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January 27, 2015

The Honorable Terry Branstad, Governor
State of Iowa
State Capitol Building
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Governor Branstad:

This letter provides information about the meetings of the Board of Regents on February 4 and 5 at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls.

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 chaired by President Pro Tem Mulholland will meet on Wednesday, February 4 at 3 p.m. Among other agenda items, the committee will review two annual reports. The first is the distance education annual report. The report indicates an increase of 12.6% of enrollment in distance education credit courses over the prior year. Distance education opportunities were available in 766 communities in all 99 Iowa counties. More specifics on the report may be found in ESAC Agenda Item #3. The second report, Faculty Resignations, indicates 66 faculty resigned from SUI; 35 from ISU; and 8 from UNI. Both ISU and SUI saw an increase in the number of resignations. SUI resignations increased from 65 to 66; and ISU from 21 to 35. Resignations at UNI decreased from 23 to 8. More details on the resignations may be found in ESAC Agenda Item #6.

The Property and Facilities Committee will meet at 9 a.m. on the second day. The committee, chaired by Regent Dakovich, will review the annual Facilities Governance Report which provides the Board with a broad overview of the facilities at the institutions and the condition of those facilities. Academic/research/administrative (general fund) facilities at the Regent institutions total approximately 18.0 million gross square feet of the total 38.1 million gross square feet of Regent enterprise facilities. Categories of other facilities include The University

Hospitals and Clinics, residence systems, agricultural experiment station, and self-supporting operations, including student unions, parking systems, etc. The FY 2014 replacement value of all Regent facilities is estimated at \$17.2 billion, of which \$8.6 billion is the replacement value for academic/research/administrative facilities. The report provides information about fire safety deficiencies and deferred maintenance of facilities. It is estimated to correct the fire safety deficiencies in general fund facilities would cost \$11 million. For Fall 2014, the Regent institutions report a total of \$647.5 million in deferred maintenance in general fund facilities and utilities. More details on the Facilities Governance Report may be found in P&F Agenda Item #2.

The committee will also consider the capital registers for the University of Iowa and Iowa State University. The register for the University of Iowa includes a project to renovate the central portion of the 3rd and 4th floors of Westlawn for the university's Student Health and Wellness Center. The estimated project cost of \$5.2 million would be funded by Student Health and Wellness patient operations and the Student Health Enterprise capital improvement fund. It is anticipated student health fees will not increase as a result of this project. The committee will also consider the project description and budget for a UIHC project to relocate the offices of the Departments of Pediatrics and Psychiatry. The \$10.7 million project would be funded by University Hospital Building Usage Funds. More information on the University of Iowa capital projects may be found in P&F Agenda Item #3.

The capital register for Iowa State University includes a request to begin planning for the renovation of the Forker Building for the Department of Kinesiology. The estimated cost (\$5 million) of the project would be funded by university funds. More information may be found in P & F Agenda Item #5.

The committee will consider the proposed purchase of approximately one acre of land in the Iowa River Landing development in Coralville near the UIHC's new ambulatory care clinic. The parcel under consideration is adjacent to UIHC property purchased in 2012 and 2014. Additional specifics on the proposed purchase may be found in P&F Agenda Item #4.

The committee will consider a request by Iowa State University to enter into additional off-campus housing agreements for 2015-2017 academic years. The university wishes to rent nine apartment buildings (395 beds) located in west Ames. The university is forecasted to receive over 1,800 requests for residence system beds above the permanent capacity of the Department of Residence. More information on the proposed agreements may be found in P&F Agenda Item #7.

The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinic Committee will meet following the meeting of the property committee. The committee will review the year-to-date report of operational and financial performance and receive a presentation on health care information technology.

The Audit/Compliance and Investment Committee chaired by Regent Downer will meet following the UIHC Committee. The audit committee will review a number of internal audits and the external audit for the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

Agenda items for consideration by the full Board include the following:

The Board will review the final report of the Admission Study Team. During its work with the BOR on the Efficiency Study in 2014, Deloitte Consulting identified a business case related to the Regent Admission Index (RAI). The recommendation of the consultant was to standardize the manual calculation of the RAI by the three universities. The RAI was implemented in 2009. The RAI includes four factors – high school class rank, high school grade point average, performance on standardized tests (SAT or ACT composite) and number of core subject area courses completed in high school. An RAI of 245 or greater along with completion of the minimum required courses guarantee admission to any Regent university. Since the implementation of the RAI, the number of public and private high schools in the state not providing high school class rank for their students has increased from three to approximately 40. In order to respond to this change, each of the universities developed its own substitute for the missing factor. The study team developed an alternative formula to use for applicants who do not have a class rank. Agenda Item #5 provides more detail on the alternative formula.

The Board will consider a proposal by the University of Iowa to provide an early retirement incentive program for its faculty and staff. Eligible employees (age 57 with at least ten years of experience) may apply for participation between February 6 and March 6, 2015. Among the benefits offered include payment of the university's share of health and dental coverage for five years and payment by the university of the employer's and employee's retirement contributions to TIAA-CREF for three years and the employer's contribution only for another two years. Other aspects of the proposed program are detailed in Agenda Item #6.

The Board will receive updates on the TIER study and the University of Iowa presidential search.

The Board will receive bids for the sale of \$32.3 million athletic facilities revenue bonds for Iowa State University. Proceeds from the sale will be used to fund phase 3 of Jack Trice Stadium's south end zone project.

The Board will receive three presentations:

LaDene Bowen, associate director of the UNI Institute for Decision Making, will make a presentation about the UNI Business and Community Services Division. The division was designated as an Economic Development Administration University Center in 2013 and focuses on enhancing the support system for entrepreneurship development in six Iowa regions over a five-year period.

Randy Pilkington, Executive Director of UNI Business and Community Services, will provide the Board information on the 2014 Battelle Report. The report culminates a year-long effort to engage a broad range of economic development stakeholders, complete a comprehensive analysis of Iowa's industry clusters and economic assets, and develop recommendations to set a future strategic direction for economic development in the state.

The faculty presentation will report on work by the UNI faculty, staff and students on projects dealing with issues of sustainability and sustainable development in remote regions, most particularly in Arctic communities.

If we can provide additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce L. Rastetter", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bruce L. Rastetter

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