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Regents Transparency Task Force Fact Sheet

Background and Charge of Task Force

In February 2013, the Board of Regents approved the formation of a Transparency Task Force. At the March 2013 meeting, the Board approved the membership and charge of the Task Force.

The charge of the Task Force is twofold:

- Recommend best practices for responding to public information requests.
- Recommend best practices for additional access to public information of interest to Iowans.

Additional background information is located on the Board of Regents web site at: http://www.regents.iowa.gov/TransparencyTaskForce/information.htm

Task Force Members

A contact list for the nine members of Task Force can be found here: http://www.regents.iowa.gov/TransparencyTaskForce/members.htm

April 5, 2013 Meeting

The first meeting of the Task Force was held on Friday, April 5, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the John & Mary Pappajohn Education Center, 1200 Grand Avenue, Room 328, Des Moines, Iowa.

The April 5 agenda, agenda materials and audio of the meeting can be found here: http://www.regents.iowa.gov/TransparencyTaskForce/ttf.htm

April 17, April 30, May 2, and May 7 Public Hearings

The Transparency Task Force held public hearings in the Des Moines area, Iowa City, Council Bluffs and Dubuque. Individuals were invited to participate from a total of 38 Iowa Communications Network (ICN) sites located across the state. A total of 31 Iowans testified at the hearings. The audio of each public hearing and a list of the ICN sites that were available for each public hearing can be found here:

http://www.regents.iowa.gov/TransparencyTaskForce/meetings.htm

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May 10, 2013 Meeting

The second meeting of the Task Force was held on Friday, May 10, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the John & Mary Pappajohn Education Center, 1200 Grand Avenue, Room 328, Des Moines, Iowa.

The May 10 agenda and audio of the meeting can be found here: http://www.regents.iowa.gov/TransparencyTaskForce/ttf.htm

Written Comments

As of June 9, 2013, the Transparency Task Force received 140 written comments.

The written comments can be found here: http://www.regents.iowa.gov/TransparencyTaskForce/publiccomments.htm

June 19, 2013 Meeting

The third meeting of the Task Force will be Wednesday, June 19, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the John & Mary Pappajohn Education Center, 1200 Grand Avenue, Room 328, Des Moines, Iowa.

The Task Force is expected to spend the June 19 meeting time discussing and formulating recommendations based upon the testimony and public comment received. The June 19 agenda can be found here: http://www.regents.iowa.gov/TransparencyTaskForce/meetings.htm

An audio recording of the meeting will be posted on the Board of Regents web site shortly after the meeting.