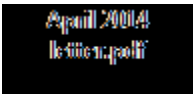


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April 15, 2014

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 23-24, 2014. The meeting will be held at the Iowa School for the Deaf in Council Bluffs.

The meeting materials are available on the Regent website at the following address:

[www.regents.iowa.gov/Meetings/DocketMemos/agendaitems.html](http://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.

Beginning at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, April 23, the Board will interview three finalists referred by the search committee for the next superintendent of the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School and the Iowa School for the Deaf. The search committee chaired by former Regent Rose Vasquez interviewed seven candidates on April 8 and 9.

The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee will meet at approximately 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday. The committee, chaired by Regent Carroll, will receive updates on the operational and financial performance of the hospitals. The committee will review the operating budget for FY 2015 for the UIHC. The budget includes a request for a rate increase of 6% effective July 1, 2014. More information on the hospital budget may be found in the material submitted to the Board.

The Property and Facilities Committee will meet beginning at 3:30 p.m. The committee, chaired by Regent Dakovich, will consider the University of Iowa capital register. Projects on the register include the initial approval for an air regulation compliance project at the University of Iowa power plant (\$9 million – funded by utility system revenue bond proceeds). The project would install the most cost-effective equipment options to meet new, more stringent federal emissions requirements for steam generating boilers. The second request on the register is approval of the design and budget (\$11.3 million – funded by UIHC building usage funds) for the relocation of the Pediatric Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory. This project would relocate and expand the laboratory from one lab to two and allow for connection to the new Children's Hospital. The third request is approval of schematic design and budget (\$23 million – funded by UIHC building usage funds) for a centralized emergency power generation facility at UIHC. The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare is requiring the UIHC to increase emergency generator capacity dedicated to UIHC use. The final request is approval of the project description and budget (\$5.6 million – funded by utility system renewal and improvement funds) for upgrades to the Oakdale chilled water plant. More specifics on these projects may be found in P&F Agenda Item #2.

The committee will consider requests by the University of Iowa to purchase parcels of property on East Jefferson Street in Iowa City and on Holiday Road in Coralville. These buildings are currently the clinic sites for the Pediatric Associates of Iowa City and Coralville. The UI Health Systems, the nonprofit corporation that supports UI Health Care programs through partnerships with community health care providers, will purchase the clinical practice of Pediatric Associates of Iowa City and Coralville to further develop the pediatric health delivery system. More information about these purchases may be found in P&F Agenda Item #3a.

The committee will consider an additional request to purchase property by the University of Iowa. The university requests approval to purchase two apartment buildings in Iowa City. The buildings are located on North Clinton Street near the Pappajohn Business Building, the Pentacrest and university residence halls. The university has no immediate need for the property but wants to get the property under contract while the owner is willing to sell at the appraised value. More details on the purchase may be found in P&F Agenda Item #3b.

In accordance with Board policy, the University of Iowa is requesting the committee consider the naming of two facilities. The first would name the new west campus residence hall, currently under construction, as the Mary Louise Petersen Residence Hall. Ms. Petersen was appointed to the Board in 1969 by Governor Ray and served as Board President from 1973 to 1981. Ms. Petersen and her husband, Rand, have given generously to support university programs, and the naming is a highly appropriate recognition of her lifetime of service. Additional information on the naming may be found in P&F Agenda Item #4a.

The second request would name the residential learning commons located in the new west campus residence hall as the Theodore M. Rehder Residential Learning Commons. Mr. Rehder enrolled at the university in 1926 and while a student was named assistant manager of the Union Dining Services. Later after obtaining his degree, he was named assistant director of Iowa Memorial Union and then Director of Dormitories and Dining, a position he held for thirty years until his retirement in 1976. Additional information on the naming may be found in P&F Agenda Item #4b.

Iowa State University is requesting consideration of approval to begin planning for a project that would fit-out approximately 10,500 net square feet of basement shell space in Hach Hall to house research laboratory space for new faculty hires in the Department of Chemistry. The estimated project cost of \$4 million would be funded by private funds. More information on this project may be found in P&F Agenda Item #5.

The committee is asked to consider recommending approval of the purchase from Daktronics, Inc., of a new video scoreboard for the south end zone of Jack Trice Stadium subject to completion of satisfactory negotiations with the firm. At its February 2014 meeting, the Board authorized ISU to proceed with planning for improvements to the stadium, including replacing and renovating the existing south end zone seating, upgrading the south end zone concourse infrastructure, the video board and sound system and related projects. The current estimate for the video board and sound system improvements is approximately \$2.3 million which would be included within the budget and financing plan for the stadium project. More information may be found in P&F Agenda Item #6.

As is customary, the Board will meet for breakfast with the student leaders from the three universities on Thursday morning, April 24.

The Education and Student Affairs Committee (ESAC) chaired by President Pro Tem Mulholland will meet beginning at 9 a.m. on April 24. The committee will consider program and curriculum changes and receive a presentation. The presentation will focus on ISD's sign language proficiency interview policies and procedures. The policy is attached to ESAC Agenda Item #3.

The committee will review the Annual Governance Report on Faculty Tenure. The report includes approval of promotion and tenure actions for the academic year beginning this fall. The University of Iowa is requesting approval of 100 promotion and tenure actions; Iowa State University, 76; and the University of Northern Iowa, 32. The remainder of the report provides analysis of promotion and tenure actions occurring in the 2013-14 academic year. There was a slight decrease in the number of tenured and tenure-track faculty as compared to the prior year. In 2013-14 the number of tenure-eligible (includes tenured and tenure-track faculty) was 3,499 at the three universities. More than 77% of the tenure-eligible faculty at the universities are tenured. More information on the annual report may be found in ESAC Agenda Item #4.

The committee will review two agenda items relative to student financial aid. The first is the Annual Student Financial Aid Report (ESAC Agenda Item #8). The report describes the volume of student financial aid awarded at the three universities. In 2012-13, the total amount of financial aid awarded was \$998,258,155 which is an increase of 0.5% over the prior year. Of the total amount of financial aid awarded, 54.7% came from federal funds, 0.6% from state funds, 35.2% from institutional funds and 9.5% from other sources. The report also provides information on the average indebtedness for those students graduating with debt. Average indebtedness for University of Iowa students was \$27,304; Iowa State University, \$29,458; and University of Northern Iowa, \$23,151.

The committee will also review the Annual Regent Student Financial Aid Study. The annual study was designed in response to the Board's request for information regarding the socio-economic status of students who receive financial aid. The study analyzes student financial aid by adjusted family income of a segment of the population of financial aid recipients and looks at characteristics of students receiving financial aid. More details on this annual study may be found in ESAC Agenda Item #9.

The Audit/Compliance and Investment Committee chaired by Regent Downer will meet at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday. State Auditor Mary Mosiman will be present to discuss numerous state audits including financial reports for the three universities as well as the State of Iowa Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for FY 2013. The Board's Chief Audit Executive will review a number of recent internal audits. Auditors will be available via telephone to discuss external audits of Iowa Public Radio. No deficiencies with internal controls considered to be material weaknesses or any instances of noncompliance were reported in the audits.


The Board's remaining agenda items are summarized below.

- Elections for the president and president pro tem of the Board will be conducted. In accordance with Iowa Administrative Code 681—11.1, the president and president pro tem of the Board shall be elected prior to May 1 in even numbered years and will serve two-year terms commencing May 1.
- Each of the institutional heads will provide the Board with a brief update on campus activities.
- The Board will receive bids for bond refunding for the University of Iowa utility system revenue bonds, Iowa Memorial Union revenue bonds and University of Iowa Facilities Corporation – Old Capitol Town Center revenue bonds. Projections indicate that the present value savings from the refundings will be approximately \$1.3 million.

- The Board will consider approval of the FY 2015 residence system budgets and the academic year 2014-2015 proposed rates for room and board at the universities. 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 a double room with primary meal plans are 3.46% for SUI, 1.4% for ISU and 2.89% for UNI. The rate proposals were presented to the Board at its March meeting with final approval scheduled for April. Agenda Item #12 contains details on the rate proposals.
- Keeping with the Board's longstanding practice, the Executive Director invited nonorganized faculty and staff groups to make brief presentations to the Board relating to salary issues for FY 2015.
- The Board will receive a presentation – "What Drives an Electric Car? – Enthusiasm!" Scott Versch, careers teacher at the Iowa School for the Deaf will explain ISD's Power Drive class. In the class, students conduct research to incorporate aerodynamic concepts while fabricating the electric race car.
- The Board will consider a request from Iowa Public Radio to return university support from the Regent universities to the FY 2013 funding level for FY 2015. One of the goals of IPR's strategic plan is to become financially independent from funding from the Regent universities. A key strategy to achieve that outcome is large donor fund raising. IPR had an extended period with interim leadership resulting in interruption of the fund raising effort. The FY 2013 funding amount was \$944,800. The planned amount for FY 2015 funding is \$708,600. With additional funds available in FY 2015, IPR will be able to develop a sustainable model that will result in meeting its financial goals in the future.

If we can provide additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely,



Bruce L. Rastetter

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