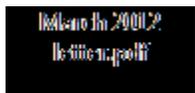


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March 15, 2012

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 21, 2012, at the University of Iowa beginning at 1 p.m. The Board along with other interested individuals will participate in a campus tour to view the sites for Arts Campus Replacement Facilities and the site of the proposed West Campus Residence Hall beginning at 10:15 a.m..

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.

The Education and Student Affairs Committee chaired by Regent Katie Mulholland will meet at 8 a.m. The committee will consider various program closures proposed at the University of Northern Iowa; revisions to the 2012-2013 ISU General Catalog; accreditation report for the School of Music at the University of Northern Iowa; consider the termination of the Bachelor of Science Program in Insect Science at ISU; and review the committee work plan for the remainder of the fiscal year.

The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee chaired by Regent Downer will meet to review year-to-date financial information and receive a report on the recent Dance Marathons.

The Audit/Compliance and Investment Committee, chaired by Regent Evans, will meet. The committee will receive the Investment and Cash Management Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2011.

Board agenda items are summarized below:

The Board will receive a presentation by Dr. Sandy Baum, senior policy analyst at the College Board. The presentation is in response to the Board's request for a national perspective regarding student financial aid and, specifically, tuition set-aside. Dr. Baum will discuss with the Board the practice of using tuition set-aside as a source of student financial aid, its practice in other states, and its policy implications.

The Board will receive two annual reports – the Annual Report on Span Control (Agenda Item #4d) and the Annual Campus Safety and Security Report (Agenda Item #4h). Following review by the Board, the Annual Report on Span of Control will be forwarded to the Governor and the General Assembly as required by Iowa Code §262.9C. The Campus Safety and Security report includes crime statistics for calendar years 2010 and 2011 and provides information relating to the number of student arrests along with the number of arrests for alcohol-related offenses.

The Board will consider personnel actions related to the Iowa School for the Deaf. These include the acceptance of the resignation of Superintendent Jeanne Prickett and the naming of Patrick Clancy, Superintendent of IBSSS, as superintendent of both special schools effective April 1. A third action would retain Dr. Prickett as a consultant through June 10 to assist in the transition. Dr. Prickett has been named as the President of the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind.

The Board will consider numerous actions relating to capital projects at the University of Iowa Capital Register (Agenda Item #8). These projects include the Art Building Replacement (\$77.6 million), Hancher Auditorium Replacement (\$175.6 million), and the School of Music Replacement (\$152 million). These facilities were all damaged in the 2008 flood. Funding for the new facilities will come from a combination of flood insurance proceeds, federal funds (FEMA), academic building revenue bonds, university gifts and earnings and university building renewal funds. The fourth project considered is the West Campus Residence Hall (\$53.4 million) to be financed by proceeds from the sale of dormitory revenue bonds. The sites for these buildings will be toured by the Board prior to the meeting. More detail on these projects may be found in Agenda Item #8.

The Iowa State University Capital Register (Agenda Item #13) includes the request to consider approval of the project description and budget for the remodeling of the auditorium of MacKay Hall. MacKay Hall was built in the early 1900's. Although parts of the building have been renovated, the auditorium space has remained much as it was when it was built. Remodeling would include upgrade of the audiovisual technology, new seating to maximize student interaction, and updating of the public spaces associated with the auditorium. The \$3.2 million project would be financed using university funds.

The University of Northern Iowa Capital Register (Agenda Item #15) contains a request to approve the project description, budget (\$4.4 million) and financing plan for the phase 2 of the Redeker Center expansion. The project will provide additional dining seating, the expansion of the bakery/commissary, additional office space, and a student computer and lounge area. The project would be financed through the sale of dormitory revenue bonds. More detail on the project may be found in Agenda Item #15.

Iowa State University is requesting the Board's consideration to name the Agriculture Student Learning Center as the Jeff and Deb Hansen Agriculture Student Learning Center. The center is to be located south the campus on farm land was part of the former Dairy Farm at the corner of Mortenson Road and Gateway Hills Park Drive. Construction of the center was contingent upon raising approximately \$7 million through private fundraising. The ISU Foundation has

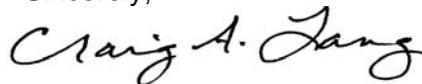
been successful in substantially completing the fundraising which includes \$2 million from Jeff and Deb Hansen of West Des Moines.

The Board will receive the residence system governance report and consider as a first reading proposed rates for all residence halls, board options and apartments for the 2012-2013 academic year. The residence systems of the three universities have an operating capacity of 21,558. The occupancy ratios are currently 99.5% at SUI, 98.8% at ISU and 93.8% at UNI. The universities offer many room and board options. The Board has historically used the double occupancy room rate with full board as a measure to compare room and board rates among the universities. The University of Iowa is proposing an increase of 3.74% for FY 2013; ISU, 1.33%; and UNI, 2.3%. More specifics on the rates for the various room and board options along the five-year plans and FY 2013 residence system budgets may be found in Agenda Item #18.

The Board will sell utility system revenue bonds (Agenda Item #5) in the estimated amount of the \$25 million. The proceeds from the sale would be used to fund improvements to the utility system at the University of Iowa. The SUI utility system is a self-supporting operation. Principal and debt service would be paid from utility system charges.

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