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September 9, 2010

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 September 16 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 University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee chaired by Regent Downer will review the year-to-date operating and financial performance and receive an update on the strategic plan. UIHC representatives will provide information on health care reform and implications for UI Health Care.

Agenda items include:

Flood Recovery Report – Iowa State University. The Board is asked to ratify the actions by the Executive Director relating to the utilization of capital project delivery and purchasing processes to recover buildings temporarily lost due to the recent flooding on the campus. The actions of the Executive Director were in accordance to language added to Iowa Code 262.34 in 2009. The Board will also receive an oral report on flood recovery activities at ISU.

Flood Recovery Report – University of Iowa. The university will provide an oral report to the Board on recent meetings with FEMA and IHLS and other significant flood related activities. David Miller, Administrator of Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division will attend the Board meeting. Agenda Item #6 provides more detail on flood recovery activities and a chart identifying key milestones on flood recovery and mitigation projects.

Report of the Coordinating Council for Hearing Services. In February 2007, the Board and the State Board of Education created the Coordinating Council for Hearing Services for the purpose of reviewing all statewide services which support the education of students who are deaf and hard of hearing. The Council has met over the past three years to explore the

needs of deaf and hard of hearing children throughout the state and is now presenting to the Board of Regents and Board of Education the "Preferred Future Plan" which will become the blueprint for developing a statewide system of excellence to provide educational services to Iowa students who are deaf or hard of hearing. Following approval by both boards, an executive council will be organized to begin the process of implementing the plan. More specifics on the plan may be found in Agenda Item #8.

Strategic Plans – Universities. The Board will receive presentations from the universities on their new strategic plans. The Board's 2010-2016 strategic plan was approved in April 2010. As required by Board policy, the institutions are to develop strategic plans consistent with the Board's plan. The plans are presented in Agenda Item #9.

FY 2012 Operating Appropriations Requests. The Board is asked to approve operating appropriations requests for FY 2012 totaling \$639 million. The requests are consolidated into six major functional areas. The largest area – Higher Education Operating Appropriations – includes continue of recurring appropriations of \$465.7 million, incremental funding of \$19.1 million to support new strategic initiatives and replacement of one-time fund of \$8.7 million with recurring appropriations. Other details of the appropriations requests may be found in Agenda Item #10.

Proposals to Reduce General University Support for Athletics. At the March 2010 meeting, the Board passed a resolution directing Iowa State University and the University of Northern Iowa to assess the feasibility of, and to formulate plans that would over an appropriate time period, substantially reduce or eliminate general fund subsidies for intercollegiate athletics. President Geoffroy and President Allen will present their plans to the Board. ISU has reduced the general university support to athletics from 11% in 2001 to 3.8% in 2011. It is anticipated the remaining general fund support (\$1.6 million) will be eliminated during FY 2011. UNI has reduced general university support to athletics by over 13% from FY 2009 to budgeted FY 2011. UNI has established a four-year timeframe – FY 2012 – FY 2015 – for achieving its desired reduction in general fund contributions to \$4.2 million. More detail on the plans may be found in Agenda Item #11.

Five-Year Capital Plans including FY 2012 Capital Request. The Board is asked to approve the five-year state funded capital plan for FY 2012 – FY 2016 totaling \$664.7 million including a capital request of \$138.5 million for FY 2012 to be funded by capital appropriations or Academic Building Revenue Bonds. Six projects are recommended for FY 2012 – SUI Dental Science Building Renovation, ISU Biorenewables Complex, UNI Bartlett Hall Renovation/Baker Hall Demolition, SUI Seashore Hall, ISU Electrical and Computer Engineering Building 2, and SUI Pharmacy Building Renovations. More detail on the capital plan may be found in Agenda Item #12.

Sale of \$19,775,000 Athletic Facilities Revenue Bonds. Bonds will be sold to complete the financing of the renovation of Carver-Hawkeye Arena at the University of Iowa. This is the second and final bond sale for the project. The first issue was sold in October 2009.

Register of Capital Improvement Business Transactions – Iowa State University. The Board is asked to consider two new major projects at ISU. The Curtiss Hall – Harl Commons project – would renovate space on the basement and ground floors of Curtiss which is the home to the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. The second project also in Curtiss Hall would remodel space on the ground floor for a student services mall which would consolidate a number of student services into one area.

Register of Capital improvement Business Transaction – University of Northern Iowa. The Board is asked to consider granting approval to proceed with planning and selection of INVISION as the architectural firm for the Apartment Housing project. Also the Board is asked to give permission to proceed with planning for the Bartlett Hall Renovation/Baker Hall

Demolition. The project would provide for renovation of Bartlett Hall which is currently used as a residence facility into faculty offices, seminar rooms and laboratories. Baker Hall houses the Departments of English Language and Literature, Philosophy, World Religions, Modern Languages, Psychology, and Sociology and Anthropology. After review of many alternatives, including the renovation of Baker Hall, the university believes renovation of the remaining portion of Bartlett for academic departments and demolishing Baker is the best solution.

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. The task force identified three academic elements for possible consolidation/collaboration – distance education, study abroad, and recruitment and retention of Iowa minority students. The universities were asked to consider opportunities for cooperation that promote efficiency and effectiveness; save time, money and other resources; support core missions; best serve stakeholders; and better position the universities for future challenges. Specifics on the goals relating to each of these opportunities along with progress toward the goals may be found in Agenda Item #19.

Iowa Public Radio Annual Report. The Board will review the annual report for IPR. IPR had three strategic goals for the past year – increase and enhance service across the state; work toward self-sufficiency while growing annual revenues to \$8.5 million by 2011; and to become a fully integrated organization. Key accomplishments relating to these goals are summarized in Agenda Item #20.

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.

The Board will receive a presentation on the Okoboji Entrepreneurial Institute.

If we can provide additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely,



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cc: Lt. Governor Patty Judge
Molly Kottmeyer, Policy Liaison, Governor's Office
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