November 10, 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 November 18 that will be held virtually. With the current spread of coronavirus, we are following guidance of not holding large gatherings in person and will conduct our business online. Live 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:

With University of Iowa president Bruce Harreld announcing his intention to retire, we have begun the process to find his replacement. The co-chairs of the search committee are Sandy Daack-Hirsch, associate professor and interim executive associate dean of the College of Nursing, and John Keller, associate provost and dean of the Graduate College. They will provide an update on the search process to the Board.

In April, I established an Advisory Group for the Board to look for administrative and academic collaborations across the Regent enterprise. The Advisory Group and its subgroups have met throughout the summer, and will be making five recommendations to the Board. Building on existing practices and collaborations, these recommendations are designed to maximize consistency, transparency, opportunities and efficiencies across the Regent enterprise. This will be a first reading of recommendations, which will be voted on the Board at its February meeting. You can find more information in agenda item 4.

The Board will receive the 2020 Fall Enrollment Report. Fall enrollment at Iowa’s public universities totaled 71,795 students, which represents a drop of 4.4 percent from last year. This drop largely was expected and much of the decline can be attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic. A decrease in enrolling freshmen and a significant decrease in international students tell much of the story.
Other items of business include:

- The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee, chaired by Regent Bates, will meet at 10 a.m. The committee will receive the current operating and financial performance report, and a faculty presentation on COVID-19 vaccine trials.

- The Audit and Compliance Committee, chaired by Regent Dunkel, will meet at approximately 11 a.m. Internal audit reports will be presented, as well as the audit and compliance committee calendar for 2021.

- Receiving reports from the institutional heads at the public universities and special schools.

- Receiving the annual economic development and technology transfer report. In FY2020, Iowa’s public universities provided nearly $1.2 billion in total sponsored funding to the State of Iowa. For FY 2020, 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 $10.3 million in FY 2020. In addition, a total of 4,596 individuals were employed by the 191 companies located at the UI, ISU and UNI research parks and business incubators.

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
Wednesday, November 18, 2020

10 a.m. - Board Convenes in Open Session (President Richards)

1. Call to Order for November 18, 2020

10 a.m. - University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee (Regent Bates)

1. Minutes of September 23, 2020 Committee Meeting
2. UIHC Presentation

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

1. Minutes of September 23, 2020 Committee Meeting
2. Internal Audit Reports Issued
3. Committee Calendar -2021

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

2. Consent Agenda
   a. Minutes of September 23, 2020 Meeting
   b. Meeting of November 10, 2020, Campus and Student Affairs Committee
   c. Meeting of November 10, 2020, Property and Facilities Committee
   d. Meeting of November 10, 2020, Investment and Finance Committee
   e. Meeting of November 10, 2020, Academic Affairs Committee
   f. Meeting of November 18, 2020, Audit and Compliance Committee
   g. Meeting of November 18, 2020, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee
   h. Personnel Appointments
   i. Interagency Cooperation Plan Report
   j. Request for Professional Development Assignments, FY 2022
   k. Board Policy Manual Revision - Chapter 2.3
   l. Iowa Public Radio Board Appointment
   m. Naming of Bargaining Teams
   n. Ratification of Emergency Authorizations
   o. Minutes of October 5, 2020 Board Meeting
3. University of Iowa Presidential Search
4. Advisory Group Recommendations
5. Board President Report
6. Reports from Institutional Heads
7. Economic Development and Technology Transfer Report
8. Annual Fall Enrollment Report
9. Closed Session

2:30 p.m. - Anticipated Adjournment