UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA REQUEST TO RAZE ONE BUILDING

**Action Requested:** Recommend the Board approve the demolition of a house located on the east side of campus at 2616 College Street in Cedar Falls. The $50,000 demolition cost would be funded from Treasurer’s Temporary Investment Income.

- *Iowa Code §262.9 (8)* authorizes the Regents to acquire real estate for the proper uses of the institutions and dispose of real estate, when not necessary for their purposes.

- Board *Policy Manual* Chapter 2.3 section 2D requires Board approval for the disposal of buildings with an estimated fair market value more than $25,000.

**Executive Summary:** In November 2019, UNI received Board approval to purchase this property, which includes one half acre of land and a 5,500 square foot house. Retaining the house would require the University to spend substantial funds to make the house ADA accessible and eliminate considerable amounts of deferred maintenance. In addition, the house does not serve a purpose for UNI.

Razing this facility, includes abating hazardous materials and removing the house, basement, foundation, parking and all utilities, followed by filling in any voids. The site would be graded, seeded for grass and returned to a green space. The University feels that removing this building would enhance UNI’s appearance and the experience for those visiting our campus.