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May 29, 2018

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 June 5-7 in the Commons on the campus of the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls.

The meeting materials are available on the Regents website at the following link:

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

Audio streaming of the meeting may be accessed through the Board of Regents website. I am available at any time to answer questions.

On Tuesday, June 5 beginning at 1:00 p.m., the Board will conduct annual evaluations of President Harreld, President Wintersteen, President Nook, Superintendent Gettel and Executive Director Braun. On Wednesday, June 6, annual evaluations will continue beginning at 8:00 a.m. All individuals have requested, in accordance with Iowa Code, that their evaluations take place in closed session.

The full Board will convene in open session at approximately 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6. The Audit and Compliance Committee, chaired by Regent Dunkel, will meet at this time. Board of Regents Chief Audit Executive Patrice Sayre will review internal audit reports.

The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee, chaired by Regent Bates, will meet at approximately 3:15 p.m. The committee will receive UIHC's operating and financial performance report as well as a faculty presentation. Additionally, the committee will consider approval of a capital authorization for the University of Iowa Health System, and consider approval of FY2019 salary policy for UI Health Care.

On Thursday, June 7 at 8:00 a.m., the Board will have breakfast with student leaders from the public universities. At 9:30 a.m., the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, chaired by Regent Boettger, will meet. It will receive a presentation on the UNI Business Professional Readiness Program (ASAC item 4).

The committee will receive the 2017 Regent Admission Index (RAI) Biennial Review Report. The committee will be asked to consider approval of an admissions study team's recommendation of adopting the alternative RAI formula as the only RAI formula starting with students admitted for summer 2020. Additional information is available in ASAC item 2.

The committee will be asked to consider recommending approval to rename the Southwest and Northwest Regent Resource Centers to the Western Iowa Regent Resource Center (ASAC item 3). There will also be a joint discussion with the Campus Safety and Security Committee on recommending a change in Board of Regents policy regarding renaming and realigning these two committees. This would more effectively bring these topic areas to the Board for review and informational purposes. The new proposed committees would be the Academic Affairs Committee and the Student Affairs and Campus Safety Committee (ASAC item 5).

The Investment and Finance Committee, chaired by Regent McKibben, will meet at approximately 10:15 a.m. It will receive the Regents investment and cash management report for the first quarter of 2018, as well as consider a recommended modification to an investment relationship. The committee will also receive a summary of the 2018 Iowa legislative session.

The Property and Facilities Committee, chaired by Regent Dakovich, will meet at approximately 10:45 a.m. The committee will consider the Register of Iowa State University Capital Improvement Transactions (P&F item 2).

The first project to consider requests permission to proceed with project planning for the Curtiss Farm Mill and Grain Science Complex. This project would construct education and outreach facilities, a feed mill tower, and corn/feed storage buildings on five acres of the 141 acre Iowa State University Curtiss Farm, which is located one mile southwest of campus. Parking, driveways, site work and utilities would also be included. The estimated project budget of \$21.2 million would be funded by private giving.

The second project to consider requests permission to proceed with project planning for a renovation of floors 4-6 of the Memorial Union. For the last several years, these three floors have served as temporary office locations, and most recently as undergraduate student housing to meet growing enrollment, which is no longer needed. The renovation would turn these floors into spaces that directly support student-focused services. The estimated project budget of \$11 million would be funded by student fees.

The third project to consider requests approval of the project description and budget for a renovation of the third floor of Curtiss Hall for the College of Agriculture and Life Science and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The project budget of \$2.3 million would be funded by the two colleges and private giving.

The fourth project to consider requests approval of the schematic design, project description and budget of a 40,000 square foot expansion of the Gerdin Business Building. This project addresses critical instructional and administrative space needs for the Debbie and Jerry Ivy College of Business. The project budget of \$28 million would be funded by university funds and private giving.

The full Board will convene in open session at 11:00 a.m. and begin with up to 30 minutes of public comment.

The Board will have a second reading and vote on proposed 2018-2019 tuition and mandatory fees. Consistent with the Board's strategic plan, determining and fulfilling appropriate resource needs are essential in providing high quality public education, cutting-edge research and needed public services. It is proposed that tuition for undergraduate resident students at the University of Iowa and Iowa State University increase by 3.8 percent, while increasing 2.8 percent at the University of Northern Iowa. The universities also propose varying differential tuition rates for certain higher-cost programs, as well as varying increases for nonresident and graduate rates. Agenda item 12 has additional details.

Other items to come before the Board include:

- Each of the institutional heads will provide an update on campus activities.
- A presentation from the University of Northern Iowa on the Center for Social and Behavioral Research.
- Receiving bids for the sale and award of \$32.7 million in hospital revenue bonds for the hospital system of the University of Iowa. Additional information is available in agenda item 6.

If we can provide additional information, please contact us.

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