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REINSTATEMENT OF PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Action Requested: Consider:

1. Reinstating the Property and Facilities Committee as a standing committee of the Board.
2. Approval of Milt Dakovich as Committee chair and delegate to him the authority to appoint other Committee members as appropriate.

Executive Summary: Along with its human resources and its intellectual, financial and equipment assets, facilities are one of the primary resources of a higher education institution. Quality facilities help ensure excellent academic programs, and the ability to attract and retain faculty, staff and students.

Academic/research/administrative (general fund) facilities at the Regent institutions total approximately 18.2 million gross square feet of the total 37.3 million gross square feet of Regent enterprise facilities. Categories of other facilities include University Hospitals and Clinics, residence systems, agricultural experiment station, and self-supporting operations, including student unions, parking systems, etc. The FY 2013 replacement value of all Regent facilities is estimated at \$15.8 billion, of which \$8.2 billion is the replacement value for academic/research/administrative facilities.

Under *Iowa Code* §262.34, the Board of Regents is responsible for the construction, repairs and improvements to buildings and grounds at the Regent institutions. Board policies related to capital projects, which delegate significant responsibilities to the universities and the Board Office, are detailed in Chapter 9 of the Board's *Policy Manual*.

The purpose of reinstating the Property and Facilities Committee is to encourage an in-depth review of property and facilities matters, including those which require specific approval by the Board. The Committee is primarily responsible for items / issues as detailed on the attachment. The Committee met from late 2005 until February 2007 and has been dormant since that time. Agenda items previously considered by the Committee have been considered by the full Board since that time.

Background: The Board's *Policy Manual* (§1.05) identifies the standing committees of the Board; the purpose of the committees is to support the mission and goals of the Board. While these committees are considered to be working groups of the Board, any actions or votes taken by the Board's committees do not constitute action or approval by the full Board of Regents. The Board's President makes standing committee appointments and designates the committee chairs, subject to ratification by the Board.

Each committee, within its designated area of jurisdiction, is responsible for the following:

1. Preparing an annual committee plan that defines the scope of the committee work, establishes benchmarks, and identifies performance indicators of committee progress.
2. Gathering information on issues and policies pertinent to the committee's work, which may include directing the work and considering the reports of special and inter-institutional committees of the Board of Regents.
3. Developing short-term and long-term recommendations to the Board of Regents after thoughtful consideration of relevant issues and policies.
4. Regularly reporting to the Board of Regents regarding the status of the Committee's assignments and accomplishments.

The primary responsibilities of the Board's Property and Facilities, as currently detailed in Chapter 1 of the Board's *Policy Manual*, with proposed revisions, are as follows.

The Board's Property and Facilities Committee is primarily responsible for

- Receiving, reviewing and making recommendations to the Board regarding institutional requests for approval of:
 - The purchase and sale of property including any necessary financing.
 - The disposal, transfer and sale of buildings; and
 - Leases and easements
 - Naming of campus facilities
- Receiving, reviewing and commenting upon institutional long-range development plans for the campus in total or specific areas and master plans for specific campus enterprises, such as residence systems, student service facilities and utilities.
- Receiving and making recommendations to the Board on all institutional capital register items, ~~except for UIHC items.~~
- Receiving the Facilities Governance Report and the Institutional Roads program and special reports regarding property and facilities, including those on the status of major capital projects and annual capital plans, and Five Year Building Programs, including capital appropriations requests, ~~except for UIHC.~~
- Monitoring institutional design guidelines and space standards and developing Board standards, as appropriate.
- Evaluating the financing for construction, and operation and maintenance of capital projects.
- Examining current processes or bidding and award of construction contracts and possible alternative construction delivery systems.
- Monitoring capital issues including fire and environmental safety and deferred maintenance deficiencies and energy conservation opportunities.
- Reviewing and making recommendations regarding the duties of the Board, Board Office and institutions for capital improvement projects.
- Fostering institutional cooperation and coordination among the institutions in facilities management