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March 7, 2013

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 March 13, 2013. The meeting will be held at Iowa State University in Ames.

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 of the meeting may be accessed through the Board of Regents website.

The Education and Student Affairs Committee meeting will convene at 9 a.m. Agenda highlights include the review of annual reports on faculty resignations, student retention and graduation rates and distance education.

- Faculty resignations at the University of Iowa and Iowa State University decreased from the previous year. Resignations increased at UNI due to the closure of the Malcolm Price Laboratory School. More information on faculty resignations may be found in ESAC Agenda Item #2.
- One-year retention rates at the Regent universities have consistently exceeded the national averages. The one-year retention rate for entering classes of 2011 at the Regent universities was 84.9% compared to the national average of 76.7%. Six-year graduation rates have also consistently exceeded the national averages. The six-year graduation rate for the entering classes of 2008 at the Regent universities was 69.5% compared to the national average of 54.2% for all public four-year colleges. More detail on student retention and graduation rates may be found in ESAC Agenda Item #3.
- The distance education report indicates that total duplicated enrollment in credit courses was 48,524 which is an increase of 5,642 (13.2%) from the prior year. A total of 2,460 course sections were offered during the reporting period, an

increase of 156 from the prior year. More details on distance education at the Regent universities may be found in ESAC Agenda Item #11.

- The ESAC will receive a presentation relating to issues facing student veterans and their families at Iowa State University and the results of the recent Veterans Conference which was held at ISU. The committee will also review several accreditation reports.

The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee chaired by Regent Downer will meet following the ESAC. The committee will receive a report of operating and financial performance for the year to date. Dr. James Potash, Head of Psychiatry, will provide an overview of mental health.

The Audit/Compliance and Investment Committee, chaired by Regent Evans, will meet following the hospital committee. The committee will review the investment and cash management report for the quarter ended December 31, 2012.

Board agenda items are summarized below:

The Board will be accepting bids for the sale of \$25 million in Dormitory Revenue Bonds for Iowa State University. The proceeds of the sale will partially fund the Frederiksen Court Expansion project which would provide housing for 720 students. The Board approved the project at its October 2012 meeting.

The University of Iowa capital register includes two projects which will upgrade two research laboratories – one for the Department of Pediatrics (\$2.1 million) and one for the Pharmacology Department (\$2.8 million). The cost of the projects will be funded by Treasurer's Temporary Investment Income and Indirect Cost Recoveries. More information on these projects may be found in Agenda Item #6.

The Board will consider approval of a land lease with Balfour Beatty Campus Solutions to construct and operate 444 beds within 270 apartments to replace a portion of Hawkeye Court apartments. The University reported in April 2011 and October 2012 it was considering replacing the Hawkeye Court and Hawkeye Drive apartments. Both complexes are beyond their useful lives, and the university has continued to invest funds to ensure the apartments are safe for tenants. Several options were explored, and the preferred option was to lease the land to a private entity to plan, construct and manage the apartment complex. Through an RFP process, including solicitation of several Iowa firms, the university received two proposals. The Board is also asked to approve abandonment and demolition of portions of the Hawkeye Court Apartment Complex. More details on this project may be found in Agenda Item #7.

The Board will be asked to ratify collective bargaining agreements as follows:

- UNI-United Faculty – a voluntary agreement was reached with the United Faculty. United Faculty members ratified the agreement on February 27, 2013. The agreement provides for a 2% increase on July 1, 2013, and 2.25% increase on July 1, 2014. The estimated cost of the agreement to the University of Northern Iowa is 2.46% in FY 2014 and 2.71% in FY 2015. These estimates include projected increases in health and dental insurance costs.
- A voluntary agreement was reached with the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, Local 896/COGS (the graduate assistants at the University of Iowa). COGS members ratified the tentative agreement on February 22, 2013. The agreement provides for continuation of minimum tuition scholarship in an amount equal to 100% of the cost of resident graduate tuition in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The agreement also provides for a 2% increase in the average graduate assistant stipend on July 1, 2013, and 2.25% increase on July 1, 2014. The estimated cost of the agreement is 2.68% in FY 2014 and 2.6% in FY 2015. These estimates include projected increases in health and dental insurance and annual tuition increases.
- A voluntary agreement was not reached with SEIU (tertiary care employees at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics). The parties declared impasse on wages. The Board of Regents final offer was 2% in FY 2014 and 3% in FY 2015. SEIU's final offer was 3% in each year. Interest arbitration was held on February 28. The decision of the arbitrator must be issued by March 15 and is binding on the parties.

The Board will receive the Residence System Governance Report, consider the FY 2014 residence system budgets, and the academic year 2013-2014 proposed rates for room and board at the universities. Final approval of the rates will be at the April meeting. The residence systems are self-supporting operations and do not receive state appropriations for operations or capital improvements. The universities provide numerous room and board options to students. Rate increases for double room with primary meal plans are 3.66% for SUI and 2.9% for UNI. No increases are proposed at ISU. Agenda Item #11 contains details on the residence systems five-year plans, budget summaries, and detailed rate proposals.

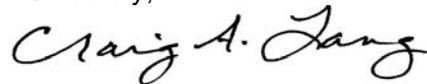
The Board will receive two presentations:

- Iowa State University Economic Development – Associate Vice President and Chief of Staff Miles Lackey will discuss the fundamental principles of sustainable economic growth and how ISU generates economic development across the state. The presentation will describe ISU's catalysts for economic development including research capabilities, technology transfer initiatives and business/industrial assistance programs.

- Professor Martin Spalding will provide an overview of bioscience programs at ISU and discuss their significance to basic and applied research, education and economic development. He will also highlight the innovative Transcription Activator-Like Effector Nuclease technology development at ISU that enables rapid and precise editing of genomes and how the technology enables research both in Iowa and worldwide.

If we can provide additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig A. Lang". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Craig A. Lang

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