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PRESENTATION FOR TUITION TASK FORCE

Action Requested: Information only.

Executive Summary: The Tuition Task Force will kick off with a brief discussion of the objectives and plans for meetings. The tentative time line for the task force will be from the June 2017 Board meeting to the September 2017 Board meeting. All meetings will be public. The Tuition Task Force will report its findings at the September 2017 Board Meeting.

A national expert on the economics of higher education, including tuition, state appropriations, and student demand, will provide a summary of the key issues for Task Force consideration.

Tuition Task Force Membership

Regent McKibben (Chair)
Regent Dakovich (Vice Chair)
Regent Bates
Regent Boettger

Proposed Stakeholder Meetings and Proposed Participants:

Universities – each university presents a 5-year model for tuition, student leadership perspective on tuition

State appropriations – legislative leadership or their designees, Legislative Services Agency, Department of Management, Governor or designee

Iowa Employment Landscape – Iowa Association of Business and Industry, Iowa Department of Workforce Development, Iowa Department of Economic Development

Listening Sessions – Members of the task force will schedule a listening session at UNI, ISU and SUI to receive input/comments from students, parents, and the public (the Board will also establish a public comment form on its webpage)

Presenter Bio:

Professor Robert Toutkoushian in Professor of Higher Education in the Institute for Higher Education at the University of Georgia. He was previously faculty in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at Indiana University. Dr. Toutkoushian specializes in the application of economic theories and quantitative methods to problems in higher education. He has a Ph.D. in economics from Indiana University, and prior to joining the faculty at Indiana University, he worked as a research analyst at the University of Minnesota, and as

executive director of the Office of Policy Analysis at the University System of New Hampshire. Professor Toutkoushian has published nearly thirty studies in peer-reviewed journals on topics including faculty compensation, student demand for higher education, finance, and policy analysis. He is currently involved in an analysis of educator pension plans, a study of the alternatives states can use to financially support higher education, and the writing of a book on the economics and finance of higher education. He is editor of the journal *Research in Higher Education* and associate editor for the series *Higher Education: Handbook of Theory and Research*.