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Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School
Lakeside Laboratory Regents Resource Center
Western Iowa Regents Resource Center



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March 24, 2020

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 April 1 that will be held virtually. With the current spread of coronavirus, we are following current guidance of not holding large gatherings in person and will conduct our business online. Live video streaming of the meeting may be accessed via the Board's website.

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/>

Below are some specific individual items that are on the agenda:

Dr. Brooks Jackson and Suresh Gunasekaran from the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics will provide an update to the Board on the Coronavirus.

Iowa State University will present the project budget for the construction of the new Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (VDL) on ISU's College of Veterinary Medicine campus. It will be a new, two-story, stand-alone 72,540 square foot facility with a project budget of \$75 million, funded by a combination of state appropriations, private gifts and university funds.

The Board will receive the annual reports on faculty tenure and promotion and tenure actions. The reports include approval of promotion and tenure actions for the academic year beginning this fall. The University of Iowa is requesting approval of 147 promotion and tenure actions; Iowa State University is requesting 98; and the University of Northern Iowa is requesting 32. In 2019-20, the number of tenured faculty at the universities was 2,495, a one percent decrease from the previous year. The number of tenure-track faculty was 782, a less than one percent decrease from the previous year.

Board committees will have many other items of business to consider, including:

- The Property and Facilities Committee, chaired by Regent Dakovich, will meet at 9:00 a.m. In addition to the previously mentioned Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, the committee will consider seven other construction projects, with an estimated total cost of \$63.8 million. The committee will also consider one property sale and several leases and easements.
- The Academic Affairs Committee, chaired by Regent Boettger, will meet at approximately 9:30 a.m. They will receive the annual diversity report, a request for a new program, the above mentioned tenure report and requests, and a request for honorary degrees.
- The Investment and Finance Committee, chaired by Regent Barker, will meet at approximately 10:45 a.m. It will receive a request for modifications of financial institutions, brokerage firms and money market mutual funds; the 2019 fourth quarter investment and cash management report; and a faculty presentation on investment strategies.
- The Audit and Compliance Committee, chaired by Regent Dunkel, will meet at approximately 11:30 a.m. The committee will receive state audit reports and internal audit reports.
- The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee, chaired by Regent Bates, will meet at 12:30 p.m. The committee will receive the current operating and financial performance report and UIHC will present its proposed rate increase for FY2021.

Other agenda items for the Board include:

- Receiving reports from the institutional heads at the public universities and special schools.
- Elect a Board of Regents President and President Pro Tem for the period from May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2022.

If I can provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Richards

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

**Virtual Meeting of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa
April 1, 2020**

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

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

1. Minutes of February 5, 2020 Committee Meeting
2. Register of University of Iowa Capital Improvement Business Transaction
3. University of Iowa Request for Ratification of Revised Budget
4. Register of Iowa State University Capital Improvement Business Transaction
5. Iowa State University Proposed Property Sale
6. Register of University of Northern Iowa Capital Improvement Business Transaction
7. Institutional Agreements, Leases and Easements

9:30 a.m. - Academic Affairs Committee (Regent Boettger)

1. Minutes of February 5, 2020 Academic Affairs Committee
2. Request for new program at ISU: Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering
3. Annual Faculty Tenure Report
4. 2020-2021 Proposed Promotion and Tenure Action
5. Requests for Honorary Degrees at Iowa State University
6. Annual Diversity Report

10:45 a.m. - Investment and Finance Committee (Regent Barker)

1. Minutes of November 13, 2019 Committee Meeting
2. Modification of Financial Institutions, Brokerage Firms, and Money Market Mutual Funds
3. Faculty Presentations
4. Investment and Cash Management Report for the Quarter Ended December 30, 2019

11:30 a.m. - Board Convenes in Open Session (President Richards)

1. Call to Order for April 1, 2020

11:30 a.m. - Audit and Compliance Committee (Regent Dunkel)

1. Minutes of February 5, 2020 Committee Meeting
2. State Audit Reports
3. Internal Audit Reports Issued

Noon - Break for Lunch

12:30 p.m. - University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee (Regent Bates)

1. Minutes of February 5, 2020 Committee Meeting
2. University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Presentation
3. UIHC Proposed Rate Increase for FY 2021

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of February 5, 2020 Board Meeting
- b. Minutes of February 17, 2020 Board Meeting
- c. Minutes of March 17, 2020 Board Meeting
- d. Meeting of April 1, 2020 Property and Facilities Committee
- e. Meeting of April 1, 2020 Academic Affairs Committee
- f. Meeting of April 1, 2020 Investment and Finance Committee
- g. Meeting of April 1, 2020 Audit and Compliance Committee
- h. Meeting of April 1, 2020 University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee
- i. Personnel Appointments
- j. Board Policy Manual Addition (Freedom of Expression)
- k. Annual Diversity Report
- l. Annual Report on Competition with Private Enterprise
- m. Resolution Authorizing Defeasance of Dormitory Revenue Bonds, Series' UNI 2010 and 2010B
- n. Approval of University Parking for FY 2021
- o. Proposed Residence System Rates for 2020-21 Academic Year
- p. Strategic Partnership Commitment - University of Iowa
- q. Iowa State University Professional & Scientific Compensation Plan
- r. Ratification of Emergency Authorizations
- s. FY 2021 Salary Policies

3. Selection of Board President and President Pro Tem
4. Board President Report
5. Reports from Institutional Heads
6. Closed Session

3 p.m. - Anticipated Adjournment