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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 October 29 at the University of Northern Iowa. 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.

The institutional heads will make presentations related to FY 2010 proposed budget revisions in response to the 10% across-the-board cuts.

Richard Oshlo will give an oral report on the hiring of Public Works LLC.

The Board will be asked to consider a temporary surcharge of \$100 per full-time student effective for the spring semester. The effect of the surcharge on enrollment is expected to be minimal. The proposed surcharge is expected to generate \$5.7 million if applied to all three universities and is equivalent to recovering 10% of the lost state appropriations. More details on the proposed surcharge may be found in Agenda Item #4.

The Board will consider proposed tuition and related fees for the 2010-11 academic year. An increase of 6% is proposed for undergraduate resident tuition and graduate student increases, as follows:

	<u>UNDERGRADUATE</u>			
	Resident		Nonresident	
SUI	\$346	6%	\$1,268	6.0%
ISU	\$346	6%	\$692	4.1%
UNI	\$346	6%	\$422	3.0%
	<u>GRADUATE</u>			
SUI	\$410	6%	\$1,226	6.0%
ISU	\$404	6%	\$732	4.1%
UNI	\$404	6%	\$456	3.0%

Board of Regents policy requires a minimum of 15% of gross tuition proceeds be set-aside for student financial aid. The proposed set-aside percentages for financial aid for FY 2011 are: SUI – 17%; ISU – 22%; and UNI – 18%.

A student surcharge at the University of Iowa, as well as supplemental tuition for specific areas and increases to some mandatory fees at all three universities, is proposed. More details on the proposals may be found in Agenda Item #5. Representatives of student government groups have been invited to make presentations relative to the proposals. The Board will also be asked to consider FY 2010 tuition for the UNI Price Laboratory School. The Board will take action on the tuition and fees at its December meeting.

Other agenda items include:

- Sale of Athletic Facilities Revenue Bonds in the amount of \$26,000,000 to be used for the Carver-Hawkeye Arena at the University of Iowa
- Sale of Revenue Refunding Bonds in the amounts not to exceed \$8,500,000 for the Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver Biomedical Research Building, and not to exceed \$5,250,000 for the Medical Education and Biomedical Research Facility, both at the University of Iowa.
- Requests from the University of Iowa for approval of awarding honorary degrees as follows –
 - Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Vivian Springer at the Spring 2010 commencement for her exceptional achievements in human rights, consistent with the values of higher education.
 - Honorary Doctor of Science degree to Gregs Thomopoulos at the Spring 2010 commencement to recognize his exceptional contributions to advancing research and educational opportunities.
 - Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at Winter 2009 commencement to Henry B. Tippie for his contributions to humanitarian outreach and educational opportunities at the University of Iowa.
- Fall 2009 Enrollment Report. The report indicates the Regent universities are serving 71,353 students – 1,028 more than during the prior year. Approximately 68% of all students are residents of Iowa. More details on fall enrollment may be found in Agenda Item #7i.

- Strategic Plan for 2009-2014. The Board will consider approval of its strategic plan for 2009-2014. The Board started the strategic planning process in August of 2008. The process consisted of an environmental scan; conversations with stakeholders to provide their perception of the role of public higher education in Iowa; and conversations with the institutional heads and their leadership team to discuss the priorities and goals. The plan consists of three priorities and seven goals. Measures of success have been identified for each of the goals. The plan is included in Agenda Item #8.
- Register of Capital Improvements – University of Iowa. The Board will consider approval with the request to proceed with project planning for installation of a sprinkler system in Burge Hall. Estimated cost of the project is between \$1.8 million and \$2.1 million funded by dormitory improvement funds.
- Register of Capital Improvements – Iowa State University. The Board will consider approval of the request to proceed with project planning to remodel 5,000 net square feet on the ground floor of Curtiss Hall for the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences student service units. The project cost is estimated to be \$3 million which would be funded by private gifts. The Board will consider approval of the schematic design and budget for the College of Veterinary Medicine Performance Evaluation Facility (PEF). The PEF which will create a covered area in which horses may be safely observed for lameness issues. The project budget (\$1,500,000) will be funded with a combination of university funds, private giving, and ARRA funds.
- Naming of ISU Basketball Practice Facility. The Board will consider approval of the request by ISU to name the basketball practice facility as the Sukup Basketball Complex. Eugene and Mary Sukup have committed \$2 million for this facility.
- Update on University of Iowa Flood Recovery. The University will provide an update on the status of flood recovery of various campus facilities.
- 2009 Economic Development and Technology Transfer Report. The Board will review the annual report. The Regent universities strengthen the Iowa economy by conducting academic research which results in intellectual property and applications in the marketplace and by providing expertise and assistance directly to Iowa's people, industry, and communities. Agenda Item #17 provides highlights of the report which will be submitted to the General Assembly and other agencies in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 262B.3.

If we can provide additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely,



David W. Miles

cc: Lt. Governor Patty Judge
Rachel Scott, Policy Liaison, Governor's Office
Members of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa