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The Honorable Terry Branstad, Governor
State of Iowa
State Capitol Building
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Governor Branstad:

This letter provides information about the meeting of the Board of Regents on April 27-28, 2011, at Iowa State University. The meeting materials are available on the Regent website at the following address:

www.regents.iowa.gov/Meetings/DocketMemos/agendaitems.html

I am available at any time to answer questions about the meeting materials or any other matter.

Audio streaming for the meeting may be accessed through the Board of Regents website.

Nicole Carroll, Katie Mulholland, and Bruce Rastetter, Regent designees, have been invited to attend the meeting and have been provided meeting materials. We will also be recognizing outgoing Regents Campbell, Gartner and Vasquez.

On Wednesday afternoon Don Norris, President of Strategic Initiatives, Inc., will address challenges faced by universities in deploying online learning. Dr. Norris's presentation is supported by a grant from HCM Strategies, Inc.

The Audit/Compliance and Investment Committee chaired by President Pro Tem Evans will hear presentations on a number of state audits by Auditor of State Vaudt as well as review various internal audit reports with the Board's Director of Internal Audit. The committee will also discuss external audit reports for the UIHC for the years ended June 30, 2010, and June 30, 2009.

The Board will consider in closed session the termination of five faculty members at the Iowa School for the Deaf. Superintendent Prickett based her recommendation to terminate these teachers on lack of funds. Reductions in force of teachers at the two special schools are conducted in accordance Iowa Code Chapter 279.

University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee chaired by Regent Downer will review year-to-date financial performance and discuss the FY 2012 operating budget. As part of the University of Iowa Register of Capital Improvement Business Transactions, the UIHC seeks the Board's approval of the Family Medicine Center located on the Hawkeye Campus (west of the UIHC complex on Melrose Avenue). The center would replace the current family care center located in the main hospital complex. The new facility will provide a state-of-the-art clinical environment to enhance the delivery of comprehensive primary care services. Preliminary planning suggests a facility of 45,000 gross square with an anticipated cost of \$14.6 million exclusive of furniture and equipment. The project would be funded by UIHC building usage funds. More specifics on the hospital presentation may be found in the UIHC agenda item.

Agenda items to be considered by the Board include:

Approval of Residence System Rates for 2011-2012 Academic Year — While the university residence systems offer many different room and board packages at a variety of rates, the Board has historically used the double occupancy room rate with full board as a comparative. The University of Iowa proposes a rate increase of 5%; Iowa State University, 3% and the University of Northern Iowa, 4.3% for the double occupancy/full board package. The residence and dining systems are self-supporting enterprises and do not receive state-appropriated funds for operations or capital improvements. In accordance with Iowa Code §262.9(18), the presiding officers of the student government organizations at each university were notified of the proposed rates on March 21. The Iowa Code requires student government groups be notified of the rate increases at least 30 days before action is taken. More specifics on the rate proposal may be found in Agenda Item #8.

University of Iowa Residence Systems — The Board will receive two reports from representatives of the SUI residence system. One will update the Board on progress in expanding student housing capacity and improving the academic experience within student housing. The university is progressing with planning of a new residence hall. The first phase of the project, scheduled for completion in the Fall of 2014, will construct a 450-bed facility.

The second residence system report will provide the Board information on options to replace Hawkeye Court apartment housing. The university is considering a public/private partnership whereby the university would lease land to a private entity that would plan, construct, and manage the apartment complex.

Board of Regents Economic Development Committee — The Board's Economic Development Committee has been inactive for several years, and the Board will discuss reinstating the committee. The Board and its universities have a strong role and interest in economic development activities, programs and services. Proposals to replace the current Iowa Department of Economic Development with a partnership agency along with budget proposals, if passed, would significantly reduce economic development funding to the universities highlight the need for a coordinated role on economic development initiatives at the Board level.

Register of Capital Improvement Business Transactions – Iowa State University — The Board is asked to consider the design and budget (\$11 million) for Troxel Hall on the ISU campus. Troxel Hall would be a free-standing building with a state-of-the-art 400-

seat auditorium. The auditorium is designed to accommodate high-demand courses, while optimizing the quality of instruction and student learning.

In March the Board approved a number of actions for the ISU Cyclone Sports Complex. The approvals were subject to final review of the plans for storm water runoff and drainage. Snyder and Associates of Ankeny prepared a report relating to the City of Ames and Iowa DNR storm water management requirements and the plans to address storm water management at the sports complex. The report was submitted to the city and DNR for review and approval. More specifics on the capital projects may be found in Agenda Item #15.

Register of Capital Improvement Business Transactions – University of Iowa — In addition to the Family Medicine Center discussed above, the Board is asked to consider authorizing the UIHC to proceed with planning for the Ambulatory Surgery Center and Main Operating Room Suite Expansions project. The project would develop two additional operating rooms in the main operating suite and four new ambulatory surgery center operating rooms along with necessary support facilities. More specifics on the capital projects may be found in Agenda Item #16.

Sale of Bonds. The Board will consider adopting a resolution to sell \$17.6 million in ISU dormitory revenue refunding bonds pending receipt of acceptable bids. The Board's financial advisor estimates the refunding will result in present value savings of approximately \$1.2 million.

Presentations by Nonrepresented Faculty and Staff on FY 2012 Salary Issues — Historically the Board has invited represented of nonorganized faculty and staff groups to make presentations relative to salary issues for the upcoming fiscal year. At its meeting in March, the Board ratified collective bargaining agreements with the graduate students (COGS) at the University of Iowa and with the tertiary healthcare workers (SEIU) at the UIHC. Also in March, the Board reviewed the arbitrator's award concerning the agreement with UNI-United Faculty.

Annual Student Financial Aid Report — This report describes the volume of student financial aid (grants, loans and on-campus employment) awarded at the Regent universities. In 2009-10, the total amount of financial aid awarded to students at the Regent universities was \$882 million which is an 8% increase from the prior year. In 2009-10, 60% of the financial aid came from federal funds, 1% from state funds, and the remainder from institutional and other funds. More details on the financial aid report may be found in Agenda Item #21.

Annual Regent Student Financial Aid Study — The study conducted in Fall 2010 revealed that, in 2009-10, 23,845 full-time, resident, dependent undergraduates FAFSA filers received financial aid. This is an increase of 2.4% over the prior year. In 2009, Iowa had the 7th highest college participation rate (37%) for students from low income families; the national average was 27.4%. More specifics may be found in Agenda Item #22.

Annual Report on Faculty Tenure — This annual report provides analysis of promotion and tenure actions from the 2010-2011 year and also seeks Board approval of promotion and tenure actions for the upcoming academic year. In 2010-2011, there were 5,323 total faculty at the three universities – 2,719 (51%) tenured, 795 (15%) tenure-track, and 1,809 (34%) non-tenure track. The Board is asked to consider 206

recommendations for tenure and promotion for the 2011-2012 academic year. More detail on the analysis of tenure and promotion may be found in Agenda Item #23.

Iowa Student Loan Board of Directors — Dr. Tahira Hira, the Board's representative on the ISL board, will provide an update on the activities of the ISL.

Post-Tenure Review — The Board will hear presentations from the universities on post-tenure review policies. After the Board received the annual report on faculty tenure in 2010, it requested the universities prepare presentations on post-tenure review policies. An interim report was provided in September 2010. During the presentations at the April meeting, the Board is asked to approve post-tenure review policies at both ISU and SU. Faculty evaluations policies and procedures are a part of the UNI-United Faculty Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Faculty Presentation — Dr. Eliot Winer, associate director of the Virtual Reality Applications Center at ISU, will discuss his research to improve patient diagnosis and treatment as well as physician training using 3D medical imaging methods.

Presidential Search – Iowa State University — The Board has issued an RFP to solicit proposals from firms to initiate the search for the next president of ISU. The RFPs are being reviewed by an evaluation committee, and the top three or four firms will be invited to present their proposals to the Board at its Thursday, April 28 session. The firms will be asked to discuss successful searches they have conducted as well as what they believe are best practices.

The Board also has activated a website seeking input from interested constituents on the qualities the next president should possess. In addition beginning at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27, the Board will host an open forum to solicit input from constituents.

If we can provide additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely,



David W. Miles

cc: Lt. Governor Kimberly Reynolds
Members of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa