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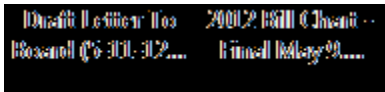
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Subject: Letter from Board Leadership on 2012 Legislative Session

Regents,

Please see the attached letter from President Lang and Pro Tem Rastetter on the 2012 legislative session. Also attached is a summary of key legislation from the 2012 session. Thank you.

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May 17, 2012

Dear Colleagues:

The Iowa legislature adjourned last week after completing work on the FY 2013 state budget. We are pleased to report it was a successful session for the Board of Regents institutions.

After months of negotiations, the Iowa House and Senate approved \$23 million in new funding for the state's three public universities. Each university will receive a 3.2 percent increase with an additional \$4 million base budget adjustment for UNI. There is also a two percent increase for the Iowa School for the Deaf and Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School.

While the budget must still be approved by the Governor, we are grateful to the Iowa General Assembly for recognizing the important role the public universities play in education, research, and economic development for the state of Iowa. Governor Branstad and Lieutenant Governor Reynolds fought hard for a funding increase this year and we appreciate their leadership.

During this year's session we urged supporters to contact their local legislators to advocate on behalf of the University of Iowa, Iowa State, the University of Northern Iowa and the special schools. We believe this had a significant impact on the positive outcome and we look forward to continued progress.

Our thanks to President Mason, President Leath, President Allen, and Superintendent Clancy for taking an active role in lobbying on behalf of their respective institutions. We would also like to recognize our fellow Board members for your tireless efforts during this legislative session and your continuous advocacy for our system throughout the year. Finally, we would like to thank the Board of Regents staff for their hard work providing the necessary research for both the Board and the legislature.

Attached is a summary of key legislation from the 2012 session.

Sincerely,

Craig Lang, President

Bruce Rastetter, President Pro Tem

C: Institution Heads
Board Office Staff

2012 Session –Key Bills, Pending Issues

Final – May 9, 2012

Bill Number	Description
	<p>FINAL - APPROPRIATION BILLS</p> <p><i>All appropriation bills subject to Governor’s approval, which must occur within 30 days of the May 9 adjournment</i></p>
SF 2321	<p>Education Appropriations FY 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$20 million in new funding for universities and special schools <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. \$4 million to UNI for budget shortfall b. \$1.5 million to U of IA Flood Center. Historically this is funded through non-general fund dollars (RIIF – Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund) c. \$250,000 for the School for the Deaf and School for the Blind d. \$14.25 million split among the three general university line items. This represents a 3.1% increase. ISU share is \$5.2 million • All remaining university line items at current FY12 level. • \$3 million increase for STEM for a total of \$4.7 million (UNI) • \$791,000 for the Iowa Grant program (Level funding) <p>Resource: https://www.legis.iowa.gov/DOCS/NOBA/SF%202321%20Education%20Conference%20Committee%20Report.pdf</p>
HF 2337	<p>Economic Development Appropriation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status quo funding for Regents line items <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>ISU line item</i>: \$2.4 million. This line item funds: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IPRT (Institute for Physical Research and Technology) - \$1.37 million 2. ISU Research Park - \$122,000 3. SBDC – Not less than \$736,000 b. <i>U of IA line item</i>: FY12 = \$ 209,000; Supports U of IA’s Research Park and the Advanced Drug Development Program c. <i>UNI line item</i>: FY12 = \$ 575,000; Supports Metal Casting Institute and the Institute for Decision Making, and MyEntreNet Internet application. • \$3.0 million Regents Innovations Fund (Grow Iowa Values Fund replacement dollars). These dollars are split between the universities at a 35/35/30. • \$250,000 from the Wine Gallon Tax Fund for the Midwest Grape & Wine Industry Institute <p>Resource: https://www.legis.iowa.gov/DOCS/NOBA/SF%202321%20Education%20Conference%20Committee%20Report.pdf</p>
	<p>Human Services Appropriations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$89 million for the Iowa Cares program at the SUI • \$25,000 for a dental health initiative at SUI <p>Resource: https://www.legis.iowa.gov/DOCS/NOBA/SF%202336_HHS_Conference%20Committee%20Report%20(3).pdf</p>

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SF 2316	<p>Infrastructure Appropriations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funds Year 2 of four year funding plan for Regents capital projects. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. \$10.25 million for U of Iowa’s Dental Building b. \$19 million for ISU’s ABE building c. \$7.8 million for UNI’s Baker/Bartlett Hall renovation • \$2 mil for deferred maintenance. These funds may be used to fund the insurance deductible at the Special Schools • \$25.1 million for Tuition Replacement • \$1 million for New Link Genetics located at ISU’s Research Park • \$400,000 to ISU’s College of Veterinary Medicine for infrastructure <p>Resource: https://www.legis.iowa.gov/DOCS/NOBA/SF%202316%20Infrastructure%20Conference%20Committee%20Report%20with%20Attachments.pdf</p>
	<p>Agriculture Appropriations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level funding for Vet Diagnostic Lab (\$3.2 million). • Level funding for Local Foods (\$75,000) <p>Resource: https://www.legis.iowa.gov/DOCS/NOBA/HF%202336%20Ag-DNR%20Conference%20Committee%20Report%20new%20tracking.pdf</p>
HF 2465	<p>Standings Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires the state agencies and the Regents to use existing funds for salary adjustment increases for FY13. • Requires the College Student Aid Commission to fund the university tuition of children of deceased police officers and firefighters. Most of these children will already have scholarship and grants. It is expected that the Commission will pick up any remaining cost. <p>Resource: http://coolice.legis.state.ia.us/linc/84/external/CCH2465_Introduced.pdf</p>
To the Governor - Policy Bills and Topics of Interest	
SF 2225	<p>Recommendations of the Child Abuse Task Force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Does NOT make all Regent employees mandatory reporters</i> • Requires community colleges, private colleges and Regent universities to adopt policies to protect children from child abuse <p>Resource: http://coolice.legis.state.ia.us/Cool-ICE/default.asp?Category=billinfo&Service=Billbook&menu=false&hbill=SF2225</p>

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SF 430	<p>Violations of Open Records and New Board - Creates a new Public Information Board and creates an exception to public records for draft documents.</p> <p>Resource: http://coolice.legis.state.ia.us/Cool-ICE/default.asp?Category=billinfo&Service=Billbook&menu=false&hbill=SF430</p>
SF 2284	<p>Education Reform - Regent specific provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Requires all courses over 100 students to undergo continuous improvement process 2. Requires students entering a teacher education program to be above the 2^{5th} percentile. 3. Adds 2 additional weeks for student teaching 4. Strengthens statutory language for IMAGES and related programs. <p>Resource: http://coolice.legis.state.ia.us/Cool-ICE/default.asp?Category=billinfo&ga=84&Service=BillBook&hbill=CCS2284</p>
SF 2007	<p>National Guard Tuition Supplemental - Provides a \$1.3 million supplemental for the current FY12 fiscal year</p> <p>Resource: http://coolice.legis.state.ia.us/Cool-ICE/default.asp?Category=billinfo&Service=Billbook&menu=false&hbill=SF2007</p>
HR 116	<p>Resolution Honoring Danny Shechtman – Resolution honoring ISU Nobel Prize winning scientist</p> <p>http://coolice.legis.state.ia.us/Cool-ICE/default.asp?Category=billinfo&Service=Billbook&ga=84&hbill=HR116</p>
SR 109	
HR 114	<p>Resolution Honoring Greg Geoffroy</p>
SR 107	<p>http://coolice.legis.state.ia.us/Cool-ICE/default.asp?Category=billinfo&Service=Billbook&menu=false&ga=84&hbill=SR107</p>
Bills that Did NOT Pass the Legislature	
SF 2264	<p>Alternative Project Delivery – Establishes pilot project allowing the Board of Regents to select up to three pilot projects and the state’s Department of Administrative Services to select one pilot project.</p>
SF 2016	<p>Tuition Benefits to Children of Deceased Public Safety Officers – Version of this idea included in Standings. See above.</p> <p>Offers free tuition to children of public safety officers killed in the line of duty.</p> <p>Regents proposing language to include these children under the current All Iowa Opportunity program currently administered by the Iowa College Student Aid Commission. Thus state funding pays the tuition for children of peace officers who are killed in the line of duty.</p>

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HF 2128	Tuition increase tied to President salary Prohibits the Board of Regents from raising the salary of a university president in the year following a tuition increase.
HF 2174	Discount Tuition for Comm College Graduate Requires the Board of Regents to reduce the resident undergraduate tuition rate by not less than ten percent for a person who is a resident and who transfers to such an institution after obtaining an associate degree from an Iowa community college. \$30 million fiscal impact to Regent universities.
N/A	Tuition Set Aside - Legislation postponed for this session in lieu of Board of Regents adopting an administrative rule requiring notification on tuition statements.
SF 2052	Expand IMAGES, College Bound – Generic language included in Ed Reform. See above. Appropriates nearly \$3 million to expand minority programs. Includes \$340,000 for and Codifies ISU’s Science Bound program.
HF 2445	Sales Tax Holiday for Textbooks - This bill would establish two sales tax holiday for textbooks each school year. Holiday 1: First Friday and Saturday in August Holiday 2: First Friday and Saturday in January