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**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3-4, 2021 BOARD MEETING**

**SLIFE BALLROOM  
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA  
CEDAR FALLS, IOWA**

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>November 3, 2021</b>	<b>November 4, 2021</b>
Michael Richards, President	Present	Present
Sherry Bates, President Pro Tem	Present	Present
David Barker	Present	Present
Abby Crow	Present	Present
Nancy Boettger	Present	Present
Milt Dakovich	Present	Present
Nancy Dunkel	Present	Present
Jim Lindenmayer	Present	Present
Greta Rouse	Present	Present

**Board Office**

Brock Ascher, Mark Braun, Mary Braun, Kristin Bauer, Brad Berg, Rachel Boon, Aimee Claeys, Laura Dickson, Jennifer Harbison, Carolann Jensen, Debra Johnston, Josh Lehman, John Nash, Jason Pontius

**SUI**

Barbara Wilson  
Rod Lehnertz  
Kevin Kregel  
J. Brooks Jackson  
Suresh Gunesekaran  
Mark Henrichs

**ISU**

Wendy Wintersteen  
Pam Cain  
Jonathan Wickert

**UNI**

José Herrera  
Michael Hager  
Alicia Rosburg

**ISD**

Steve Gettel

The corresponding memorandum for each agenda item, an integral component of the minutes, is available on the Board of Regents website: <http://www.iowaregents.edu>. Copies of these memoranda can also be obtained from the Board Office by calling 515-281-3934. Audio of the meeting is also available on the website.

**November 3, 2021**

*The Academic Affairs Committee met at 10:30 a.m.  
The Property and Facilities Committee met at 11:30 a.m.  
The Campus and Student Affairs Committee met at 1 p.m.  
The Free Speech Committee Met at 2 p.m.  
The Investment and Finance Committee met at 2:42 p.m.*

**Call to Order for November 3, 2021**

President Richards called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

	Barker	Bates	Boettger	Crow	Dakovich	Dunkel	Lindenmayer	Richards	Rouse
Present	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Absent									

*The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee met at 3:46 p.m.  
The Audit and Compliance Committee met at 4:25 p.m.*

**Public Comment**

President Richards noted that public comment on issues that come before the Board is an important part of the Board's deliberations and welcomed the following presenters:

- Andrea Wheeler, president of the ISU faculty senate, spoke on faculty voice
- Jon Perkins, ISU faculty senate president-elect, spoke on shared governance

**Adjourn**

President Richards adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

**November 4, 2021**

**Call to Order for November 4, 2021**

President Richards called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

**Roll Call:**

	Barker	Bates	Boettger	Crow	Dakovich	Dunkel	Lindenmayer	Richards	Rouse
Present	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Absent									

**Consent Agenda**

- ✓ MOVED by BARKER to remove sections of ITEM E pertaining to the University of Northern Iowa's request to raze two buildings from the CONSENT AGENDA for a separate vote.

MOTION APPROVED BY GENERAL CONSENT

- ✓ MOVED by ROUSE, SECONDED by LINDENMAYER, to approve and receive the following CONSENT AGENDA items:
  - a) Minutes of September 15-16, 2021 Meeting
  - b) Minutes of September 7, 2021 Meeting
  - c) Meeting of November 3, 2021 Free Speech Committee
  - d) Meeting of November 3, 2021 Campus and Student Affairs Committee
  - e) Meeting of November 3, 2021 Property and Facilities Committee (bulleted items 1-4 and 6)
  - f) Meeting of November 3, 2021 Investment and Finance Committee
  - g) Meeting of November 3, 2021 Academic Affairs Committee
  - h) Meeting of November 3, 2021 Audit and Compliance Committee
  - i) Personnel Appointments
  - j) Interagency Cooperative Purchasing Plan Annual Report
  - k) Request for Professional Development Assignments, FY 2023
  - l) UIHC Reimbursement Resolution
  - m) ISU Parameters Resolutions
  - n) Board Policy Manual Revisions
  - o) Request to Award an Honorary Degree at Iowa State University

	Barker	Bates	Boettger	Crow	Dakovich	Dunkel	Lindenmayer	Richards	Rouse
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nay									

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

- ✓ MOVED by BARKER, SECONDED by ROUSE, to TABLE bulleted item 5 of ITEM E pertaining to UNI's request to raze two buildings from the CONSENT AGENDA. AMENDED by LINDENMAYER, without objection, to include an analysis of UNI's space utilization delivered to the Board prior to a vote.

	Barker	Bates	Boettger	Crow	Dakovich	Dunkel	Lindenmayer	Richards	Rouse
Aye	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x
Nay					x				

MOTION, AS AMENDED, APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

**Board President Report**

President Richards read a statement:

*The Regents Advisory group was established in 2020. In Feb 2021 they had a number of recommendations for the Board staff and the universities. One of those recommendations involved forming partnerships to track graduates and analyze employment and earnings outcomes.*

*We entered into a data sharing partnership with the US Census Bureau. We recently received data from that partnership and it is now public. There is a lot of information there, and I have charged the Board Office to do a deep dive into the data and deliver a full public presentation on the information at our February 2022 meeting. My initial review makes me confident in the continuing value of an education at our Regent universities. We look forward to receiving the full report after we have a chance to drill down into the data.*

*Superintendent Gettel, informed the Board last week of his intention to retire on June 30, 2022.*

*Steve is a dedicated, compassionate, outstanding superintendent. His passion and advocacy for his students has been shown time and time again. No one is a stronger advocate and cheerleader for the educational services that Iowa School for the Deaf and Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired provide than Steve. He has helped continue to move things forward and when he retires, he can do so knowing he has made education for his students better.*

*Steve worked in Iowa for seven years. But you should also know that he has dedicated his life to this occupation – when Steve retires, it will conclude a nearly 40 year career of teaching, working, and running schools for the deaf and visually impaired. That is remarkable. The positive impact that he has had on those students and their families is immeasurable.*

*On a personal note, I have enjoyed getting to know Steve over the past seven years. He is warm and kind-hearted, and I know while retirement was a difficult decision, it is one the board fully supports and wish him well. He is an outstanding administrator, and has done a great job, and we will miss him.*

*Steve will continue in his current role through this year. We will also have more information to come later on the leadership transition.*

*Today as we formally accept his retirement at the end of the fiscal year, on behalf of the Board, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Steve – for your years of service to Iowans and the deaf and blind students you have served -- “Thank You!”*

*Please join me in a round of applause to congratulate Steve.*

- ✓ MOVED by DAKOVICH, SECONDED by BATES, to accept the retirement of Steve Gettel, Superintendent of the Iowa School for the Deaf and the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School, effective June 30, 2022.

	Barker	Bates	Boettger	Crow	Dakovich	Dunkel	Lindenmayer	Richards	Rouse
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nay									

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

**Reports from Institutional Heads**

Provost Herrera, President Wilson, President Wintersteen, and Superintendent Gettel presented updates on their respective institutions.

**Fall 2021 Enrollment Report**

President Richards recognized Board Associate Chief Academic Officer Jason Pontius who presented the Fall 2021 Enrollment Report to the Board. Pontius noted that enrollment has declined for the fifth-straight year, including by 2.5 percent this year. Similar drops are being noted nationwide.

**Faculty Presentation**

President Richards recognized Joe Bolick, director of the Iowa Waste Reduction Center; Dave Morgan, founder of Singlespeed Brewing Co. and Alicia Rosburg, UNI associate professor of economics, who presented Green Beer All Year - Sustainable Development in the Iowa Craft Brewing Industry.

**Economic Development and Technology Transfer Report**

President Richards recognized Board State Relations Officer Mary Braun who introduced Debi Durham, Director of the Iowa Economic Development Authority and Iowa Finance Authority; Gage Kent, Chief Executive Officer of Kent Corporation, Chair of the Iowa Business Council's Business Education Alliance subgroup, and Chair of ISU's Ivy College of Business Advisory Council; Kent Corporation also has space at the ISU Research Park and Joe Murphy, Executive Director of the Iowa Business Council. The panel offered first-hand expertise on what the Board's research and economic assistance efforts provide to the state of Iowa.

**COVID-19 Exemption and Accommodation**

- ✓ MOVED by BARKER, SECONDED by DAKOVICH to authorize the President of the Board of Regents to direct the Regent institutions to take action deemed necessary by the President to comply with the requirements of Federal Executive Order 14042, and any other applicable state or Federal law, regulation, regulatory guidance, or contract requirement

regarding mask, physical distancing, and vaccination requirements to prevent or mitigate COVID-19. Any action taken by the President in accordance with this authorization shall be effective immediately on an interim basis, subject to ratification by the Board of Regents at the next regularly scheduled meeting; and approve, as a first and final reading, new Board Policy Manual Chapter 4.16 – COVID-19 Exemption and Accommodation.

	Barker	Bates	Boettger	Crow	Dakovich	Dunkel	Lindenmayer	Richards	Rouse
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Absent							x		

**Closed Session**

- ✓ MOVED by BOETTGER, SECONDED by DUNKEL to enter closed session in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.5.1.c, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent and premature disclosure would likely prejudice or disadvantage the position of the Board.

	Barker	Bates	Boettger	Crow	Dakovich	Dunkel	Lindenmayer	Richards	Rouse
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Absent							x		

*The Board convened in closed session at 12:53 p.m.*

*The Board reconvened in open session at 1:50 p.m.*

**Adjourn**

President Richards adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.