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**REQUEST TO RECONSIDER CLOSURE OF THE LABOR CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY
OF IOWA**

Actions Requested: Consider approval of the request to reconsider closure of the Labor Center at the University of Iowa.

Background:

In November 2018, the Board of Regents approved the University of Iowa's request to close the Labor Center as part of a plan to redirect general education funds to core teaching activities of the institution. The closure was set to take effect on June 30, 2019.

Since that time, university administrators have worked closely with Labor Center staff to identify alternative funding and management mechanisms that would enable it to sustain operations. The Labor Center's administrative home is with the College of Law. The dean of the College of Law has reached an agreement with the director regarding responsibility for generating operating revenues. This agreement is supported by the president of the university.