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January 31, 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 February 6-7, 2013. The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in West Des Moines.

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

For your information, the Board conducted mid-year evaluations of three university presidents and the Executive Director on January 29. The mid-year evaluation of Superintendent Patrick Clancy will occur on the first day of the February meeting.

The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee chaired by Regent Downer will receive a report of operating and financial performance for the year to date. Dr. Debra Schwinn, recently appointed Dean of the Carver College of Medicine, will make a presentation about the College of Medicine. Debbie Thoman, Assistant Vice President for Compliance and Accreditation and University Privacy Officer, will discuss compliance responsibilities including conflict of interest, accreditations, research billing and patient safety.

The Audit/Compliance and Investment Committee, chaired by Regent Evans, will meet following the hospital committee. The committee will review numerous internal audit reports along with the external audit reports of the UIHC and the University of Iowa Health Systems.

Board agenda items are summarized below:

The Board will review four annual reports – Facilities Governance, Comprehensive Human Resources, Diversity, and Span of Control. Highlights of these reports are as follows:

Diversity Report -- Overall minority employment at the Regent institutions as of October 2012 is 10.6%. Minority employment in the tenured faculty ranks is 20.3%. This report also includes the Annual Affirmative Action Cost report and Minority and Women Educators Enhancement Program report as required by Iowa Code §262.93 and §19B.5. More information on the Diversity Report may be found in Agenda Item #3f.

Span of Control – In compliance with Iowa Code §262.9C, the Board is required to submit an annual report showing the progress of the universities in reaching the statutory target span of control ratio of 1/15. This year's report indicates that ISU has a ratio of 1/17.25; UNI, 1/15.10; and SUI, 1/11.30. Ratios have all increased since the report last year. More information on the Span of Control Report may be found in Agenda Item #3g.

Comprehensive Human Resources Report – This report combines a number of individual governance reports – Regent Merit System, Leave Usage, Fringe Benefits, Salary, Retirements, Employee Awards, and Faculty Salaries. The report indicates that SUI faculty salaries rank 9th in its 11-member peer; ISU, 9th; and UNI, 7th. More information from this report may be found in Agenda Item #3j.

Facilities Governance Report – Regent facilities total 37.3 million gross square feet; approximately 35.2% of the square footage was constructed during the period 1961-1980. The total gross square footage includes 18.2 million academic/research/administrative facilities. Since FY 2008, the Regent institutions have expended more than \$1.36 billion for capital projects with project costs exceeding \$250,000. The report (Agenda Item #9) provides detail on fire and environmental safety and deferred maintenance.

The Board will be asked to consider recommendations from the Feasibility Study and Planning Committee regarding its examination of the administrative and programmatic functions of the Iowa Education Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Iowa School for the Deaf. The committee was named to meet the requirements of Iowa Code §270.10 which requires that a comprehensive study be conducted before any merger or closing of the special schools. After six months of deliberation and three public hearings, the committee concluded its work and recommended the Board of Regents continue to provide educational and residential services at the Iowa School for the Deaf and four other regional centers be established, including one at the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School in Vinton. Additional recommendations of the committee are detailed in Agenda Item #8.

The Board intends to issue \$25 million in SUI Parking System Revenue Bonds to partially fund the Hospital Ramp II Replacement project. The bond sale is subject to the receipt of acceptable bids.

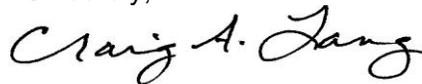
The University of Iowa capital register includes a project which will develop a multidisciplinary procedure suite on level 5 of the Iowa River Landing medical office building by finishing approximately 14,000 square feet of shelled-in space. The \$7.4 million project cost would be funded by University Hospitals Building Usage Funds. More details on this and other capital projects may be found in Agenda Item #5.

The Board will receive a presentation by Dr. Daniel Reed, University of Iowa Vice President for Research and Economic Development. His presentation entitled "Dare to Discover – Economic Development Initiatives at the University of Iowa" will highlight emerging themes locally and nationally, new opportunities to impact the state and a vision of enhanced economic development and statewide engagement for the University of Iowa.

On the second day of the meeting, the Board will interview candidates for the position of the President of the University of Northern Iowa. On-campus interviews – including open forums – of three candidates selected by the search committee began January 28. From these candidates, the search committee will meet next week to recommend finalists to the Board for interviews on Thursday, February 7.

If we can provide additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig A. Lang". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Craig A. Lang

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