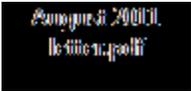

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July 28, 2011

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 August 3-4, 2011, at the University of Northern Iowa. 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.

On the first day of the meeting, the Board will perform annual evaluations of the institutional heads and the Executive Director. All individuals have requested, in accordance with the Iowa Code, that their evaluations take place in closed session. The Board will review the self-assessments prepared by the executives for their FY 2011 performance goals established by the executives and discuss the goals established for the current year.

The Audit/Compliance and Investment Committee will meet at the beginning of the second day. The committee chaired by Regent Evans will review FY 2010 state audit reports for SUI, ISU, UNI, ISD and the Board Office with State Auditor Vaudt. The Board's Director of Internal Audit will review FY 2011 internal audit progress and discuss the FY 2012 internal audit plan with the committee. Numerous internal audit reports will also be reviewed with the committee.

The Board will consider appointments to numerous committees, boards and commissions. Among these appointments is the appointment of President Pro Tem Rastetter as chair of the Board's reactivated Economic Development Committee.

The Board will consider the awarding of three honorary degrees at upcoming commencements at Iowa State University as follows:

- Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree to Benjamin Allen, President of the University of Northern Iowa, at the Fall 2011 commencement.
- Honorary Doctor of Science Degree to Daniel Gianola at the Spring 2012 commencement.
- Honorary Doctor of Humane Letter Degree to George P. Belitsos at the Spring 2012 commencement.

More detail on these individuals may be found in Agenda Items #6k, #6l, and #6m.

The Board will review four accreditation reports as follows:

- Iowa School for the Deaf received “accreditation on advisement” from AdvancED. The school received accreditation with additional reporting required during the five-year period. More specifics of the report may be found in Agenda Item #6p.
- University of Northern Iowa received accreditation for the maximum ten-year period from Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. More detail on the accreditation report may be found in Agenda Item #6q.
- The School of Social Work Programs at the University of Iowa received accreditation for the maximum period of eight years. Both the undergraduate and graduate programs received accreditation from the Council on Social Work Education. More specifics may be found in Agenda Item #6r.
- The undergraduate programs School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Iowa received provisional accreditation from the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. The programs were found non-compliant with two standards which must be corrected before the provisional status can be removed. The graduate program must correct deficiencies before accreditation can be granted. More specifics on the accreditation report may be found in Agenda Item #20.

The Board will consider FY 2012 budgets for the five institutions it governs as well as the Board Office and Iowa Public Radio. The proposed FY 2012 Regent Enterprise consolidated budget exceeds \$4.2 billion. The primary revenue sources for Regent higher education are \$448.8 million in state appropriations and \$732.0 million in budgeted tuition revenues. General university base operating appropriations are 3.6% less than the final FY 2011 state funding levels. State operating support for the universities has been reduced 24% since the beginning of FY 2009 and is now less than the funding levels received in FY 1997. More specifics on the budget may be found in Agenda Item #8.

The Board will hear the following presentations:

- Dr. Deb Derr, president of North Iowa Area Community College and chair of the Community Colleges Seamless Transition Committee, will share the perspective of the community colleges about current and future partnership efforts with the Regent universities.

- MyEntre.Net program at the University of Northern Iowa will be highlighted. My Entre.Net features an online community of more than 10,000 small business owners, a wildly popular online grant contest and a wide array of business services.
- Professor Andrey Petrov of the University of Northern Iowa will provide the Board with information about his work funded by the National Science Foundation and the National Space and Science Administration. His work focuses on environmental and human dynamics in the Arctic. He will spotlight several major UNI-based studies focusing on human development, economic prosperity, and resilience of socio-ecological systems in the Arctic under the pressure created by globalization and climate change.

The Board will consider various capital projects from the three universities as follows:

- The University of Iowa requests permission to proceed with planning for a project to replace the boiler fans in the power plant and erect a new stack. The project will increase steam capacity up to 100,000 pounds per hour. The \$6.5 million project will be funded by utility improvement funds and utility system bond proceeds.

A second power plant project will install back-up power and auxiliaries. The new generators will be installed within the power plant above the 500-year flood level. The \$12.5 million project will be funded by utility improvement funds and utility system bond proceeds.

A replacement pharmacy drug processing, dispensing and storage area will be constructed on the seventh floor of the Boyd Tower. The \$2.5 million project will be funded by UIHC Building Usage Funds.

The Board is asked to consider granting the university permission to proceed with Phase 2 of the renovation of the Dental Science Building. The project budget is \$49 million which includes \$29 million in state funds appropriated by the 2011 Iowa General Assembly.

More detail on the SUJ capital projects may be found in Agenda Item #10.

- The Board will consider approval of revised budgets for two capital projects Iowa State University. All bids received for remodeling of the BioMaP laboratories in Sweeney Hall exceeded the initial construction estimate by 27%. A new budget of \$2,204,995 was approved by the Executive Director in order to permit award of the construction contract. The Board is now asked to ratify the revised budget.

The Board is also asked to ratify a revised budget for a project for improvement of HVAC in the College of Veterinary Medicine Animal Resources Laboratory. As with the Sweeney Hall project, all bids received for the construction project exceeded the estimate. The Executive Director approved a revised budget of \$4,800,000 which is \$395,000 over the construction estimate.

More detail on the ISU capital projects may be found in Agenda Item #11.

- The University of Northern Iowa is seeking Board approval for the Bartlett Hall Renovation and the demolition of Baker Hall. The renovated Bartlett Hall would include faculty offices, seminar room and laboratories. Currently the building is used as space for student residences but does not provide the housing environment that meets student needs. The estimated cost of the project is \$21 million and is funded by state appropriations. Baker Hall which currently houses various academic departments will be demolished upon completion of the renovation of Bartlett. The area where Baker Hall is located will be redeveloped to accommodate central campus circulation, accessible parking and additional green space. More detail on these projects may be found in Agenda Item #12.

The Board will receive an update on the Iowa State University Presidential Search from search committee member President Pro Tem Rastetter. The search committee held its first on June 29.

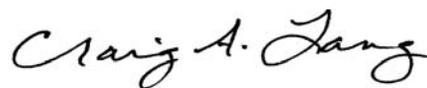
The Board will receive updates from SUI and ISU on flood and storm recovery projects. Agenda Items #16 and #17 provide detail on the recovery activities.

The Board will conduct three separate bond sales. One bond issue will refund utility system bonds previously sold to finance utility projects at the University of Iowa. The Board's financial advisor estimates the refunding will result in present value savings of approximately \$725,000 for the SUI Utility System. The second issue will refund bonds previously issued for the renovation of Maucker Union at UNI and will result in an estimated present value savings of approximately \$590,000. The remaining bond sale provides for the issuance of approximately \$28 million in University of Iowa Facility Corporation Revenue Bonds for the Biomedical Discovery Building project.

The Board will receive the biennial report of faculty activities. The 2011 faculty activities report, based on 2010-11 survey data, shows the average number of hours worked per week by faculty at the three universities was 53.0 – 58.0; the weighted average of the three Regent universities was 56.4 hours. The average number of hours worked per week by faculty at the University of Iowa was 57.2; at Iowa State University, 58.0; and at the University of Northern Iowa, 53.0. More than 49% of all full-time equivalent (FTE) students at the three universities are taught by tenured or tenure-track faculty, and more than 45% of all undergraduate student credit hours are taught by tenured or tenure-track faculty. The comparable national average in the 2004 National Study of Postsecondary Faculty was 55.5 hours for full-time faculty at public research universities and 53.3 hours at public comprehensive universities.

If we can provide additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely,



Craig A. Lang

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