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RESIDENCE SYSTEM PROPOSED RATE
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY - WILSON HALL

Action Requested: Consider approval of the proposed room rate of \$4,500 for Wilson Hall at Iowa State University for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Executive Summary: The Board of Regents is required by Iowa Code §262.9(18) to take action no sooner than 30 days after notification of any proposed increase to presiding officers of each student government organization at each university. Iowa State's student government leaders were notified of the proposed rate for Wilson Hall on April 28, 2009.

Current admissions and acceptance rates forecast an increase of approximately 150 New Direct from High School (NDHS) students when compared to previous projections. The projected increase is largely comprised of traditional-age international undergraduate students. The ISU Residence System typically houses approximately 90% of this group of students.

Past practice has been to house NDHS students in Richardson Court or Union Drive (on the core campus) to enhance return rates and promote academic achievement. History has shown that freshmen living in these areas have stronger retention rates and higher grade point averages when compared to freshmen students living farther away from the core campus. The proposed rate is expected to draw upper class students out of Richardson Court and Union Drive to create capacity for the traditional age freshmen in these core campus areas. The Board previously approved the same rate of \$4,500 for Wallace Hall (sister hall to Wilson) at the April meeting.