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**UPDATE ON UNIVERSITY OF IOWA TORNADO AND STORM DAMAGE**

**Action Requested:** Consider recommending that the Board receive the University of Iowa's report on the damage incurred from the tornados and storms of April 13, 2006.

**Executive Summary:** On the evening of April 13, 2006, severe weather, including tornados and storms, hit the Iowa City area. The University of Iowa has provided the following report on the damage and the University's response; an oral update will be provided at the Board meeting.

**UNIVERSITY OF IOWA REPORT**

On Thursday, April 13, powerful storms produced as many as 7 tornados in Johnson County. Major damage occurred in Iowa City, particularly east of the downtown/UI Pentacrest area. Given the strength of the storms, the University campus and facilities escaped with relatively little damage. One University building, the UI motor pool headquarters, sustained major damage and has been demolished. The CAMBUS garage, adjacent to the motor pool building, also sustained damage. One mini-bus was demolished and 3 standard-sized buses were damaged. The bulk of the UI campus reported only minor damage, primarily broken windows and downed trees.

The day following the storm, representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the University's insurance carrier, FM Global, toured campus with UI representatives to make an initial damage assessment. Notwithstanding the relatively minor damage to major facilities, the initial estimate of storm damage was \$5.9 million. This figure was exclusive of damage to UI automobiles and trucks, some of which were damaged by hail. However, this initial estimate did include a \$3.4 million allowance for hail and wind damage to roofs. Damage estimates will be refined by the insurance carrier's adjusters in the days and weeks ahead.

The University has a casualty loss policy with FM Global that carries a \$2 million deductible. Coverage for motor vehicles is through a Regents-wide self insurance pool that includes all five Regent institutions.

In response to the tornado and storm damage, the University cancelled Friday classes; however, most parts of the University were open for business as usual. Classes resumed on Saturday. A temporary shelter was established in the Iowa Memorial Union to assist students displaced by the storms. The shelter was empty the Sunday following the storm and has been closed. University Counseling Service is prepared to provide additional services in the coming weeks. The Provost has communicated with students and faculty to outline academic options available to students impacted directly by the storm. The decision regarding a student's plan for completion of all or part of his/her coursework is to be jointly determined by the student and the instructor.

The University has also established a web site to provide the University community and public with current information on the storm's aftermath and University response. The link can be found at: <http://www.uiowa.edu/%7Eournews/tornado/index.html>