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MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6-7, 2024 BOARD MEETING

MAUCKER UNION
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA
CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

Board Members	November 6, 2024	November 7, 2024
Sherry Bates, President	Present	Present
Greta Rouse, President Pro Tem	Present	Present
David Barker	Present	Present
Robert Cramer	Present	Present
Nancy Dunkel	Present	Present
Christine Hensley	Present	Present
Jim Lindenmayer	Present	Present
JC Risewick	Present	Present

Board Office

Brock Ascher, Mark Braun, Kristin Bauer, Brad Berg, Rachel Boon, Jillian Carlson, Aimee Claeys, Stephanie Griffin, Carolann Jensen, Josh Lehman, John Nash, Jason Pontius, Chad Sharp

SUI

Barbara Wilson
Rod Lehnertz
Kevin Kregel
Denise Jamieson
Bradley Haws
Mark Henrichs

ISU

Wendy Wintersteen
Sean Reeder
Jason Keith

UNI

Mark Nook
Michael Hager
José Herrera

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. Video of the meeting is also available on the website.

November 6, 2024

The Property and Facilities Committee met at 10:30 a.m.

The Governance, Evaluation and Human Resources Committee met at 11:04 a.m.

The Free Speech and Student Affairs Committee met at 11:07 a.m.

The Academic Affairs Committee met at 1:04 p.m.

The Investment and Finance Committee met at 2:05 p.m.

Call to Order for November 6, 2024

President Bates called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Roll Call:

	Barker	Bates	Cramer	Dunkel	Hensley	Lindenmayer	Risewick	Rouse
Present	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Absent								

The UI Health Care Committee met at 3:15 p.m.

The Audit and Compliance Committee met at 3:49 p.m.

Faculty Presentation

President Bates recognized UNI Provost José Herrera, who introduced Assistant Professor of Instruction and Director of Internships in the UNI Department of Communication and Media Nichole Zumbach Harken. Dr. Harken presented “Providing Practical and Ethical Exit Experiences and Care to Graduating Students” to the Regents.

Adjourn

President Bates adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

November 7, 2024

Call to Order for November 7, 2024

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

Roll Call:

	Barker	Bates	Cramer	Dunkel	Hensley	Lindenmayer	Risewick	Rouse
Present	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Absent								

Consent Agenda

- ✓ MOVED by HENSLEY, SECONDED by ROUSE, to approve and receive the following CONSENT AGENDA items:
 - a) Minutes of September 18-19, 2024 Meeting
 - b) Minutes of October 8, 2024 Special Meeting
 - c) Meeting of November 6, 2024 Property and Facilities Committee
 - d) Meeting of November 6, 2024 Free Speech and Student Affairs Committee
 - e) Meeting of November 6, 2024 Governance, Evaluation, and Human Resources Committee
 - f) Meeting of November 6, 2024 Investment and Finance Committee
 - g) Meeting of November 6, 2024 Academic Affairs Committee
 - h) Meeting of November 6, 2024 Audit and Compliance Committee
 - i) Meeting of November 6, 2024 University of Iowa Health Care Committee
 - j) Interagency Cooperative Purchasing Plan Annual Report
 - k) Request for Professional Development Assignments, FY 2026
 - l) University Strategic Plan Annual Updates

Regent Hensley abstained from voting on ITEM A as she was not present for that meeting.

	Barker	Bates	Cramer	Dunkel	Hensley	Lindenmayer	Risewick	Rouse
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nay								

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

Reports from University Presidents

Presidents Nook, Wintersteen and Wilson presented updates on their respective universities.

Board President Report

President Bates read a statement:

Next, the Board will receive an update on the progress of the universities towards compliance with Senate File 2435, which has been established in Iowa Code 261J, regarding Diversity, Equity and Inclusion programming and activities at our institutions.

At the September Board meeting, I said we would complete our work by the end of the calendar year. The Board’s review of the universities for compliance is complete. As you can see from the report, the universities have completed most of their work. There are

some university efforts currently underway that may spill over into next year, and we ensure they will be completed as soon as possible.

This review will not be static. We are directing each university to establish a process for continual review of current and new programming. All of us need to examine what we are doing to ensure that we are compliant with the law in everything we do.

As a Board, our role is governance of this process, which we take seriously. We will continue to ensure that the universities are monitoring and evaluating their activities and programming to ensure ongoing compliance with 261J.

Let me be clear: This statute has been adopted by the state and we will follow the law.

I look forward to hearing the formal presentation and hearing any comments or feedback that my fellow Board members have.

DEI Updates

President Bates recognized Board of Regents Office staff members who offered updates on university progress toward compliance with Senate File 2435 and Iowa Code Chapter 261J.

Annual Fall Enrollment Report

President Bates recognized Board Associate Chief Academic Officer Jason Pontius, who presented the Fall 2024 Enrollment Report. Pontius reported that total enrollment at Iowa’s public universities increased by 1,251 students, or 1.8%, from Fall 2023.

Economic Development and Technology Transfer Report

President Bates recognized Board Senior Communication Director Josh Lehman, who introduced representatives from the three universities to present the annual Economic Development and Technology Transfer Report. UI Chief Innovation Officer Jon Darsee, ISU Raisbeck Endowed Dean of the Ivy College of Business David Spalding, and UNI Director of Business and Community Services Randy Pilkington presented updates on their respective universities.

Closed Session

- ✓ MOVED by DUNKEL, SECONDED by CRAMER, 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	Cramer	Dunkel	Hensley	Lindenmayer	Risewick	Rouse
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nay								

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

*The Board convened in closed session at 11:46 a.m.
The Board reconvened in open session at 12:20 p.m.*

Adjourn

President Bates adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.