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The Honorable Terry Branstad, Governor
State of Iowa
State Capitol Building
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Governor Branstad:

This letter provides information about the meeting of the Board of Regents on October 23-24, 2013. The meeting will be held at the University of Iowa in Iowa City.

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.

Audio streaming of the meeting may be accessed through the Board of Regents website.

Two committees will meet the afternoon of October 23.

The Property and Facilities Committee chaired by Regent Dakovich will meet at 2:30 p.m. The committee will consider the University of Iowa capital register (P&F Agenda Item #2) which contains one project – relocation of the Chronic Pain Clinic and Breast Imaging Center to the Pomerantz Family Pavilion at the UIHC. Moving of the pain clinic will allow for expansion of inpatient operating rooms. The space vacated by the imaging center will accommodate development of the connecting walkway for the UI Children's Hospital. The Iowa State University Register (P&F Agenda Item #3) contains two projects. Both projects are related to sidewalks and landscape improvements in the Union Drive and Knoll area. The improvements would repair sidewalks and patios, lighting, and rejuvenation of plantings surrounding the Knoll. Estimated cost of the two projects is \$205,000 funded by gifts to the ISU Foundation; no general university funds including state appropriations or student fees would be used to fund the projects. The committee will review campus master plans for the universities. The master plans are summarized in the attachments to the committee P&F Agenda Item #5. The committee will receive an update on the University of Iowa Flood Recovery (P&F Agenda Item #7). Major construction awards were made on September 30 for the recovery of the Iowa Memorial Union and Theater Building. Contracts for these two projects were awarded to two Iowa general contractors.

The Education and Student Affairs Committee (ESAC) chaired by President Pro Tem Mulholland will meet at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday. The committee will review the report of fall 2013 enrollment (ESAC Agenda Item #2). The universities enrolled a total of 76,465 students, a 2.2% increase over the prior year and an all-time high in the fall of 2013. Approximately 62% of all students are residents of Iowa. More details on the enrollments at the five institutions may be found in the agenda item.

The committee will consider the establishment of a new center at UNI (ESAC Agenda Item #3). The Center for Educational Transformation will provide the mechanism to meet the intent of legislation requiring the university to engage in research, development, demonstration, and dissemination of best teaching practices. The university has received a legislative mandate to continue to lead education reform efforts in the state. This mandate resulted from a significant research and development gap in the state's educational system as well as the fact educational needs are accelerating more quickly than it has been possible to address.

The committee will receive a status report from Superintendent Clancy on the planning for a pilot regional program to serve students with sensory impairments (ESAC Agenda Item #4).

The committee will consider a request from Iowa State University to award an honorary Doctor of Science degree to Peggy A. Whitson at the fall 2013 commencement. Dr. Whitson, a native of Mt. Ayr, Iowa, received a Bachelor of Science degree from Iowa Wesleyan College and a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from Rice University. Dr. Whitson spent two extended periods in space aboard the International Space Station. More information on Dr. Whitson may be found in ESAC Agenda Item #7.

The committee will receive two presentations. The first presentation will update the committee on recent changes in the regional accrediting agency, Higher Learning Commission, for the three universities. In the second presentation, Nick Colangelo, Dean of the University of Iowa College of Education, will review programs that give high school students opportunities to receive college experience and credit and discuss early-entrance options available across the country.

The Audit/Compliance and Investment Committee chaired by Regent Downer will meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday to review a number of internal audits.

The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee chaired by Regent Carroll will receive updates on operational and financial performance. The committee will also receive a presentation from representatives of the Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation and Ponseti International Association. In addition, the committee will receive an update on the strategic plan.

The Board's Economic Development Committee will also meet on Thursday morning to review the annual Economic Development and Technology Transfer report as well as receive an update on the Batelle Study. The economic development report shows there was \$39.6 million in revenue generated by Iowa companies as a direct result of university technologies. The report also indicated 2,846 Iowans were employed at 134 companies at the research parks of the three universities.

The Board's remaining agenda items are summarized below.

- Each of the institutional heads will provide the Board with a brief update on campus activities.

- The Board will review the annual report on interagency cooperation. Iowa Code 262.9B directs the Board and institutions under its control to coordinate interagency cooperation with state agencies with the goal of increasing the amount of joint purchasing. Agenda Item #2c outlines joint purchasing efforts for FY 2013.

The Board will consider proposed tuition and fees for the 2014-2015 academic year. At its September 2013 meeting, the Board reviewed proposed spending and funding plans supporting strategic goals to maximize available resources and approved the request for FY 2015 state appropriations. The requested 4% increase for General University operating support allows for inflation as projected by the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) and advocates for a second year of no increase in tuition for undergraduate resident students. If this request is successful, it would be the first time since 1975 that tuition rates did not change for three years.

The Board of Regents is committed to working with the State to secure the requested additional appropriations. Based on funding actions of the legislature, tuition rates may be adjusted subsequent to the 2014 legislative session.

The universities are proposing increases as follows for nonresident undergraduate tuition: SUI – 1.8%; ISU – 1.74%; UNI – 2.5%. Other tuition for specific colleges or programs are outlined in Agenda Item #6. The Board will take official action on tuition and fees at its meeting in December. In accordance with the Iowa Code, student leaders have been notified of the tuition and fees proposal. Student leaders have been invited to discuss the proposal with the Board at the October meeting.

- The Board will receive bids for \$27.5 million in Utility System Revenue Bonds. The proceeds from the sale will be used to partially fund the stoker boiler project at ISU.
- The Board will hear a report on the state's federal relations activities from the Director of Federal Relations at the University of Iowa and the Director of State-Federal Relations for the State of Iowa.

If we can provide additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely,



Bruce L. Rastetter

cc: Lt. Governor Kimberly Reynolds
Members of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa