

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Board of Regents  
**From:** Board Office  
**Subject:** Annual Report of the Regent Registrars and Admissions Officers (RRAO)  
**Date:** October 9, 2000

**Recommended Action:**

Receive the Annual Report of the Regent Registrars and Admissions Officers (RRAO).

**Executive Summary:**

The Annual Report of the Regent Registrars and Admissions Officers (RRAO) summarizes the activities of the Committee for the past year. The University Registrars and Directors of Admissions serve on the Committee. The RRAO facilitates the transfer of student records and may make recommendations regarding registration and admissions policies at the Regent universities to the Board of Regents through the Interinstitutional Committee on Educational Coordination (ICEC). The ICEC has reviewed this report and recommends its acceptance.

The Committee's activities are consistent with the Board's Strategic Plan, Key Result Areas (KRAs), 2.0.0.0 and 4.0.0.0; specifically 4.2.0.0, to improve the operational effectiveness and efficiency of the institutions.

**Background:**

While the Committee engaged in several coordination discussions and activities during the past year, three items warrant specific mention:

Federal Changes in Ethnic Code Reporting – In response to reopened discussions at the federal level on ethnic code reporting, changes in reporting have been delayed until at least 2003. All three Regent universities have to delay any changes related to ethnic code reporting.

Joint Regent Publications – RRAO members worked on two joint publications this year. *Public Connections*, revised and distributed in February 2000, focuses on transfer admissions requirements. *Your Courses Count* describes freshman admissions requirements. It is in the final revision stages and is scheduled for distribution during fall 2000.

Updating Board of Regents Procedural Guide – RRAO members discussed how best to propose certain modifications to the Procedural Guide and Iowa Administrative Code. Specifically, RRAO discussed their role in proposing modifications. These process-related questions were referred to the Regent Committee on Educational Relations (RCER).

The Committee proposes three goals for 2000-01, including:

- (1) To address how best to update sections of the Procedural Guide relating to RRAO issues and Iowa Administrative Code.
- (2) To complete the final revisions and distribute *Your Courses Count*, a publication that describes freshman admissions requirements.
- (3) To continue to partner with the Regent Committee on Educational Relations (RCER) and the Iowa Department of Education to promote Project Easier and increase electronic data interchange between public K-12 school districts and the Regent universities.

Officers for 2000-01 are Philip Patton (UNI), Chair; Michael Barron (SUI), Vice Chair; and Clark Elmer (UNI), Secretary.

The RRAO Annual Report is found in the Regent Exhibit Book.

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