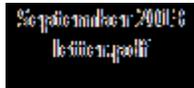


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September 4, 2013

The Honorable Terry Branstad, Governor
State of Iowa
State Capitol Building
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Governor Branstad:

This letter provides information about the meeting of the Board of Regents on September 10-11, 2013. The meeting will be held at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls.

The meeting materials are available on the Regent website at the following address:

www.regents.iowa.gov/Meetings/DocketMemos/agendaitems.html

I am available at any time to answer questions about the meeting materials or any other matter.

Audio streaming of the meeting may be accessed through the Board of Regents website.

The reactivated Property and Facilities Committee will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, September 10 at 3:30 p.m. Regent Milt Dakovich chairs the committee. The committee will review the five-year capital plans. The FY 2015 capital request is a part of the five-year plan. The FY 2015 capital request includes planning for three projects -- the SUI Pharmacy Building Replacement, ISU Biosciences Facilities, and UNI Schindler Education Center Renovation. Construction funds for these projects are included in the out-years of the five-year plan. The proposed five-year state funded capital plan to be funded by capital appropriations and/or academic building revenue bonds totals \$785.4 million, including \$689.4 million in state funds and \$96.0 million in private or other funds. Specifics on the capital plans may be found in P&F Agenda Item #1.

Other items for committee consideration include the University of Iowa capital register which includes requests to proceed with three projects. The three projects are UIHC projects -- the first, the expansion at Iowa River Landing (IRL) which would develop additional outpatient space on levels 4 and 5 of the IRL. The second project would relocate and expand the pediatric cardiac catheterization laboratory in the John Pappajohn Pavilion. The cost of the two projects -- approximately \$14.8 million -- will be funded by hospital building usage funds. The third request will begin project planning for a centralized power generation facility which would provide emergency power to the UIHC campus. The university estimates the cost for the project would range from \$15 million to \$23 million and would be funded by hospital building usage funds. More details on these projects may be found in P&F Agenda Item #2.

The Education and Student Affairs Committee (ESAC) chaired by President Pro Tem Mulholland will also meet at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The committee will review the Biennial Faculty Activities Report. The report indicates the number of hours worked by faculty at the three universities in 2012-2013 ranged from 53.9 to 58.2. The numbers showed only minor fluctuations from prior years. The report indicates a significant amount of faculty time is spent teaching. At the three universities at least 49% of all undergraduate credit hours are taught by tenured or tenure-track faculty. More specifics on the biennial report may be found in ESAC Agenda Item #2.

The ESAC will also review the annual report of the Iowa Lakeside Laboratory Regents Resource Center (ILLRRC) and consider its FY 2014 budget. More specifics, including the ILLRRC Strategic Plan, may be found in ESAC Agenda Item #3.

Beginning on Wednesday morning, the Board will hear an update on the legal landscape of sexual misconduct on the campus from Saunie Schuster. Ms. Schuster is a partner with the National Center for Higher Education Risk Management and managing partner of Schuster & Clifford, LLP, a law practice devoted exclusively to education law.

Dr. Joe Gorton, Associate Professor of Criminology at UNI and President of the UNI-United Faculty, will address the Board.

The Audit/Compliance and Investment Committee chaired by Regent Downer will meet to discuss the quarterly investment and cash management report, the annual review of peer group comparisons, and asset allocations with the Board's investment advisor, Wilshire Consulting.

The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee chaired by Regent Carroll will receive updates on operational and financial performance and from the Carver College of Medicine. The committee will also receive a presentation from Dr. Dale Abel, Professor of Internal Medicine and Biochemistry and Chief, Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism, on diabetes research and care in the 21st century and beyond.

The Board's remaining agenda items are summarized below.

- Each of the institutional heads will provide the Board with a brief update on campus activities.
- The Board will consider requests for FY 2015 operating and other fund appropriations. These are detailed in Agenda Item #7. The request totals \$652.7 million, an increase of \$44.2 million over the current year. To maintain a stable base for operations, the appropriations request incorporates – continuation of recurring state appropriation levels; funding of initiatives to support the FY 2010-2016 strategic plans; tuition replacement needs, funding for the special schools, economic development initiatives and support for Iowa Public Radio.

The largest portion of the request is for higher education operating appropriations. The higher education request includes continuation of FY 2014 recurring appropriations of \$479.2 million, special funding for fiscal stabilization for UNI, and an incremental funding increase of 4% (\$19.6 million) to support investment in the Student Affordability efforts.

Building on the success of last year's collaboration with the Governor and legislature, it is proposed that a Partnership for Student Affordability continue with a funding request

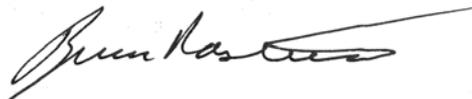
allowing for the public universities to meet inflationary pressures and freeze tuition for Iowa undergraduates for a second year.

The new funding will allow the universities to -- preserve and strengthen the educational quality of the universities, continue to improve student retention and graduation rates, continue strong financial aid policies, improve administrative efficiency, and reduce student debt.

- The Board will receive bids for \$30.1 million in Academic Building Revenue Bonds for the restoration of flood damaged buildings and facilities at the University of Iowa. The 2009 General Assembly authorized the Board to issue \$100 million in Academic Building Revenue Bonds to repair the flood damaged buildings. This bond issue is the second series of bonds issued for this purpose.
- The Board will receive a presentation on restructured field experiences in teacher education at UNI. Following the closure of the Malcolm Price Laboratory School, UNI implemented a restructuring of field experiences in the teacher education program and an expansion of professional development school partnerships with area schools. The presentation will include describing the new model and a discussion of the impact of the changes. Becky Hawbaker, Coordinator of Field Experiences will be joined by a local school teacher and a UNI pre-service student for the discussion.
- The Board will receive a presentation from three faculty members who will discuss Fulbright Scholars at UNI.

If we can provide additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely,



Bruce L. Rastetter

cc: Lt. Governor Kimberly Reynolds
Members of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa