

The State Board of Regents met on Wednesday, May 1, 1996, at the Des Moines International Airport, Des Moines, Iowa. The following were in attendance:

May 1.

Members of the State Board of Regents

Mr. Collins	All sessions (by telephone)
Mr. Dorr	All sessions
Mrs. Kennedy	All sessions
Mr. Lande	All sessions
Ms. Mahood	All sessions
Mr. Newlin	All sessions
Mrs. Pellett	All sessions
Mrs. Smith	All sessions (by telephone)
Dr. Tyrrell	All sessions

Office of the State Board of Regents

Executive Director Richey	All sessions
Associate Director O'Rourke	All sessions
Minutes Secretary Briggie	All sessions

University of Iowa

Vice President True	All sessions
Acting Director Van Oel	All sessions

Iowa State University

Vice President Madden	All sessions
Executive Assistant to the President Dobbs	All sessions
Director Bradley	All sessions
Interim Director Anderson	All sessions

University of Northern Iowa

Director Hartman	All sessions
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GENERAL

The following business pertaining to general or miscellaneous business was transacted on Wednesday, May 1, 1996.

Mr. Richey convened the meeting of the Board of Regents and noted that it was the Board's long-time practice to have the Executive Director preside over meetings for the election of a new Board President.

Mr. Richey welcomed Mr. Roger Lande to his first meeting as a member of the Board of Regents.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS. Mr. Richey noted that the term of the newly-elected president would run through April 30, 1998. He reminded the Board that Robert's Rules of Order indicate that a nomination of a person to fill a vacancy did not need a second and that the vote on the motion to elect a President must be a roll call vote and recorded publicly as required by the Code of Iowa. The Board Office recommended the Board elect a Regent to serve as president of the Board of Regents for the term beginning on May 1, 1996, and ending on April 30, 1998.

The Code of Iowa, (1993, Section 262.9 (1) states that the Board shall,

Each even-numbered year elect from its members, a president of the board, who shall serve for two years and until a successor is elected and qualified.

Mr. Richey asked for nominations and recognized Regent Kennedy.

NOMINATION: Regent Kennedy nominated Owen Newlin to serve as president of the Board of Regents for the term

beginning on May 1, 1996, and ending on April 30, 1998.

Mr. Richey made two additional calls for nominations.

ACTION: Hearing no objections, Mr. Richey announced that nominations were closed, by general consent.

Mr. Richey called for a vote on the nomination and asked Minutes Secretary Briggles to call the roll. The result was as follows:

Owen Newlin

Mr. Collins	X
Mr. Dorr	X
Mrs. Kennedy	X
Mr. Lande	X
Ms. Mahood	X
Mr. Newlin	X
Mrs. Pellett	X
Mrs. Smith	X
Dr. Tyrrell	X

Mr. Richey declared that Owen Newlin was elected to serve as President of the Board of Regents for the term beginning on May 1, 1996, and ending on April 30, 1998. He congratulated President Newlin and turned over the gavel to him.

President Newlin thanked the Regents for electing him as President of the Board of Regents. He expressed his belief that the state has excellent universities and special schools. He said the task of the Board of Regents is to help the institutions become even better -- enhancing their quality, effectiveness and efficiency. As a Board, the Regents act as a committee of the whole. He plans to consult with Board members and will try to reach consensus on issues. Ultimately, they will vote to finally decide issues.

President Newlin stated that the Regents had much to do as a Board. They will encourage the development and monitor the progress of institutional strategic plans, address the recommendations of the Pappas report and continue other activities which are underway. There will be plenty of challenges and opportunities in the future. He said he looked forward to working with his fellow Regents in achieving the goals of providing outstanding educational opportunities at affordable costs to the people of Iowa.

FINAL APPROVAL OF RESIDENCE SYSTEM RATES. The Board Office recommended the Board approve the proposed rates for family housing, student apartments and for residence halls and dining contracts for the 1996 - 1997 academic year, as proposed.

The proposed rate increases were unchanged from those presented at the March Board meeting. The proposed rates for double occupancy rooms with 20 meal per week board contracts are as follows:

Double Occupancy Rooms with 20 Meals per Week

University	1995-96 Rate	Proposed 1996-97 Rate	\$ Increase	% Increase
SUI	\$3,550	\$3,688	\$138	3.9%
ISU	\$3,382	\$3,508	\$126	3.7%
UNI	\$3,112	\$3,264	\$152	4.9%

The proposed rates would be effective on the following dates:

	<u>SUI</u>	<u>ISU</u>	<u>UNI</u>
Residence Halls	Fall Semester 1996	May 12, 1996	Fall Semester 1996
Apartments	June 1, 1996	July 1, 1996	July 1, 1996

Rate increases since 1987 for a single student, double occupancy room with a 20 meal per week contract for each of the Regent universities over the past ten years (shown in Table 1) have averaged 5.1 percent at both the University of Iowa and Iowa State University, and 5.5 percent at the University of Northern Iowa. A ten-year history of residence hall beds occupied, by Regent institution, is shown in Table 2.

Table 1
REGENT UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE HALL RATES
Single Student in a Double Room with a 20 Meal Contract

Fall of	University of Iowa			Iowa State University			University of Northern Iowa		
	Yearly Charge	Percent Change	Dollar Change	Yearly Charge	Percent Change	Dollar Change	Yearly Charge	Percent Change	Dollar Change
1987	2,366			2,242			2,018		
1988	2,489	5.2%	123	2,480	10.6%	238	2,150	6.5%	132
1989	2,580	3.7%	91	2,600	4.8%	120	2,236	4.0%	86
1990	2,769	7.3%	189	2,720	4.6%	120	2,326	4.0%	90
1991	2,982	7.7%	213	2,850	4.8%	130	2,442	5.0%	116
1992	3,148	5.6%	166	3,044	6.8%	194	2,620	7.3%	178
1993	3,266	3.7%	118	3,104	2.0%	60	2,777	6.0%	157
1994	3,423	4.8%	157	3,224	3.9%	120	2,971	7.0%	194
1995	3,550	3.7%	127	3,382	4.9%	158	3,112 *	4.7%	141
Proposed 1996	3,688	3.9%	138	3,508	3.7%	126	3,264 *	4.9%	152

* Includes \$41 mandatory cable fee, which is included as part of the room rate.

**Table 2
RESIDENCE HALL BEDS OCCUPIED**

<u>Fall of</u>	<u>University of Iowa</u>		<u>Iowa State University</u>		<u>University of Northern Iowa*</u>	
	<u>Number of Beds Occupied</u>	<u>% of Design Capacity</u>	<u>Number of Beds Occupied</u>	<u>% of Design Capacity</u>	<u>Number of Beds Occupied</u>	<u>% of Design Capacity</u>
1987	6,431	106.8%	8,790	100.5%	4,263	93.4%
1988	6,360	108.3%	8,415	96.3%	4,451	99.4%
1989	6,282	107.0%	8,392	97.5%	4,672	104.0%
1990	5,758	99.3%	8,315	95.4%	5,071	111.3%
1991	5,510	94.5%	7,851	91.7%	4,976	109.0%
1992	5,527	94.2%	7,742	90.4%	4,532	99.2%
1993	5,130	87.6%	7,781	90.9%	4,437	97.2%
1994	5,528	94.4%	7,449	87.3%	4,539	92.1% **
1995	5,566	95.2%	7,210	85.2%	4,603	93.3%
Estimated 1996	5,569	95.3%	7,210	85.6%	4,615	93.6%

* Includes the following number of single students in apartments:

Fall 1987 - 22, Fall - 22, Fall 1988 - 47. From 1989 on, single students are included in apartment headcount.

** Residence on the Hill (ROTH) opened increasing design capacity.

The proposed average apartment rate increases are as follows:

<u>University</u>	<u>Apartment Rate Increases</u>	
	<u>1995-96 Average Increase</u>	<u>Proposed 1996-97 Average Increase</u>
SUI	4.4%	3.5%
ISU	6.3%	3.0%
UNI	4.7%	4.9%

A ten-year history of apartment units occupied, by Regent institution, is shown in Table 3.

Table 3
APARTMENT UNITS OCCUPIED

Fall of	<u>University of Iowa</u>		<u>Iowa State University</u>		<u>University of Northern Iowa*</u>	
	Apartment Units Occupied	% of Design Capacity	Apartment Units Occupied	% of Design Capacity	Apartment Units Occupied	% of Design Capacity
1987	758	94.8%	1,382	98.1%	287	78.6%
1988	748	99.9%	1,317	96.0%	315	86.3%
1989	743	99.2%	1,278	101.5%	348	95.3%
1990	747	99.7%	1,174	98.8%	355	97.3%
1991	740	98.8%	1,160	97.7%	364	99.7%
1992	741	98.9%	1,133	97.3%	365	100.0%
1993	742	99.1%	1,072	95.9%	365	100.0%
1994	746	99.6%	1,091	97.2%	360	98.6%
1995	742	99.1%	1,080	99.4%	365	100.0%
Estimated 1996	747	99.7%	1,050	98.3%	365	100.0%

* Excludes apartment units occupied by single students from 1987 to 1988.

Information on the proposed rates was shared with the Associated Residence Halls (ARH) Financial Board and its House of Representatives and apartment tenants at the University of Iowa, the Inter-Residence Hall Association and the University Student Apartment Community Council at Iowa State University, and the Residence Hall Presidents Council and Northern Iowa Student Government at the University of Northern Iowa.

Regent Dorr stated the Board Office indicated that the fees were reasonable while at the same time noting that the percentage of occupancy was down. He asked that in the future those trends be taken into consideration when determining rate increases.

Mr. Richey responded that the Board Office would address that issue in the next governance report on residence systems.

Regent Dorr suggested that a determination should be made as to why the trend was happening. Mr. Richey responded that the information was presented in March in the annual governance report. He noted that the reduction in occupancy was partly due to a decrease in undergraduate enrollments.

Vice President True stated that many of the dormitory rooms were originally designed for three and four students and have been reduced to an occupancy of two to three students

to better meet student demands. There is not quite the degree of concentration of students in a room as originally designed. As that has occurred, the percent of design capacity has decreased.

Regent Pellett asked whether university officials considered costs at all a factor in the reduction in occupancy. Vice President True responded that residence system costs may be a factor because the system is self supporting. However, the central issue is to be responsive to student demand. He said rest rooms have been modernized and changes have been made from large group showers to individual showers, as examples of efforts to meet student demand.

Regent Dorr recommended that the baseline be changed in future reports so the Regents are not looking at a design capacity that is 30 years old.

Vice President True responded that university officials would do so. He noted that in case of unbelievable demand in the future the rooms can be converted back to triples and quads.

Regent Kennedy stated that the Regents needed to be provided with both figures -- original design capacity and today's design capacity.

Regent Lande asked whether university officials had ever conducted a consumer survey to identify the reasons that students choose to live off campus. He noted that the universities had enormous investments in dormitories.

Vice President True responded that 5 to 6 years ago associated residence halls officials along with a consultant performed just such a survey. At that time university officials were considering whether to add capacity. He said a lot of information came out of that survey, noting that university officials could share the results of the survey with the Board again.

Vice President Madden stated that Iowa State University officials were seeking new leadership for the residence system. One of the advantages of Iowa State University's residence system is its location and convenience to the campus. He said university officials are reviewing meal options and are rewiring dormitories to provide better computer access for students. The residence system is becoming more marketing focused. Pammel Court is intentionally being phased out so there will be a reduction in design capacity of the residence system.

Director Hartman stated that the University of Northern Iowa residence system faces similar dynamics to those expressed by his colleagues. The occupancy level is related to undergraduate enrollment yet the percentage of occupancy has remained very constant.

He said university officials will certainly study the concerns raised by the Board members and provide them with some helpful information.

Regent Pellett stated that university officials need to continually study matters related to housing. The student body is ever changing and university officials need to be aware of the changing needs.

President Newlin asked for a motion on the proposal.

MOTION Regent Smith moved to approve the proposed rates for family housing, student apartments and for residence halls and dining contracts for the 1996 - 1997 academic year, as proposed. Regent Mahood seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL APPROVAL OF PARKING RATES. The Board Office recommended that the Board give final approval to parking permit rates for 1996-1997 at Iowa State University as shown below:

**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
PROPOSED RATES
1996 - 1997 PARKING PERMITS**

<u>Type of Permit</u>	<u>1995-1996 Rate</u>	<u>Proposed 1996-1997 Rate</u>	<u>Dollar Increase</u>	<u>Percent Increase</u>
General Staff	\$45	\$50	\$5	11.1%
Reserved	\$240	\$250	\$10	4.2%
24 Hour Reserved	\$330	\$500	\$170	51.5%
Commuter	\$30	\$35	\$5	16.7%
Departmental	\$63	\$200	\$137	217.5%
Vendor	\$63	\$75	\$12	19.0%
Motorcycle	\$12	\$15	\$3	25.0%

The proposed rates, which were unchanged from those presented at the March meeting, recognize the university's parking needs and that current rates are slightly lower than those of comparable universities and local communities which operate parking systems.

Proposed increases in fees ranged from 4.2 percent to 217.5 percent with the greatest increase occurring for departmental permits which were proposed to increase from \$63 to \$200 per year. Permits for 24 Hour Reserved spaces were proposed to increase from \$330 to \$500, an increase of 51.5 percent.

The proposed rate increases will generate approximately \$80,000 in additional annual revenue and will allow development of the necessary resources to improve the campus parking system over the next several years.

The large increases proposed for departmental and 24-Hour Reserved permits were designed to discourage growth in the number of those permits in order to improve daytime parking accessibility to visitors, faculty and staff who need access during the workday to various campus locations.

Fees proposed for 1996-1997 were recommended unanimously by the Campus Transportation Advisory Council, composed of faculty, staff and students.

The rate for commuters would increase from \$30 to \$35, a 16.7 percent increase. Parking at the Iowa State Center lots would continue to be provided at no charge with free shuttle service to the main campus.

The proposed rate increases will generate additional revenue (FY 1996 total projected parking revenues are \$1.7 million) for improving shuttle services, parking structure development, parking lots, and signage during FY 1997.

No significant changes in parking lot designations or the parking system are planned for FY 1997 with the exception of some additional surface parking in the Old Horticultural Garden and East Pammel Court areas if demand warrants.

Because of the need to improve campus parking, the university retained a nationally recognized transportation and parking consultant, Rich and Associates, to complete a parking master planning study. The report of Rich and Associates outlines various alternatives for either the construction of parking structures at various sites on campus, expanded shuttle service to move individuals from outlying parking locations to the core campus, and signage improvements to the university parking operations.

Within the next several weeks, the university will bring Rich and Associates back to campus to meet with various groups such as the Faculty Senate, Professional & Scientific

and Supervisory/Confidential Councils, Transportation Advisory Council and student government groups. There will be two open forums to present the parking master planning study. After receiving comments from these presentations, the university plans to make recommendations to the Board on ways to improve campus parking.

If an acceptable financial plan can be developed, a combination of parking structures, expanded surface lots on the campus periphery and improved shuttle service are the most probable solutions.

President Newlin asked for a motion on the proposal.

MOTION Regent Dorr moved to give final approval to parking permit rates for 1996-1997 at Iowa State University, as presented. Regent Kennedy seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

OTHER BUSINESS.

President Newlin then asked Board members and institutional officials if there were additional general or miscellaneous items for discussion.

Regent Pellett said the Board of Regents was entering a new era and she felt strongly that there needed to be maximum Board member participation. The Regents would like to have a say. She said Regents Tyrrell and Dorr can be of assistance in that.

MOTION: Regent Pellett moved that President Newlin utilize the two senior members of the Board of Regents to help with committee assignments. Regent Collins seconded the motion.

President Newlin said his hope would be to consult with all Board members and that all would have input.

Regent Tyrrell suggested that President Newlin do both and said that the Regents were all looking forward to pulling together. We have a new era. He noted that exploration of the abilities, interests and talents of our Board members would be extremely helpful.

President Newlin responded that his intent would be to talk to all Board members.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

GENERAL
May 1, 1996

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting of the Iowa Board of Regents adjourned at 11:10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 1996.

R. Wayne Richey
Executive Director