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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSIGNMENT REQUEST – UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Action Requested: Consider the University of Iowa's request for a professional development assignment for FY 2007.

Executive Summary: Professional development assignments (PDAs) release faculty members from classroom and other obligations to pursue research and other creative projects. The Board Policy Manual §4.09 requires institutional requests to be submitted for Board approval.

At its November 2005 meeting, the Board of Regents approved the Regent universities' FY 2007 faculty professional development assignment requests. The University of Iowa's November request, however, inadvertently omitted one PDA request which the university had reviewed and approved consistent with the time line and procedures applied to all other FY 2007 requests. The university's Provost's Office and the Board Office have reviewed the request and recommend it for Board consideration.

The description of this PDA request is as follows:

Susan C. Lawrence, Associate Professor
History/Anatomy and Cell Biology
16 years of Service

Professor Lawrence will conduct research on the history of human anatomy instruction of medical students between 1500 and 2000. This work will ultimately result in a book-length study concerning the history of Anglo-American medical education.

Background: Faculty recipients of PDAs are selected on the basis of a system of peer review and recommendation at both the department and college levels.