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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 28 and 29 at the University of 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.

On the first day of the meeting, Nate Johnson of HCM Strategists will present a workshop on tuition and financial aid policies with the following objectives:

- 1) Learn how Iowa's tuition and financial aid policies look from outside the state
- 2) Learn how Iowa's traditional tuition-setting and financial aid award practices compare to other states
- 3) Consider ways to incorporate the objective of increased student degree completion into proposed tuition and aid policy changes.

The workshop is sponsored by the Lumina Foundation.

University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee chaired by Regent Downer will review the year-to-date operating and financial performance and receive a report on the transplant center and an update on the "MyChart" pilot units.

The Audit/Compliance and Investment Committee chaired by President Pro Tem Evans will review a number of internal audits and the investment and cash management report for the period ended June 30, 2010. State Auditor Vaudt will review FY 2009 audits for the each of the institutions and the Board Office.

Agenda items include:

Appointments – University of Iowa. The Board will be asked to consider approval of three appointments at the University of Iowa. The individuals selected for the positions have serving in the positions on an interim basis. The university recommends the appointment of Jordan Cohen as Vice President for Research and Economic Development, Carroll Reasoner as Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel and Tom Rocklin as Vice President for Student Services.

Comprehensive Fiscal Report for FY 2010. This report compares actual revenues and expenditures with Board-approved budgets and identifies significant variances. The report also includes a five-year history of actual revenues and expenditures. The actual FY 2010 general operating and restricted fund revenues totaled \$4.09 billion. General Operating revenues of \$2.18 billion included \$80.3 million in ARRA-State Fiscal Stabilization Funds. More detail on the report may be found in Agenda Item #6q.

Interagency Cooperation Plan Annual Report. Senate File 2088, the reorganization bill, passed during 2010 General Assembly, directed the Board and its institutions to coordinate interagency cooperation with state agencies in the area of purchasing and information technology. Three joint task forces were convened. The Technology Task Force identified opportunities for consolidation or collaboration on purchases related to information technology, business efficiencies, and shared resources. The task force identified a number of vendors amenable to consolidated purchasing. The second task force, Green Initiative, worked with the goal of identifying green products and areas of possible cooperative purchasing in areas such as cleaning chemicals, trash liners, printing paper and fluorescent and LED lighting. The third task force, Disaster Recovery Services, worked on specifications for a joint RFP with the goal of establishing contract(s) for disaster response and recovery services. The RFP developed by the task force was bid out in late 2009. Iowa State University used the joint contract for major clean up after flooding damaged a number of campus buildings. More specifics on the report may be found in Agenda Item #6r.

Reports of Early Retirement Programs. The Board will receive the final reports of the FY 2010 early retirement programs in place at the institutions. In total ISU offered three early retirement programs, SUI offered two, and UNI and IBSSS each offered one. In total approximately 914 employees retired under these programs. Approximately 432 positions will not be filled. More details on the programs may be found in Agenda Item #6s.

Strategic Plan – Statewide System for Vision Services and Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School. Superintendent Patrick Clancy will present the school's strategic plan for 2010-2016 for consideration by the Board. The plan includes six strategic initiatives – (1) increase the availability and participation intense services in regions of the state; (2) develop and implement a process for determining and meeting the full continuum of service needs including the long-term residential needs of students who are blind or visually impaired; (3) increase the percentage of students who by age 16 have transition plans for improved post secondary outcomes; (4) meet or exceed state academic standards for performance in reading and mathematics; (5) demonstrate that the system's student outcomes assessment programs help students achieve identified learning goals; and (6) demonstrate increased efficiency and productivity. The full plan may be found in Agenda Item #7.

Register of Capital of Capital Improvement Business Transactions – University of Iowa. The Board will consider authorizing permission to proceed with project planning for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences – Psychology and Learning Center Building and Library – Learning Commons projects. The Psychology and Learning Center Building project would construct a new building to address the needs of the Psychology Department. The proposed site is the area currently occupied by the Van Allen Lecture Rooms 1 and 2 which

would be razed. The estimated project cost of \$26 million would be funded by a variety of sources.

The Library – Learning Commons project would renovate space on the east side of the Main Library to create a technology-driven learning commons and classroom. The estimated cost of \$8 million would be funded by General Education Fund Building Renewal and Equipment Funds.

The Board will be asked to approve the schematic designs and project budgets for various projects related to flood mitigation, permanent recovery, and remodeling and deferred maintenance for the Iowa Memorial Union. Projects costs are \$52.8 million for flood mitigation and permanent recovery and \$22 million for remodeling and deferred maintenance. More detail on these projects may be found in Agenda Item #8.

Register of Capital Improvement Business Transactions – Iowa State University. The Board will be asked to authorize permission to proceed with project planning for the Cyclone Sports Complex. The complex would be located east of the Towers Dormitory complex and south of the ISU campus and would replace the existing outdoor track and field facility. The existing facility has deteriorated beyond repair and is in need of replacement. The new complex would accommodate four sport programs (men's track, women's track, softball and soccer). The anticipated project cost of \$10.7 million would be funded by debt financing and private giving.

Register of Capital improvement Business Transaction – University of Northern Iowa. At its April 2010 meeting, the Board approved a budget of \$19.5 million for phase 1 of the Apartment Housing project at UNI. Eleven bids were received on September 28 with the low bid exceeding the construction estimate by \$1.7 million or 10.6%. Given the spread between the other bids, it appeared that the bids were a fair representation of the construction work to be undertaken. Therefore, the university is requesting a revised project budget of \$21.0 million. The increase would be funded by increased dormitory revenue bonds proceeds. The bond sale is scheduled for December 2010.

Iowa State University – Jack Trice Stadium Scoreboard and Sound System. The Board will consider giving ISU authorization to purchase a new video scoreboard and sound system for Jack Trice Stadium from Daktronics, Inc., at a cost of up to \$4 million. The current scoreboard/sound system in the stadium is located in the south end zone. In many areas of the stadium, it is extremely difficult to understand the audio output of the sound system. The proposed system would be installed in the stadium's north end and would be integrated with the Jacobson Building. The current scoreboards in Jack Trice and Hilton Coliseum are from Daktronics, and both facilities utilize an intricately integrated, single production unit. Daktronics has provided staffing and support services for all athletic events at Jack Trice and Hilton since 2008. Due to the firm's experience with these facilities and the necessary integration of new and existing systems, the ISU wishes to contract with Daktronics for the new system.

Sale of \$30,000,000 Hospital Revenue Bonds. This will be the first series of bonds issued to finance the construction of the medical office building which will provide space for the relocation of a number of outpatient clinics to the off-site ambulatory care facilities at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

Flood Recovery Report – Iowa State University and the University of Iowa. Representatives of the universities will provide the Board with updates on flood recovery activities.

Enrollment Report – Fall 2010. The Board will receive the report on Fall 2010 enrollment. The fall 2010 enrollment at the three Regent universities is 72,708 which is a 1.9% increase over the prior year and an all-time high. Enrollment at each of the universities is shown below:

University of Iowa	30,825	1.6% increase over 2009
Iowa State University	28,682	2.6% increase over 2009
University of Northern Iowa	13,201	0.9% increase over 2009

More detail on fall enrollment may be found in Agenda Item #18.

2010 Economic Development and Technology Transfer Report. The Board will receive the annual report detailing the contributions the universities make to the Iowa economy by conducting academic research that results in intellectual property and applications available to the marketplace and by providing expertise and assistance directly to Iowa's people, industry and communities. The universities received \$896.7 million in funding sponsored by federal and corporate sources in FY 2010. This funding provided the basis on which the universities conducted a wide variety of economic development programs. More specifics on the economic development and technology transfer activities may be found in Agenda Item #20.

Interinstitutional Cooperation Task Force Progress Report. The Board will receive a progress report from the task force. The task force was created in 2009 to discuss academic and non-academic opportunities for consolidation/collaboration, business efficiencies, and shared resources.

Iowa School for the Deaf Symposium. Jeanne Prickett, Superintendent of the Iowa School for the Deaf, will report to the Board on the recent statewide Deaf Symposium held recently. The symposium identified best practices for serving students who are deaf or hard of hearing across the United States.

If we can provide additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely,



David W. Miles

cc: Lt. Governor Patty Judge
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