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**Subject:** FW: Inquiries #183 (11) through #187 (11)

**From:** Brunson, Marcia R [BOARD]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2011 2:53 PM  
**To:** 'Greta Johnson'; 'craiglangbor@ifbf.org'; Jack Evans; 'bobd@meardonlaw.com'; 'ruth.harkin@cox.net'; Rose Vasquez; 'Michael Gartner'; 'Bonnie J. Campbell'  
**Cc:** 'brastetter@hawkeye-energy.com'; 'regentcarroll@gmail.com'; 'ksmulholland5@linnmar.k12.ia.us'  
**Subject:** FW: Inquiries #183 (11) through #187 (11)

Please see attachments below. These are email inquiries received relative to the agenda item on the establishment of the Harkin Institute. President Miles asked that I forward them to you.

Marcia

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**From:** Brunson, Marcia R [BOARD]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2011 10:41 AM  
**To:** 'dmiles@miles-capital.com'; Donley, Robert [BOARD]  
**Cc:** McCarthy, Ann M [GOV R]  
**Subject:** Inquiries #183 (11) through #187 (11)

Dave and Bob:

Attached are five constituent inquiries received via the website regarding the ISU Harkin Institute.

Marcia



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**From:** Kim and Sherry Bates [sbates@netins.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 23, 2011 11:36 AM  
**To:** mbruns@iastate.edu  
**Subject:** Inquiry #186 (11) Website Query

**Good Morning,**

**After reading the article in the Des Moines Register this morning regarding the proposed naming of the public policy institute, I feel a need to express some concerns. My husband and I are, as our children and their spouses, are graduates of ISU and we partake of everything that we are able to. Also, in my career I dealt with ethical issues every day. I feel naming this institute after someone who is a current sitting legislator is breaching the ethical line. In that his wife is a sitting member of the board, crosses it.**

**Please do not make this any more of a political issue than it already is.**

**Thank you for your time,  
Sherry Bates**

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**From:** Ron Thompson [thomp@humrec.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 22, 2011 6:13 PM  
**To:** mbruns@iastate.edu  
**Subject:** Inquiry #185 (11) Website Query

Dear Members of the Board of Regents:

It has come to my attention that you will be considering a proposal to approve the Harkin Institute of Public Policy. I do not think any of our state universities should be involved this type of action which is actually very politically biased. Sen Harkin's papers can be housed/on display in a neutral site (e.g. his hometown) and any university/college can obtain them from this site just as is done with presidential papers.

Please reject this proposal.

Meg Thompson  
Livermore, Iowa

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**From:** Steve and Audrey Marley [audreym@isunet.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 22, 2011 3:21 PM  
**To:** mbruns@iastate.edu  
**Subject:** Inquiry #184 (11) Website Query

This message is for all members of the Board of Regents:

I was astonished--and dissappointed--to see the agenda item for a Public Policy Institute at ISU named for Senator Tom Harkin. What sort of publicity and discussion has this proposal had? While I don't claim to be well informed about such proposals, I expect that many lowans with an interest in Iowa State University have not heard or seen a word about itthis proposal.

The idea of a Public Policy Institute may indeed have merit, but surely any who wish to comment on the proposal should be informed of the need or the rationale by ISU through public media. The notion of naming it for Senator Harkin has no merit or purpose except for self aggrandizement of Senator Harkin; the same purpose served by the "Harkin Grants". Am I off-base in objecting to my tax money being used to promote any individual politician?

I suggest that the proposed institute be better publicized for scrutiny by anyone with an interest, and that, if approved, it not be named for Senator Harkin, or for any other politician.

Stephen J. Marley  
Emeritus Proferror  
Iowa State University

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**From:** Douglas Furlich [dtfurlich@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 21, 2011 4:24 PM  
**To:** mbruns@iastate.edu  
**Subject:** Inquiry #183 (11) ISU to Honor Harkin

**Importance:** High

As a citizen and taxpayer in the State of Iowa, I am OPPOSED to the proposal by Iowa State University to start a public policy research and teaching center to honor U.S. Sen. Tom Harkin.

Douglas Furlich  
Lawton, Iowa

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**From:** Bob Wemer [rcw61@iowatelecom.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 23, 2011 11:43 AM  
**To:** mbruns@iastate.edu  
**Cc:** questions@foundation.iastate.edu  
**Subject:** RE: Inquiry #187 (11) Harkin Institute of Public Policy

Board of Regents,

I ask that you not establish an Institute for Public Policy named after Senator Harkin.

I am a 1965, 1974, 1976, and 1986 graduate of ISU. I always considered ISU the conservative college in this state. I am very dismayed by the direction that it has been taking.

Other misguided decisions ISU has made in recent years are:

1. The sale of the farm that was gifted to ISU against the deceased owner's instructions and the use of those funds for purposes not intended by the deceased.
2. Denying tenure to the astronomy professor Guillermo Gonzalez because of his views on intelligent design. Isn't a college a place for freedom of thought?

Because of these trends, I will not be contributing to ISU in the future.

Sincerely,  
Robert C. Wemer