MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2019, BOARD MEETING

LEVITT CENTER
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY, IOWA

Board Members
Michael Richards, President Present
Patty Cownie, President Pro Tem Present via Phone
Sherry Bates Present
Nancy Boettger Present
Milt Dakovich Present
Nancy Dunkel Present
Rachael Johnson Present
Jim Lindenmayer Present
Larry McKibben Present

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Board Office
Brock Ascher, Brad Berg, Rachel Boon, Mark Braun, Aimee Claeys, Laura Dickson, Josh Lehman, John Nash, Jason Pontius, Patrice Sayre

SUI ISU UNI ISD/IESBVI
Bruce Harrelde Wendy Wintersteen Mark Nook Steve Gettel
Sue Curry Jonathan Wickert Jim Wohlpart
Rod Lehnertz Pam Cain Michael Hager
Brooks Jackson Peter Martin J.C. Last
Suresh Gunasekaran Amy Ward
Mark Henrichs
Brad Haws
Sandra Daack-Hirsch

Guests
Damien Blair, Regents Inter-Institutional Supervisory and Confidential Advisory Council

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*The Property and Facilities Committee met at 10 a.m.*
*The Academic Affairs Committee met at 10:10 a.m.*

**Call to Order for April 18, 2019**
President Richards called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

**Roll Call:**

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*The Audit and Compliance Committee met at 11:17 a.m.*
*The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee met at 11:35 a.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:

- Claire Miller, student, speaking on resources availability to students with disabilities
- Karina Foster-Middleton, student, speaking on resources availability to students with disabilities
- Kathy Glasson, President of SEIU Local 199, speaking on labor relations
- Elena Carter, lecturer at the UI, speaking on medical leave policies at the UI
- Zachary Meyer, UI faculty member, speaking on medical leave policies at the UI
- Landon Elkind, UI faculty member, speaking on medical leave policies at the UI
- Andrew Lewis, UI faculty member, speaking on UI faculty issues
- Zachary Rochester, student, speaking on UI faculty issues
- Sara Castro, student, speaking on tuition costs

The Board received the comments by GENERAL CONSENT.

*The Board recessed at 2:05 p.m.*
*The Board returned from recess at 3:22 p.m.*

**Consent Agenda**
Regent Bates requested the removal of Item I - SUI Stead Family Children’s Hospital Revised Budget - from the consent agenda for further discussion.

☑ **MOVED by BATES, SECONDED by JOHNSON, to approve and receive the following CONSENT AGENDA items:**
   a. Minutes of February 27-28, 2019 Board Meeting
   b. Meeting of February 27, 2019 Property and Facilities Committee
   c. Meeting of April 18, 2019 Property and Facilities Committee
   d. Meeting of February 27, 2019 Academic Affairs Committee
   e. Meeting of April 18, 2019 University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee
   f. Board Policy Manual Revisions - Chapter 2.3
   g. Personnel Appointments
h. Awarding an Honorary Doctor of Science Degree
i. Annual Report on Competition with Private Enterprise
j. Approval of University Parking for FY 2020
k. Proposed Residence System Rates for 2019-20 Academic Year
m. ISU: Storycomm 28E Agreement Update
n. Board Policy Manual Revisions - Chapter 4.2

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MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

✓ MOVED by MCKIBBEN, SECONDED by BATES, to remove and discuss the following CONSENT AGENDA item:
   i. SUI Stead Family Children’s Hospital Revised Budget

University of Iowa President Bruce Harreld discussed the need to increase the UIHC Stead Family Children’s Hospital budget, citing outstanding payments to contractors. Harreld noted that “as-built” documents had not yet been delivered to the University from Modern Piping and that the Board should not authorize further payments to Modern Piping until the “as-built” documents are delivered. Regents McKibben, Bates and Dunkel offered comments affirming this position.

✓ MOVED by BATES, SECONDED by MCKIBBEN, to Approve the Stead Family Children’s Hospital’s revised project budget of $392,700,000, an increase of $32,500,000, plus any additional interest that may accrue.

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Board President’s Report
President Richards read the following statement:

Let me take a few moments to address tuition rates.

In November, we unveiled a new multi-year tuition model for resident undergraduate students. One of the keys behind our new model was predictability for students. Part of that predictability was insisting that this Board was firm in its belief that tuition rates would be set one time. We are not interested in setting tuition rates, and then having to adjust them later. We will set tuition rates only once.

As I have said previously, we believe that we must look at total resources our universities need. In September, we made a state appropriation request of $18 million for next year for our public universities. The tuition rates that we will set are based on cooperation with the state. To recap our plan:
For the University of Iowa and Iowa State University, the Board has set guardrails on tuition.

If the state fully funds the appropriations request, the 2019-20 base resident undergraduate tuition rate will increase three percent.

If the state provides no additional funding, the base resident undergraduate rate increase will be three percent plus the projected Higher Education Price Index (HEPI), which is estimated at two percent.

If the state partially funds the appropriation request, the base resident undergraduate rate will be somewhere within that defined range of three to five percent.

For the University of Northern Iowa, if the state fully funds the appropriations request, resident undergraduate tuition would not increase for 2019-20.

So, we will resident undergraduate tuition rates once we know what resources the state will be providing. We are working with the legislature and governor’s office on appropriations, and they are negotiating right now to come to an agreement. There will be budget clarity in the very near future.

Our plan was to hold a first reading of tuition at this meeting. Unfortunately, we do not yet have enough information about what our state appropriation will be. We will call a special meeting as soon as possible – either late April or early May – to hold a first reading of 2019-20 tuition rates, with approval of tuition rates at the June regularly scheduled meeting. The final approval date for tuition rates has not changed.

I recognize this delay in a first reading of tuition rates is frustrating for students and their families. However, we will only move forward with tuition rates after we know what the state will provide to us.

Thank you.

Presentations by Non-Represented Faculty and Staff on FY 2020 Salary Issues
Board Counsel Aimee Claeys introduced Sandra Daack-Hirsch, VP of the UI Faculty Senate; Michael Hesseltine, president of the UI Staff Council; Peter Martin, ISU Faculty Senate president; Amy Ward, president of the ISU Professional and Scientific Staff Council; J.C. Last, President of the UNI Professional and Scientific Council; and Damien Blair on behalf of the Regents Inter-institutional Supervisory and Confidential Advisory Council. These representatives presented on FY 2020 salary issues.

The Board received the presentations by GENERAL CONSENT.

Admissions and Regents Admission Index Presentation
Board Associate Chief Academic Officer Jason Pontius presented on admissions practices across the Regents Enterprise, including the Regents Admission Index.
Regent Bates asked how home schooled students meet admissions standards. Pontius noted that the universities perform a holistic review on students who are home schooled.

The Board received the presentation by GENERAL CONSENT.

**Iowa Lakeside Laboratory Presentation**

Dr. Mary Skopec, executive director of the Iowa Lakeside Laboratory, presented on the activities happening at the lab.

The Board received the presentation by GENERAL CONSENT

**Regents Farewell**

President Richards stated the following: Anyone who has served on this Board knows that it is more than a full time job and a huge responsibility. We volunteer our time and we are happy to do it. The honor of providing oversight and protecting the quality of education at our public universities is one that each board member takes seriously. While it is a great time commitment, it is a very gratifying post to hold. Each of our three Regents that we are saluting today have served with honor and distinction.

President Richards requested the following resolutions be entered into the record:

WHEREAS, Dr. Subhash Sahai was appointed to the Board of Regents by Governor Branstad with his term beginning May 1, 2013, and he resigned from the Board on June 8, 2018.

WHEREAS, he served as Vice Chair of the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, the Board considered many significant public policy issues, and approved hundreds of millions of dollars in capital projects across the Regent enterprise; and

WHEREAS, while he was on the Board, access and affordability of Iowa’s Public Universities for all students, especially for Iowans, were emphasized. Significant progress continues to be made in terms of graduation rates, online distance education and research funding; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Board, the Transparent, Inclusive Efficiency Review (TIER) process was implemented, resulting in millions of dollars of savings across the Regent enterprise; and

WHEREAS, during his time at a Regent, numerous searches for institutional heads were conducted with the searches culminating in the selections of exceptional individuals to lead the institutions; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents, State of Iowa, expresses its deep gratitude to Regent Sahai for his expertise and dedication, and publicly acknowledges him for his extraordinary service and contributions to the Board of Regents, its institutions, students, families, and all Iowans.
WHEREAS, Larry McKibben was appointed to the Board of Regents by Governor Branstad for a term beginning May 1, 2013, and his term will end on April 30, 2019.

WHEREAS, he has served as Chair of the Board of Regents Investment and Finance and University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committees, and Vice Chair of the Audit and Compliance and Property and Facilities Committees; and

WHEREAS, he led the Board’s Transparent, Inclusive Efficiency Review (TIER) process, which provided an independent review of the academic and administrative expenses across Iowa’s three public universities as well as the Regent system as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the TIER process has led to strong and increased collaboration between the public universities, which has led to greater efficiencies and reallocations within the Regent enterprise, with processes in place that will lead to savings for years to come; and

WHEREAS, he served as Chair of the Board’s Tuition Task Force in 2017, which involved multiple public meetings to discuss tuition and funding at the public universities, leading to the Board implementing a new, predictable five-year tuition model for resident undergraduate students; and

WHEREAS during his tenure as a Regent, access and affordability of Iowa’s Public Universities for all students, especially for Iowans, were emphasized; and

WHEREAS, during his time on the Board, exceptional leaders at all three public universities, the special schools, and the Board of Regents office were hired;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents, State of Iowa, expresses its deep gratitude to Regent McKibben for his expertise and dedication, and publicly acknowledges him for his extraordinary service and contributions to the Board of Regents, its institutions, students, families, and all Iowans.

Regent McKibben expressed gratitude for being able to serve the Regents Enterprise for six years.

WHEREAS, Rachael Johnson was appointed to the Board of Regents by Governor Branstad for a term beginning May 1, 2015, with her resignation effective April 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Regent Johnson graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Northern Iowa with a bachelor’s degree in elementary and middle school education in May 2018; and

WHEREAS, in April of 2017, she was honored with the prestigious Truman Scholarship, awarded annually by the Harry S. Truman Foundation in support of its mission to select and support the next generation of public service leaders; and

WHEREAS, she helped found and served as chair of the Board of Regents’ Campus and Student Affairs Committee, which focuses on student safety and development, as well as serving as Vice Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee; and
WHEREAS, she served on the Board during the successful searches for all three university presidents, and a new executive director of the Board, including serving on the search committee for the search for the president of UNI; and

WHEREAS during her tenure, the Board considered many significant public policy issues including the development of the Board’s five-year predictable tuition model, and approved hundreds of millions of dollars in capital projects across the Regent enterprise; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure on the Board, the Transparent, Inclusive Efficiency Review (TIER) process was implemented, resulting in millions of dollars of savings across the Regent enterprise;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents, State of Iowa, expresses its deep gratitude to Regent Johnson for her expertise and dedication, and publicly acknowledges her extraordinary service and contributions to the Board of Regents, its institutions, students, families, and all Iowans.

Regent Johnson noted how life-changing her time on the Board and expressed gratitude to the Board.

Adjourn
President Richards welcomed David Barker, who was in attendance and will formally join the Board on May 1, 2019. President Richards adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.