MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Regents

From: Board Office

Subject: Regent Legislative Program

Date: November 6, 2000

Recommended Actions:

1. Give preliminary consideration to the proposals noted below for inclusion in the Board's legislative program for the 2001 session.

2. Request that any additional suggestions for the Board of Regents legislative program be provided to the Board Office for inclusion in the legislative program for the December Board meeting.

Executive Summary:

As noted during the October Board meeting, the 2001 Session of the Iowa General Assembly is scheduled to convene on Monday, January 8, 2001. Prior to the legislative session, the institutions are to submit to the Board any matters, in addition to the state appropriations requests approved in September, that may be subject to legislative consideration. These matters become part of the Regent legislative program and will be updated on a monthly basis.

In September, the Board approved requests by the University of Northern Iowa to continue efforts to secure targeted funding of UNI programs through state agencies. In October, the University of Iowa requested the Board to consider a name change for the University Hospital School to the “University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Center for Disabilities and Development.”

No other items for inclusion in the Regent legislative program have been submitted by the institutions.

Prior to determining the formal appropriations recommendations, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, with assistance of department directors, will again hold several budget hearings at different sites around Iowa between November 12 and December 11. Each hearing will focus on one key policy area of the leadership agenda of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor (accountable government, education, environment, health, new economy, and safe communities).