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September 10, 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 September 18-19 that will be held in the Lied Multipurpose Complex of the Iowa School for the Deaf in Council Bluffs.

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, video streaming of the meeting may be accessed via the Board's website.

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

The Board will consider the proposed FY 2021 appropriations request for the Regent enterprise, totaling \$642.37 million. This request includes an increase of \$7 million for both the University of Iowa and Iowa State University, and a \$4 million increase for the University of Northern Iowa. Consistent with the Board's strategic plan, determining and fulfilling appropriate resource needs are essential in providing high quality public education, research and public services. More details may be found in agenda item 9.

The Campus and Student Affairs Committee will receive a presentation on the developmental impact of deafness by the Iowa School for the Deaf. The presentation will focus on why a separate K-12 school for the deaf exists and what sets it apart from other K-12 schools and programs. It will also highlight campus safety systems unique to a school for the deaf, such as visual/audible alerts and card access systems.

The Property and Facilities Committee will consider acceptance of a gift of private home and lot to the University of Iowa. The home is next door to the historic Grant Wood home in Iowa City's tree-lined Longfellow neighborhood, and would be added to the Grant Wood Art Colony Program. It is a unique living, creating and engaging endeavor that has its roots dating back to the 1920s and 1930s when Grant Wood gathered artists and writers to collaborate in a community atmosphere. Visiting scholars in the University of Iowa School of Art and Art History live in several of the homes that are part of the program.

We will have many other items of business to attend to as well, including the Board's committees holding meetings over the two days we are at ISD. Below are some items each committee will consider:

- The Academic Affairs Committee, chaired by Regent Boettger, will meet at 11 a.m. on Sept. 18. The committee will consider academic program and center name changes, receive accreditation reports, and consider a request to discontinue the Regents common application portal. The Iowa School for the Deaf will also make a presentation on interpreter support.
- The Campus and Student Affairs committee, chaired by Regent Lindenmayer, will meet at 1 p.m. on Sept. 18. In addition to the aforementioned presentation from the Iowa School for the Deaf, the committee will receive a presentation on student disability support services provided at each of Iowa's public universities.
- The Investment and Finance Committee, chaired by Regent Barker, will meet at approximately 1:45 p.m. on Sept. 18. The committee will receive the 2019 second quarter investment and cash management report, as well as receiving a report on the annual review of peer group comparisons.
- The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee, chaired by Regent Bates, will meet at approximately 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 18. The committee will receive the current operating and financial performance report, consider a request for a capital transfer to the University of Iowa Health System, and consider amendments to UIHC bylaws.
- The Audit and Compliance Committee, chaired by Regent Dunkel, will meet at approximately 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 18. State audit reports will be presented, as will internal audits and follow-up reports. The committee will also receive an update on FY19 internal audit progress and the FY20 internal audit plan.
- The Property and Facilities Committee, chaired by Regent Dakovich, will meet at 9:15 a.m. on Sept. 19. Among other items, the committee will consider capital improvement business transactions, which includes six projects across the Regent enterprise with an approximate total estimated cost of \$32 million. Additionally, the committee will receive the 2019 facilities report, which includes the five-year state-funded capital plans. The FY 2021-2025 period totals \$341.0 million in state-funded capital appropriations request, which includes a capital request of \$40.0 million for FY 2021.

Other agenda items for the Board include:

- Receiving reports from the institutional heads at the public universities and special schools.
- Receiving bids for the sale and award of \$30.15 million of revenue bonds for the University of Iowa Facilities Corporation. The bonds will partially finance the costs of constructing and equipping the new UI Museum of Art.

The Board also will have breakfast with the student government leaders from the universities and have a public comment period.

If we can provide additional information, or if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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

**Meeting of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa
September 18-19, 2019
Lied Multipurpose Complex
Iowa School for the Deaf
Council Bluffs, Iowa**

Wednesday, September 18, 2019 (Lied Multipurpose Complex)

11 a.m. - Academic Affairs Committee (Regent Boettger)

1. Minutes of the June 5, 2019 Committee Meeting
2. Iowa State University Program Changes
 - a. Request for New Program: BS in Business Analytics
 - b. Request for New Program: Master of Athletic Training
3. University of Iowa Program Changes
 - a. Request for New Program: Bachelor of Screenwriting Arts
 - b. Request for New Program: Master of Public Affairs
 - c. Request for Center Name Change: Center for Computer-Aided Design
 - d. Request to Terminate the Master of Arts in Leisure Studies
4. Annual Accreditation Report
5. University of Iowa HLC Accreditation Update
6. Proposal to Discontinue the Iowa Public Universities Application Portal
7. Presentation by Iowa School for the Deaf: Interpreter Support

Noon - Break for Lunch

1 p.m. - Campus and Student Affairs Committee (Regent Lindenmayer)

1. Minutes of June 5, 2019 Committee Meeting
2. Presentation by Iowa School for the Deaf: Developmental Impact of Deafness
3. University Student Disability Support Services Presentation

1:45 p.m. - Investment and Finance Committee (Regent Barker)

1. Minutes of June 5, 2019 Committee Meeting
2. Investment and Cash Management Report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2019
3. Annual Review of Peer Group Comparisons

2:15 p.m. - Break

2:30 p.m. - Board Convenes in Open Session (President Richards)

1. Call to Order for September 18, 2019
2. Bond Sale - Sale and Award of University of Iowa Facilities Corporation Revenue Bonds, Series 2019

2:30 p.m. - University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee (Regent Bates)

1. Minutes of June 5, 2019 Committee Meeting
2. University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Presentation
3. Capital for University of Iowa Health System
4. Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws of UIHC and its Clinical Staff

3:30 p.m. - Audit and Compliance Committee (Regent Dunkel)

1. Minutes of June 5, 2019 Committee Meeting
 2. FY 2019 State Audit Plan
 3. State Audit Reports
 4. FY 2019 Audit Progress and FY 2020 Internal Audit Plans
 5. Internal Audit Reports Issued
 6. Internal Audit Charter
3. Closed Session
 4. Public Comment

5 p.m. - Anticipated Adjournment

Thursday, September 19, 2019 (Lied Multipurpose Complex)

8 a.m. - Breakfast with Student Leaders (East Side Gym)

9:15 a.m. - Property and Facilities Committee (Regent Dakovich)

1. Minutes of June 5, 2019 Committee Meeting
2. Annual Facilities Report for 2019, Including Capital Request for FY 2021
3. Register of University of Iowa Capital Improvement Business Transactions
4. University of Iowa Acceptance of Real Estate Gift
5. University of Iowa Request to Raze Two Buildings
6. Register of Iowa State University Capital Improvement Business Transactions
7. Iowa State University Acceptance of Real Estate Gift
8. Iowa State University Property Sale
9. Iowa State University Request to Raze One Building
10. Register of University of Northern Iowa Capital Improvement Business Transactions
11. Agreements, Leases and Easements

10:15 a.m. - Board Convenes in Open Session (President Richards)

5. Call to Order for September 18, 2019
6. Consent Agenda
 - a. Minutes of August 1, 2019 Meeting
 - b. Personnel Appointments
 - c. Semi-Annual Claims Activity Reports: January 1 to June 30, 2019
 - d. Annual Facilities Report for 2019 including Capital Request for FY 2021
 - e. Meeting of September 19, 2019 Property and Facilities Committee
 - f. Meeting of September 18, 2019 Investment and Finance Committee
 - g. Meeting of September 18, 2019 Academic Affairs Committee
 - h. Meeting of September 18, 2019 Audit and Compliance Committee
 - i. Meeting of September 18, 2019 University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee

- j. Reimbursement Resolution - University of Northern Iowa Utility System
 - k. Iowa Public Radio Annual Report and Board Appointments
 - l. Proposed Revisions to BOR Policy Manual Chapter 2.1 - Human Resources
 - m. Proposed Revisions to BOR Policy Manual Chapter 2.3 - Property and Facilities
 - n. Personnel Action - President Wintersteen
7. Board President Report
 8. Reports From Institutional Heads
 9. FY 2021 State Appropriations Request

Noon - Anticipated Adjournment / Lunch