

**Governing Iowa's public  
universities and special schools**

University of Iowa  
Iowa State University  
University of Northern Iowa  
Iowa School for the Deaf  
Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School  
Lakeside Laboratory Regents Resource Center  
Western Iowa Regents Resource Center



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November 5, 2019

The Honorable Kim Reynolds, Governor  
State of Iowa  
State Capitol Building  
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Governor Reynolds:

This letter provides information about the meeting of the Board of Regents on November 13-14 that will be held in the Slife Ballroom of the Commons at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls.

For your convenience, the meeting agenda is included after this letter. Full meeting materials are available on the Board of Regents website at the following link:

<http://www.iowaregents.edu/meetings/upcoming-meetings-and-agendas/>

Additionally, live video streaming of the meeting may be accessed via the Board's website.

Below are some specific individual items that are on the Board's agenda:

The Investment and Finance Committee will receive the FY2019 Comprehensive Fiscal Report. It contains a breakdown of general operating revenues as well as restricted funds, such as athletics, UIHC or residence systems. General operating revenues, totaling \$1.7 billion in FY 2019, are largely comprised of state appropriations (\$570.6 million) and tuition revenue (\$1.02 billion). Total FY2019 actual revenues from all funds in the Regent Enterprise total \$6.1 billion.

The Property and Facilities Committee will consider granting permission to proceed with project planning to modernize the Industrial Technology Center (ITC) at the University of Northern Iowa. Built in 1974, the ITC has not been significantly upgraded since its original construction 45 years ago. The project would demolish 12,000 square feet of the existing 64,000 square feet, renovate the entire remaining 52,000 square feet and build a 48,000 square foot addition. The estimated project budget of \$43.9 million would be funded by private giving and state appropriations. A total of \$1 million has been appropriated for FY 2021 for this project, which is why UNI is asking permission to proceed. However, it is contingent upon additional state appropriations being approved by the legislature and signed into law.

The Board will receive the 2019 Fall Enrollment Report. Fall enrollment at Iowa's public universities totaled 75,128 students, the sixth-highest enrollment in the history of the Regents system and bested only by the previous five years. This total represents a decline of 3.5 percent over one year, but remains 3.3 percent higher than totals from 10 years ago.

The Board will have many other items of business to attend to, including the Board's committee meetings on Tuesday, November 13. Below are some items each committee will consider:

- The Property and Facilities Committee, chaired by Regent Dakovich, will meet at 11:00 a.m. Among other items, the committee will consider capital improvement business transactions, which includes 14 projects across the Regent enterprise with an approximate total estimated cost of \$205.1 million. Additionally, the committee will receive requests for property purchases, a naming, and the proposed sale of the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School to the city of Vinton. The committee will also consider approving an agreement to expand the partnership between Des Moines Area Community College and the University of Northern Iowa.
- The Campus and Student Affairs committee, chaired by Regent Lindenmayer, will meet at 11:30 a.m. The committee will receive the annual Clery Act security reports from the universities, and hear a presentation on threat assessment preparation.
- The Academic Affairs Committee, chaired by Regent Boettger, will meet at 1 p.m. The committee will consider academic program and center additions, terminations and name changes. It also will receive the report on FY2019 professional development assignments and a request to approve FY2021 professional development assignments. The committee also will consider approval to add computer science to the Regent Admission Index, receive the biennial faculty activities report, and receive a presentation from UNI on support and academic success of its student-athletes.
- The Investment and Finance Committee, chaired by Regent Barker, will meet at approximately 2 p.m. The committee will receive the 2019 third quarter investment and cash management report and the proposed bond issuance schedule for 2020.
- The Audit and Compliance Committee, chaired by Regent Dunkel, will meet at approximately 2:45 p.m. The committee will receive internal audit reports, as well as the proposed 2020 committee calendar.
- The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee, chaired by Regent Bates, will meet at approximately 3:30 p.m. The committee will receive the current operating and financial performance report and a faculty presentation.

Other agenda items for the Board include:

- Receiving reports from the institutional heads at the public universities and special schools.
- Receiving the annual economic development and technology transfer report. In FY2019, Iowa's public universities provided nearly \$1.1 billion in total sponsored funding to the State of Iowa. For FY 2019, the Iowa General Assembly provided \$10.2 million in total funding for economic development activities. Revenue to Iowa companies as a result of licensed technology was \$13 million in FY 2019. In addition, a total of 4,766 individuals were employed by the 189 companies located at the SUI, ISU and UNI research parks and business incubators.
- Receiving a presentation on the economic impact and return on investment study of the Regents universities done by Emsi, a labor market analytics firm.

The Board also will have breakfast with the student government leaders from the universities and hold a public comment period.

If we can provide additional information, or if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Richards". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Richards".

Michael J. Richards

cc: Lt. Governor Adam Gregg  
Members of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa

**Meeting of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa  
November 13-14, 2019  
Slife Ballroom, Commons  
University of Northern Iowa  
Cedar Falls, Iowa**

**Wednesday, November 13, 2019 (Slife Ballroom)**

**11 a.m. - Property and Facilities Committee (Regent Dakovich)**

1. Minutes of September 18, 2019 Committee Meeting
2. Register of University of Iowa Capital Improvement Business Transactions
3. University of Iowa Property Purchase
4. Register of Iowa State University Capital Improvement Business Transactions
5. Iowa State University Acceptance of Real Estate Gift
6. Iowa State University Naming
7. University of Northern Iowa Capital Improvement Business Transactions
8. University of Northern Iowa Property Purchase
9. Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School Property Sale
10. Agreements, Leases and Easements

**11:30 a.m. - Campus and Student Affairs Committee (Regent Lindenmayer)**

1. Minutes of September 18, 2019 Committee Meeting
2. Clery Act Reports
3. University Threat Assessment Preparation Presentation

**Noon - Break for Lunch (Georgian Lounge)**

**1 p.m. - Academic Affairs Committee (Regent Boettger)**

1. Minutes of September 18, 2019 Committee Meeting
2. SUI New Center Request: Center for Noninvasive Brain Stimulation
3. ISU Center Terminations
  - a. Center for Plant Responses to Environmental Stresses
  - b. Industrial Assessment Center
4. UNI Program and Department Changes
  - a. Program termination: Bachelor of Arts in Humanities

- b. Program termination: Master of Arts in Health Education
  - c. Program name change: Master of Arts in Leisure, Youth and Human Services
  - d. Program name change: Bachelor of Arts in Leisure, Youth and Human Services
  - e. Department name change: Department of Communication Studies
5. Biennial Faculty Activities Report
  6. FY 2019 Professional Development Assignment Reports
  7. FY 2021 Professional Development Assignment Requests
  8. Annual Academic Program Review Report
  9. Proposal to Add Computer Science to the RAI
  10. Presentation by UNI: Academic Success and Support of Student-Athletes

**2 p.m. - Investment and Finance Committee (Regent Barker)**

1. Minutes of September 18, 2019 Committee Meeting
2. Investment and Cash Management Report for the Quarter Ended Sept. 30, 2019
3. Fund Manager Issue
4. Comprehensive Fiscal Report for FY2019
5. Proposed Bond Issuance Schedule for Calendar Year 2020

**2:45 p.m. - Board Convenes in Open Session (President Richards)**

1. Call to Order for November 13, 2019

**2:45 p.m. - Audit and Compliance Committee (Regent Dunkel)**

1. Minutes of September 18, 2019 Committee Meeting
2. Internal Audit Reports Issued
3. Committee Calendar-2020

**3:15 p.m. - Break**

**3:30 p.m. - University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee (Regent Bates)**

1. Minutes of September 18, 2019 Committee Meeting
  2. University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Presentation
2. Public Comment

**5 p.m. - Anticipated Adjournment**

**Thursday, November 14, 2019 (Slife Ballroom)**

**8 a.m. - Breakfast with Student Leaders (1019 Lawther)**

**9:15 a.m. - Board Convenes in Open Session (President Richards)**

3. Call to Order for November 14, 2019
4. Consent Agenda
  - a. Minutes of September 18-19, 2019 Meeting
  - b. Meeting of November 13, 2019 Property and Facilities Committee
  - c. Meeting of November 13, 2019 Investment and Finance Committee
  - d. Meeting of November 13, 2019 Academic Affairs Committee
  - e. Personnel Appointments
  - f. Cooperative Purchasing Plan Report
  - g. FY 2021 Request for Professional Development Assignments
  - h. Policy Manual Revisions - Catastrophic Illness
  - i. Policy Manual Addition - Sports Wagering
  - j. Policy Manual Revisions - Property & Facilities
  - k. Adopt Amendments to Administrative Code 681-3
  - l. Iowa State University Reimbursement Resolutions
  - m. Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School Property Sale
  - n. Requests for honorary degrees at the University of Iowa
  - o. Meeting of November 13, 2019 Audit and Compliance Committee
5. Board President Report
6. Reports from Institutional Heads
7. Economic Development and Technology Transfer Report
8. Annual Fall Enrollment Report
9. Regent Economic Impact Study

**Noon - Anticipated Adjournment**