As we near the end of the academic year at the University of Iowa, Iowa State University and the University of Northern Iowa, the Board of Regents and the Deloitte team would once again like to express their thanks to all members of the university communities for their important contributions to the Board’s efficiency review. Looking back on the Phase 1 TIER project, now in week 8, the individual and collective efforts of all university participants have proven highly successful in getting this comprehensive study off the ground and moving forward in accordance with a demanding project schedule.

As Deloitte continues its work over the summer months, its analysis of academic areas will slow down. The focus of Deloitte’s summer work will instead be the administrative analysis scheduled for Phase 2. In the fall, with the return of faculty, students and staff to campus, Deloitte’s academic review will become a greater priority to ensure the appropriate level of faculty engagement in the TIER review. As stated by Regent Larry McKibben, this will ensure “that all of our stakeholders, and our faculty, are heavily involved and deeply involved in the process.”

Deloitte is interested in continued input from the university communities and the public over the summer months. All are encouraged to continue to submit comments on the TIER websites of the Board and the universities, all of which can be accessed from the Board’s web site, www.regents.iowa.gov.

In the remaining two weeks of the Phase 1 TIER project, Deloitte will continue its follow-up visits to the campuses through the week of May 12 to meet with the university presidents, other campus representatives and Sounding Board groups. In addition, the Deloitte team will continue its analysis of the university data and interview responses to identify potential opportunities for additional review.

Please visit the following web sites for additional information on the TIER study:

- Board of Regents – www.regents.iowa.gov
- University of Iowa – www.uiowa.edu
- Iowa State University – www.iastate.edu
- University of Northern – www.uni.edu

The next TIER update will be available next Wednesday, May 14. Please check the TIER site every Wednesday for project updates.