General Assembly, the Board will receive a report (Agenda Item #3n) providing an update on Iowa’s Research and Development School transition (Year 2: 2010-2011) at the University of Northern Iowa. In compliance with the legislation the report will be filed with the General Assembly after review by the Board. The report indicates continuous progress over the past three years toward implementation of the statewide R&D school.

In Agenda Item #3p, the Board is asked to consider revision to its policy regarding establishment of centers and institutes. The revised policy provides details as to the naming of centers and institutes and prohibits the naming of a center or institute after any elected official until such time as the official is no longer in office.

In compliance with Iowa Code §262.9B, the Board will receive the annual report for the year ended June 30, 2011, on cooperative purchasing efforts between the Board of Regents, its institutions, the Department of Administrative Services, the Chief Information Officer of the state, and other state agencies. In FY 2011, there was continuation of efforts to jointly bid purchasing contracts using best practices in collaborative purchasing while recognizing the unique purchasing environment in which each agency operates. Agenda Item #3s outlines the joint purchasing efforts explored in FY 2011.

The Board will review two accreditation reports – the Counseling Psychology Ph.D. program at ISU and the College of Public Health at the University of Iowa. Findings of these accreditation reports may be found in Agenda Items #3u and #3v.

The Board will consider the proposed tuition and mandatory fees for 2012-2013 along with proposed academic and administrative fees. In accordance with Iowa Code §262.9(18a), the Board notified the leaders of the student government organizations on each campus of the tuition and fee proposal in October. Student government leaders spoke to the Board at the October meeting. The proposal is unchanged from that discussed in October with the exception that tuition rates and mandatory fees for part-time students are included.

The Board is now asked to take action on the proposed increases. The increase in tuition for 2012-2013 will be 3.75% for resident undergraduate students at all three universities. Increases for nonresident undergraduates are proposed as follows: SUI – 4.5%; ISU – 2.63%, and UNI – 3.75%. It is proposed to increase resident and nonresident graduate and professional tuition by the same percentages. Agenda Item #4 provides additional details on the tuition increases, outlines additional/supplemental tuition proposed for specific colleges or programs and mandatory fees for 2012-2013 as well as part-time tuition and mandatory fees.
Board policy requires that a minimum of 15% of gross tuition be set aside for student financial aid, a mix of need-based and merit-based aid. Each university has met or exceeded the minimum requirement for the last several years and will continue for 2012-2013.

Proposed 2012-2013 academic and administrative fees are detailed in Agenda Item #3b.

- The Board will conduct a sale of dormitory revenue bonds in the amount of $24.9 million (estimated). The proceeds from these bonds will be used to partially fund the Phase 2a of the Apartment Housing at UNI. The project will provide housing for 246 residents. The Board approved the design and budget for the project earlier this year. A construction contract has been awarded to Larson Construction Company of Independence, Iowa. The university residence system is a self-supporting operation and receives no state appropriations. More detail is provided in Agenda Item #6.

- In Agenda Item #7, the Board is asked to consider appointments to the Board's Economic Development Committee. The committee is chaired by President Pro Tem Bruce Rastetter. Regent David Miles will serve as Vice Chair.

The following individuals are recommended for membership on the committee. **Kim Reynolds**, Lieutenant Governor, Iowa; **Steve Carter**, President of ISU Research Park/Director, Pappajohn Center for Entrepreneurship, ISU; **Jordan Cohen**, Vice President for Research/Vice President for Research and Economic Development at the University of Iowa; **Debi Durham**, Director, Iowa Department of Economic Development; **Miguel Encarnação**, Vice President and Chief Innovation Officer at ACT, Inc., Iowa City; **Jim Gossett**, Executive Director for the Carroll Area Development Corporation and Carroll Chamber of Commerce; **Lisa Lorenzen**, Executive Director, ISU Research Foundation and Director, Office of Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer, ISU; **Kathleen (Kate) Minette**, Senior Vice President Operations and Scoring for Pearson; **Sharron Quisenberry**, Vice President for Research and Economic Development, ISU/Professor of Entomology, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; **Randy Pilkington**, Executive Director of Business and Community Services/Director, Institute for Decision Making and John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center, UNI; and **Elliott Smith**, Executive Director of the Iowa Business Council, a non-partisan business policy development association based in Des Moines.

More information on these individuals may be found in Agenda Item #7.

- The Board is asked to approve the Professional Development Assignments (PDAs) for faculty of the three universities in FY 2013 (Agenda Item #9a) and receive the report of the assignments taken in FY 2011 (Agenda Item #9b). In accordance with HF 45 passed in the 2011 session of the Iowa General Assembly, PDAs have been limited to no more than 3% of the faculty at each institution. The University of Iowa is requesting approval of 64 assignments (1.3% of faculty); Iowa State University, 29 assignments (1.7% of faculty); and the University of Northern Iowa, 18 assignments (2.2% of faculty). The purposes of these assignments are summarized in Agenda Item #9a.

Agenda Item #9b summarizes the activities of the faculty during the PDAs approved for FY 2011. The report provides information about the value added to the students, the university and the state from the assignment. The amount of external funds received by faculty members who were on professional development assignments in FY 2011 was more than...
$5.4 million. This amount could potentially be much larger because many grant proposals were awaiting notification by the funding agencies.

- The Board will consider various capital projects from SUI (Agenda Item #11) and ISU (Agenda Item #12). Included among these projects are requests for permission to proceed with planning for a project to replace UIHC parking ramp #2 and the UIHC Labor and Delivery Suite expansion project and MacKay Hall Auditorium remodeling project at ISU.

- The Board will receive updates from SUI (Agenda Item #15) and ISU (Agenda Item #14) on flood and storm recovery projects.

If we can provide additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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    Members of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa
December 2, 2011
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Preview of Board of Regents Meeting, December 8, 2011

At its meeting on Thursday, December 8, the Board of Regents will consider approval of a proposed increase of 3.75% in resident undergraduate tuition. If approved, this would be the lowest average tuition increase since FY 1997 (with the exception of the FY 2009 increase of 3.2%).

Iowa’s Public Universities remain a great value as their tuition and fees are lower than most of their peer universities. Iowa has consistently kept tuition and fees at a lower increase than the national average during the recent economic downturn. According to the College Board, FY 2012 resident tuition and fees at four year public universities rose 8.3% while Iowa’s public universities rose only 5.5%.

Tuition and fees do not cover the full cost of instruction at Iowa’s Public Universities. The proposed tuition increase would provide funding to cover the projected rate of inflation only and is not intended to make up for any loss of state funds. While the fall 2011 enrollment growth of 1,240 students brought new revenues to the universities, this growth leads to additional stresses on reduced resources to meet the needs of these students.

In addition, the Board will also consider approval of the universities’ professional development assignment (PDA) requests for FY 2013. These PDAs allow faculty members to engage in specific activities related to their fields of study, for a concentrated period of time, for the purpose of staying current in their fields and enhancing the academic quality and excellence that Iowa expects.
Each PDA request identifies specific benefits, for the university, students, state, and area of discipline, that are expected to result. These benefits typically include curriculum development, advances in the discipline, collaborations with other professionals and universities, and funded projects.

PDAs provide a positive return on the universities' investment. FY 2011 external funding (reported to date) to faculty members on PDAs was more than $5.4 million. For FY 2013, the total replacement costs to accommodate the requested PDAs will be $508,632. The universities carefully monitor these costs to ensure the cost effectiveness of the programs.

The 111 PDAs proposed for FY 2013 represent 1.5% of the faculty at Iowa’s Public Universities. This is consistent with Iowa law that limits the number of PDAs to no more than 3% of the total faculty.

The Board will also consider revisions to Chapter 6 of the Board of Regents Policy Manual which addresses the approval of centers and institutes. The proposed changes would require Board approval of all centers and institutes, as well as honorary names, at Iowa’s Public Universities, including the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, regardless of the level of funding associated with the center or institute.

The revised Chapter 6 further outlines the categories of persons and entities who are eligible or ineligible for naming, and specifically prohibits the naming of a center or institute for an elected official until that individual is no longer in office. The latter proposed change responds to concerns expressed by the legislature with the naming of centers and institutes.

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