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(Letter attached)

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March 8, 2007

The Honorable Chester J. Culver, Governor  
State of Iowa  
State Capitol Building  
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Governor Culver:

This letter provides information about the meeting of the Board of Regents on March 13 at the University of Northern Iowa. The March meeting materials are available on the Regent web site at the following address:

<http://www2.state.ia.us/regents/Meetings/DocketMemos/memos.html>

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

The following Regent committees are scheduled to meet:

Economic Development Committee

- Receive a progress report on Grow Iowa Values Fund projects from the three universities.
- Receive a report on the Institute for Decision Making at the University of Northern Iowa.

Audit/Compliance and Investment Committee

- Consider modifying the list of financial institutions that serve as depositories for the Regent institutions.
- Receive the quarterly investment and cash management report. The report indicates that, as of December 31, 2006, the Regent combined operating and endowment portfolios totaled over \$1.6 billion.

Human Resources Committee

- Consider ratification of the tentative collective bargaining agreement with the Campaign to Organize Graduate Students (COGS) for the graduate assistants at the University of Iowa, with the UNI-United Faculty, and with the Service Employees

International Union (SEIU) for tertiary health care employees at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. The Board's representatives were able to reach voluntary settlements with each of the unions.

- Consider a proposal for an early retirement incentive program at the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School. The proposed program would allow employees who are age 57 by June 30, 2007, with 15 years of service to apply for participation within a specified period of time (March 16 through April 30, 2007). Benefits offered by program would include a cash payment of 30% of the FY 2007 budgeted salary, payment of accrued vacation leave, payment for accrued sick leave not to exceed \$2,000, and contribution toward health insurance until the retiree becomes Medicare eligible.

#### Property and Facilities Committee

- Consider the SUI, ISU and UNI capital registers. Highlights of these include:
  - Permission to proceed with project planning for the Engineering Research Facility at the University of Iowa. This project would construct an addition to provide additional laboratory and office space for the College of Engineering functions, primarily the Center for Computer-Aided Design. The anticipated cost of approximately \$5 million would be funded by College of Engineering gifts and earnings.
  - Revised project budget for the Chemistry Building Renovation at the University of Iowa. The revised budget of \$41.4 million (an increase of \$6.2 million) reflect the addition of funding from the Carver Trust for additional research space.
  - Permission to proceed with the New Century Farm project at Iowa State University. This would be the first integrated and sustainable biofuel feedstock demonstration farm in the United States. The farm would be located at the site of the Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering and Agronomy Research Farm located west of Ames on Highway 30. It is anticipated that the project (estimated cost - \$14 million) would be funded by a combination of private giving and federal funds (\$7 million), the federal Small Business Administration (\$3.5 million) and the Iowa Department of Economic Development (\$3.5 million)
  - Schematic design for the Gilchrist Hall Renovation/Restoration project at the University of Northern Iowa. This project would restore Gilchrist Hall following the fire in October 2005. Student services would be maintained in the renovated building as well as several administrative offices of the University.

#### Education and Student Affairs Committee

- Receive the Annual Report on Student Financial Aid. In 2005-06, the total amount of financial aid awarded to students at Regent universities was \$715.8 million, which is approximately a 3.4% increase from the prior year. This amount included \$170.8 million in grants and scholarships, \$140.9 million in student employment, and \$404.1 million in loans.

- Receive follow-up report on implementation of academic program review procedure changes at the University of Iowa and the University of Northern Iowa.
- Receive a presentation from faculty at the University of Northern Iowa on "Science and Mathematics Education". The presenters will profile the University's vision of excellence in science and mathematics education.
- Receive the following accreditation reports:
  - Urban and Regional Planning at SUI
  - Athletic Training Education Program at SUI

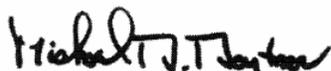
The Board will also consider the following:

- A resolution, subject to receipt of acceptable bids, for the sale of \$18 million Academic Building Revenue Bonds. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds would be used to partially fund projects at the veterinary teaching hospital and Coover Hall at Iowa State University.
- A resolution, subject to receipt of acceptable bids, for the sale of \$8 million Academic Building Revenue Bonds. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds would be to pay for the cost of science buildings and Russell Hall renovation projects at the University of Northern Iowa.
- An update from the Chair of the Presidential Search Committee at the University of Iowa.
- Consider proposed parking rate increases at the three universities.
- Receive the annual governance reports on the university residence systems and consider proposed rates for the 2007-2008 academic year.
- Receive an informational report on the activities of the Iowa General Assembly.

In its role as Trustees of the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, the Board will receive a report on the UIHC Committee meeting.

If we can provide additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely,



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