

The Board of Regents, State of Iowa, met electronically on Wednesday, January 14, 2004. The following were in attendance:

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Members of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa

Dr. Newlin, President	All sessions
Dr. Arbisser	All sessions
Dr. Becker	All sessions
Mr. Downer	All sessions
Mr. Forsyth	All sessions
Mr. Neil	All sessions
Ms. Nieland	All sessions
Dr. Turner	Excused at 3:54 p.m.

Representing the Office of the Board of Regents at the Board Table

Executive Director Nichols	All sessions
Director Barak	All sessions
Director Elliott	All sessions
Minutes Secretary Briggie	All sessions

Representing the State University of Iowa at the Board Table

President Skorton	All sessions
Interim Provost Cain	All sessions
Vice President True	All sessions

Representing Iowa State University at the Board Table

President Geoffroy	All sessions
Vice President Madden	All sessions

Representing the University of Northern Iowa at the Board Table

President Koob	All sessions
Vice President Schellhardt	All sessions

Representing the Iowa School for the Deaf at the Board Table

Superintendent Prickett	All sessions
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Representing the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School at the Board Table

Superintendent Thurman	All sessions
Director Utsinger	All sessions

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BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE OF IOWA

The Board of Regents, State of Iowa, held an electronic Board meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2004, commencing at 3:05 p.m., in accordance with §21.8 of the Code of Iowa. The meeting was not held in person because it was not practical to have the Regents assemble in one location for this brief meeting. Public access was provided at the following locations:

Board of Regents Office, 11260 Aurora Avenue, Urbandale
University of Iowa, 111 Jessup Hall Conference Room, Iowa City
Iowa State University, 1750 Beardshear Hall Conference Room, Ames
University of Northern Iowa, Presidential Room, Maucker Union, Cedar Falls
Iowa School for the Deaf, Superintendent's Office, Council Bluffs
Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School, Superintendent's Office, Vinton

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 15-16, 2003.

President Newlin asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. There were none.

ACTION: President Newlin stated the Board approved the minutes of the December 15-16, 2003, meeting, as written, by general consent.

CONSENT ITEMS. (a) Board Meetings Schedule. Approval of the Board meetings schedule was requested.

(b) Proposed New Partnerships in Prevention Science Institute, Iowa State University. Acceptance of the report of a new institute to be called the Partnerships in Prevention Science Institute was requested.

(c) Institutional and Board Office Personnel Transactions. Ratification of the following personnel transactions was requested. *University of Iowa:* Register of Personnel Changes for November 2003. *Iowa State University:* Register of Personnel Changes for December 2003. *University of Northern Iowa:* Register of Personnel Changes for

December 2003. *Iowa School for the Deaf*: Register of Personnel Changes for December 2003. *Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School*: The Register of Personnel Changes had not been received in the Board Office and will be reported next month. *Board Office*: The Register of Personnel Transactions included the retirement of Charles K. Wright, Director, Legal Affairs, Human Resources and Information Systems, effective December 31, 2003, and the appointment of Marcia R. Brunson as Interim Director of the Regent Merit System, effective January 1, 2004. In recognition of his 15 years of service to the Board of Regents and in accordance with Policy Manual §3.03S, the following designation of emeritus status was requested: Charles K. Wright as Director Emeritus, Legal Affairs, Human Resources and Information Systems effective January 1, 2004.

(d) Employee Appeal. Denial of the request of the employee for a personal appearance before the Board related to the employee's appeal of a final institutional decision; and acceptance of the decision of the institution as the Board's response to the employee's appeal were requested.

(e) Iowa Administrative Code Revision – Regent Merit System Rules. Approval of a revision in the Administrative Rules of the Regent Merit System, and authorization for the Executive Director to file the rule revision in the required form were requested.

MOTION: Regent Neil moved to approve the consent docket, as presented. Regent Becker seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORT ON BOARD 2004-2009 STRATEGIC PLAN.

Executive Director Nichols presented for preliminary review the draft of the Board of Regents 2004-2009 strategic plan.

The strategic plan was reviewed and revised by the Board's Strategic Planning Priority Study Group. The Board Office also consulted with institutional officials. The Board was asked to provide preliminary approval with the understanding that further discussion would occur, particularly with regard to the performance indicators. The preliminary strategic plan priorities are: 1) educational opportunities, 2) research and scholarship, 3) service and economic growth, and 4) public accountability. It was anticipated that the Board would be presented with the strategic plan at its February meeting for final approval.

The following sections of the draft strategic plan were highlighted by Board members for additional work:

- 1.1.2.2 Profile of undergraduate, graduate, and professional student populations by race, ethnicity, gender, and disability. (Consideration is to be given to including socioeconomic status.)
- 1.1.2.4 Retention rates of students by race, ethnicity, and gender. (Consideration is to be given to including disability and socioeconomic status.)
- 1.1.3 Expand educational experiences for Iowa's future workforce and foster cultural understanding by recruiting and retaining a highly qualified and diverse faculty, staff, and administration. (Consideration is to be given to tracking legally allowable demographics of faculty.)
- 1.2.2.4 (Consideration is to be given to creating a new indicator for the level of state support relative to peer groups and other benchmarks.)
- 1.3 Provide value-added educational experiences that foster student success in degree attainment. (Consideration is to be given to ~~adding a measure~~ for using the phrase "value added".)
- 3.2.1.4 Number of invention and patent applications and approvals; intellectual property disclosures; licenses executed; licenses producing income; amount of annual external funding and other types of support for Regent institutions' research, incubator capabilities and facilities; activities of university research parks and related programs, including job creation in Iowa. (Consideration is to be given to adding an indicator for the number of start-up companies utilizing technology developed at the Regent universities.)
- 3.3.1.2 Numbers of individuals, organizations, and communities served annually by other public services of the Regent institutions, including University of Iowa State Hygienic Laboratory, Iowa State University Extension, University of Northern Iowa Business and Community Services, and other programs. (Consideration will continue to be given to defining what data to accumulate and what areas of the institutions will be the focus.)
- 4.3 Expand opportunities for individuals by strengthening Iowa's educational system through collaboration with other education sectors. (Consideration is to be given to adding a measure about interactions with other educational sectors, perhaps as 1.2.1.5. Regent Turner is to be consulted on this.)

at the February Board meeting, at which time the Board will also be presented with current legislative activities.

President Newlin noted that at its December meeting the Board passed a resolution addressing issues should further cuts in state appropriations materialize. Regents' state appropriations are \$104 million annually less today than in FY 2001. He stated his view that fair and sensible increases in state revenues to support needed additional funds for Iowa students at all levels of education are critical to rebuild the top quality status Iowans expect and deserve. Additional revenue, he stated, is needed to provide funds to education, specifically to the state universities and the special schools.

ACTION: President Newlin stated the Board received an update on legislative-related information, by general consent.

REVISIONS TO POLICY MANUAL.

Assistant Director Newell presented the proposed revisions to the Policy Manual.

Regent Downer asked to retain the report on competition with private enterprise and that Policy Manual §7.07C remain unchanged.

MOTION: Regent Downer moved to (1) approve for publication editorial changes to Board of Regents Policy Manual, as follows: §1.09: Affiliated Organizations, §7.04B: Lease Financing of Equipment and Facilities, §7.04C: Parietal Rules and Dormitories, §7.05I: Reporting, §8.06A: University Housing; and (2) approve as a first reading, revisions to Board of Regents Policy Manual §1.03E: Governance Reports. Regent Neil seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION FOR THE SALE OF STUDENT HEALTH SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES UNI 2004.

Vice President Schellhardt presented the University's request to sell bonds for the Student Health Center Expansion project.

MOTION: Regent Forsyth moved to adopt A Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to fix the date or

dates for the sale of up to \$4,000,000 Student Health System Revenue Bonds, Series U.N.I. 2004. Regent Turner seconded the motion, and upon the roll being called, the following voted:
AYE: Arbisser, Becker, Downer, Forsyth, Neil, Newlin, Nieland, Turner.
NAY: None.
ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION FOR THE SALE OF FIELD HOUSE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES UNI 2004.

Vice President Schellhardt presented the University's request to sell up to \$10,500,000 in bonds to provide partial financing for construction of the Arena.

Regent Forsyth expressed concern about the amount of bonds proposed to be sold. He said he understood the reason for adding \$200,000 due to uncertainty of the interest rate environment as well as the increase in the debt service reserve multiplier to 1.14 from 1.11. It was his understanding that University officials proposed an additional \$500,000 increase in the proposed bond sale amount because of the timeliness of pledges. He stated his preference that the bond sale not exceed \$10 million and that the finance plan coincide with what was previously agreed.

President Koob indicated that University of Northern Iowa officials would accept the Board's request to lower the amount of bonds to be sold to up to \$10,000,000.

MOTION: Regent Downer moved to adopt A Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to fix the date or dates for the sale of up to \$10,000,000 Field House Revenue Bonds, Series U.N.I. 2004. Regent Becker seconded the motion.

Upon the Board's request, Bond counsel (Edgar Bittle of the Ahlers law firm) presented information on the source of debt service payments. Mr. Bittle stated that this would be part of the Field House enterprise at University of Northern Iowa. The enterprise is currently the UNI-Dome; however, the way that enterprise is defined it would include the additions to the Field House so it is necessary to make this addition part of the same enterprise. Some events that are being held in the UNI-Dome will move to the Arena, and the facilities will work together. If the Arena were a separate enterprise, you would

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seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY.

(b) University of Northern Iowa.

Vice President Schellhardt offered to answer questions regarding the University of Northern Iowa's capital register. There were none.

MOTION: Regent Becker moved to approve the University's capital register, as presented. Regent Forsyth seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa, adjourned at 4:10 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2004.



Gregory S. Nichols
Executive Director