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**IOWA LAKESIDE LAB ANNUAL REPORT AND FY2018 BUDGET**

**Actions Requested:** (1) Receive the Iowa Lakeside Lab Regent Resource Center Annual Report and (2) recommend approval of the FY2018 budget.

**Executive Summary:** The Iowa Lakeside Lab and Regent Resource Center (Lakeside) is owned by the state of Iowa and operated through the Iowa Board of Regents. Lakeside's 147-acre campus is located on West Okoboji Lake, on Little Miller's Bay. The summer of 2017 continued to see strong university enrollment with numbers that were similar to 2016. Challenges associated with travel by international students prevented enrollment numbers from exceeding 2016. A number of faculty and students engaged in academic research at Lakeside in 2016 and 2017, including through student research embedded in credit courses. Several of these projects are being presented at conferences or published in peer-reviewed journals.

An area of emphasis for Lakeside is creating opportunities for students to earn money during the summer months, while also participating in classes offered on campus. The "Earn to Learn" program is a cooperative effort between the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, the Okoboji Protective Association (OPA) and Lakeside. Lakeside participated in the Governor's STEM Externship program by hiring two teacher externs in the summer of 2017. Extensive community engagement opportunities are provided through Lakeside. Thousands of children, young people and adults attend Lakeside events or provide volunteer hours to meet Lakeside needs.

Finally, Lakeside launched a strategic planning process in summer 2017. The goal of the planning process will be to identify new educational and research opportunities, ensure long-term financial stability (including increased support from outside sources), enhance community engagement, and serve as a focal point for research and education by the Board of Regents universities in the Iowa Great Lakes.

The attached FY2018 budget has been viewed by the Board office and is recommended for approval.

Attached:

Appendix A-Iowa Lakeside Lab and Regent Resource Center Report to the Council of Provosts and the Iowa Board of Regents 2016-17

Appendix B-Iowa Lakeside Lab and Regent Resource Center FY2018 budget