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April 9, 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 April 18 held in the Levitt Center at the University of Iowa.

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, audio streaming of the meeting may be accessed through the Board's website.

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

The Board will receive a presentation with an overview of the public universities' admissions processes and the Regent Admission Index (RAI). The RAI is a formula used for automatic undergraduate admission into each of the three universities. It is a combination of factors that strongly predict success in college. These factors include a student's ACT or SAT score, completing a minimum number of required high school courses, and a student's cumulative high school grade point average.

On March 27, Iowa Code Chapter 261H, relating to speech and expression at public institutions of higher education in the state of Iowa, was enacted. Part of the law directs the Board of Regents to adopt a policy addressing speech and expression at the universities under its jurisdiction. The Board is scheduled to review proposed policy language. Additional information is available in agenda item 3n.

The Board will consider a request from the University of Iowa to increase the budget of the Stead Family Children's Hospital by \$32.5 million dollars, for a total new budget of \$392.7 million. The request will allow payment of all outstanding construction contracts and claims. Funds will come from the university hospitals building usage funds. Additional information is available in agenda item 3l.

We will have many other items of business to attend to as well. Several of the Board's committees will meet:

- The Property and Facilities Committee, chaired by Regent Dakovich, will meet at 10:00 a.m. Among other items, the committee will consider the register of capital improvement business transactions, which includes three projects across the Regent Enterprise. Total estimated cost is \$27.7 million. Additional details are available in P&F items 2 and 3.
- The Academic Affairs Committee, chaired by Regent Boettger, will meet at approximately 10:15 a.m. The committee will consider several changes to degree programs and centers, receive the annual faculty tenure and promotion reports, and receive a presentation on investing in student success at the University of Iowa.
- The Audit and Compliance Committee, chaired by Regent Dunkel, will meet at approximately 11 a.m. Auditor of State Rob Sand will review state audits, and Board of Regents Chief Audit Executive Patrice Sayre will review internal audits. The annual external audit report of Iowa Public Radio also will be reviewed.
- The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee, chaired by Regent Bates, will meet at approximately 11:30 a.m. The committee will consider UIHC's proposal of a rate increase of 6 percent effective July 1, 2019. Additionally, the committee will receive the current operating and financial performance report and hear a faculty presentation.

Other items to come before the Board include:

- Receiving reports from the institutional heads at the public universities and special schools.
- Receiving a presentation on FY20 salary policies from faculty/staff at Regents institutions who are not organized for the purpose of collective bargaining.
- Approving parking and residence system rates at the public universities for next year.

The Board also will have breakfast with the student government leaders from the universities and have a public comment period. Additionally, this marks the final meeting for Regent McKibben and Regent Johnson, and they, along with Regent Sahai who resigned from the Board last year, will be honored for their outstanding service to the state.

If we can provide additional information, or if you have questions, 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

**Meeting of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa  
April 18, 2019  
Levitt Center  
University of Iowa  
Iowa City, Iowa**

**Thursday, April 18, 2019**

**9 a.m. Breakfast with Student Leaders**

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

1. Minutes of February 27, 2019 Committee Meeting
2. Register of University of Iowa Capital Improvement Business Transactions
3. Register of the University of Northern Iowa Capital Improvement Business Transactions

**10:15 a.m. Academic Affairs Committee (Regent Boettger)**

1. Minutes of February 27, 2019 Committee Meeting
2. SUI Program Termination Request: MS in Community and Behavioral Health
3. SUI New Degree Request: BS in Sustainability Science
4. UNI New Center Request: Additive Manufacturing Center
5. ISU New Degree Request: MS in Event Management
6. Annual Faculty Tenure Report
7. 2019-20 Proposed Promotion and Tenure Report
8. Presentation at SUI

**11 a.m. Board Convenes in Open Session (President Richards)**

1. Call to Order for April 18, 2019

**11 a.m. Audit and Compliance Committee (Regent Dunkel)**

1. Minutes of February 27, 2019 Committee Meeting
2. State Audit Reports
3. Internal Audit Reports Issued
4. External Audit Reports

**11:30 a.m. University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee (Regent Bates)**

1. Minutes of February 27, 2019 Committee Meeting
2. University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Presentation
3. Proposed Rate Increase

**12:30 p.m. Break for Lunch**

**1 p.m. Board Convenes in Open Session (President Richards)**

2. Public Comment
3. Consent Agenda
  - a. Minutes of February 27-28, 2019 Board Meeting
  - b. Meeting of February 27, 2019 Property and Facilities Committee
  - c. Meeting of April 18, 2019 Property and Facilities Committee
  - d. Meeting of February 27, 2019 Academic Affairs Committee
  - e. Meeting of April 18, 2019 University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee
  - f. Board Policy Manual Revisions - Chapter 2.3
  - g. Personnel Appointments
  - h. Awarding an Honorary Doctor of Science Degree
  - i. Annual Report on Competition with Private Enterprise
  - j. Approval of University Parking for FY 2020
  - k. Proposed Residence System Rates for 2019-20 Academic Year
  - l. SUI: Stead Family Children's Hospital Revised Budget
  - m. ISU: Storycomm 28E Agreement Update
  - n. Board Policy Manual Revisions - Chapter 4.2
4. Board President Report
5. Reports from Institutional Heads
6. Salary Discussion
7. Admissions and RAI Presentation
8. Lakeside Lab Presentation

**5 p.m. Anticipated Adjournment**