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Subject: Board of Regents March 2010 Meeting



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March 18, 2010

The Honorable Chester J. Culver, Governor
State of Iowa
State Capitol Building
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Governor Culver:

This letter provides information about the meeting of the Board of Regents on March 24. The meeting will be via conference telephone originating from the Board of Regents Office. 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.

The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee chaired by Regent Downer will present a report on volume and financial performance through the end of February 2010.

The Audit/Compliance and Investment Committee chaired by President Pro Tem Evans will receive the investment report for the quarter ended December 31 from Wilshire Consulting.

The Board will consider recommendations from the universities for awarding of honorary degrees at upcoming commencement ceremonies –

University of Iowa – degrees to be awarded at the Spring 2010 commencement to:
John Pappajohn, Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters
Arthur Neu, Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

Iowa State University – degree to be awarded at the Spring 2011 commencement to:
Charles Manatt, Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

University of Northern Iowa – degree to be award at the Spring 2010 commencement to:
His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters
Mildred Kalish, Honorary Doctor of Literature
Stephen J. Rapp, Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

Other agenda items include:

Update of flood recovery projects at the University of Iowa: Agenda Item #4 contains a table outlining key milestones for flood recovery and mitigation projects. Also contained in the memo are status reports for each of the flood projects.

University of Iowa Capital Register: The university is seeking permission to proceed with planning for the razing of Oakdale Hall. The anticipated cost of the project is \$3.8 million. The primary tenant of the building is the University Hygienic Laboratory which will move to its new facility in the spring. Other projects include approval of project description and budget for the flood mitigation and permanent recovery of the Art Building West and two energy projects on the Oakdale Campus. The \$14.8 million Art Building West project would be financed by a combination of FEMA funds and Academic Building Revenue Bonds and other sources. The Board will also consider a revised scope for the College of Public Health Academic Building. In September 2007, the board approved the project. Bids were received in December 2008 and were well below the estimated cost of construction. The revised scope would add a fifth floor of shelled space to the north wing of the building and would be within the originally approved budget. University Athletic Director Gary Barta will provide an update on the progress in accomplishing the football facilities improvements and the expected timetables for subsequent Board actions on the project.

Iowa State University Capital Register: The Board will consider approval of the revised design, description and budget (\$6.0 million) for the Horticulture Greenhouse Replacement Project. This project would construct new greenhouse facilities. The existing greenhouses constructed in 1913 would be demolished.

Sales of Academic Building Revenue and Dormitory Refunding Bonds: The sale of \$10.2 million of Academic Building Revenue Bonds would fund a portion of the costs for deferred maintenance, fire safety and campus safety improvements on the University of Iowa campus. Sales of Dormitory Refunding Bonds for ISU and UNI would result annual cash flow savings of approximately \$100,000 and \$40,000 respectively.

Early Retirement Programs: The Board is asked to consider approval of a second early retirement program for the University of Iowa and to extend the application period for the second early retirement program at ISU.

Resolutions: The Board will consider approval of two resolutions. The first will direct the Superintendent of the Iowa School for the Deaf to develop a proposal for a statewide symposium for the purpose of educating the Board, interested constituencies, and the public on the best practices of educating deaf and hard of hearing students. The second resolution would direct the universities to assess the feasibility of and to formulate plans that would, over an appropriate time period, substantially reduce or eliminate general fund subsidies for intercollegiate athletics. The presidents would be instructed to return to the Board at the September 2010 with their plans.

Residence System Governance Report: The Board will receive the five-year plans, consider FY 2011 budgets and proposed rates for the upcoming academic year. Agenda Item #13 provides details about the plans, the proposed budgets, and details on the proposed rate increases. The University of Iowa is recommending a 3.9% increase for double occupancy rooms with full board; ISU, 2.7%; and UNI, 2.3%. The rate increases are presented for the Board's information this month and will be presented for approval at the April meeting.

If we can provide additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David W. Miles". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David W. Miles

cc: Lt. Governor Patty Judge
Molly Kottmeyer, Policy Liaison, Governor's Office
Members of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa

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