

Regents Transparency Task Force
Comments Received as of Thursday, May 9, 2013

Ethics

1. Develop an ethics policy.
2. Conflict-of-interest standards be strengthened by prohibiting regent staff from having other financial dealings directly related to the state universities.
3. "Develop a clear ethics complaint process to enforce the Regents ethics policy."
4. Require timely submission of conflict of interest disclosure and publically post the information.
5. End the revolving door between public institutions and private corporations.
 Also stated: Lobbyists who worked for a regent or that regent's business could not lobby for a school or program governed by the regents for two years after leaving that job.

Public comment/meetings

6. Allow for a public comment period at each board meeting.
7. Hold four public hearings each year, one in each congressional district.
8. Make BoR committee meetings open to the public.

Other

9. Any board proposal costing at least \$100,000 would require public readings at two board meetings before action could occur.
10. Develop a policy addressing academic freedom and Board member activity.
11. Provide budget information that is easily accessible and understandable to students. (Cited: Federal Taxpayer Receipt)
12. Add a faculty member to the Transparency Task Force. - Note: Dr. John Johnson is a UNI faculty member.
13. Review the relationship between the release date of the docket and the Board's policy for a request to appear before the Board.

Public Hearing Participation - 38 ICN sites

Johnston - 8 ICN sites	Wednesday, April 17	12 speakers, 1 speaker submitted written comment
Iowa City - 8 ICN sites	Tuesday, April 30	7 speakers
Council Bluffs - 11 ICN sites	Thursday, May 2	12 speakers
Dubuque - 12 ICN sites	Tuesday, May 7	4 speakers including Dr. John Johnson, Task Force member

Written comment

83 written comments