

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Regents
From: Robert J. Barak
Subject: Des Moines Higher Education Center
Date: March 6, 2000

Recommended Action:

Approve the participation of the Regent universities in the Des Moines Higher Education Center.

Executive Summary:

The planning for a Des Moines Higher Education Center has been underway for several years. The Regent universities have been joined by Drake University and Simpson College in this initiative. Discussions are also in progress with Des Moines Area Community College for its participation.

The protocol for this center is attached and addresses the elements required by the Regent Procedural Guide for the approval of a center.

The initial commitment of each participating higher education institution is for three years. Thus, an initial review should occur after this period. After the initial commitment, an institution may withdraw by giving notice to that effect at least three months prior to the subsequent fiscal year.

Robert J. Barak

Approved:

Frank J. Stork