Remarks by Dr. Joe Gorton to the Iowa Board of Regents Transparency Task Force
April 17, 2013

My name is Joe Gorton, I am an Associate Professor at the University of Northern Iowa and the
President-Elect of the University of Northern Iowa Chapter of the American Association of
University Professors.

I want to begin my remarks by thanking the IBOR for forming this task force. I would like to also
thank each you for volunteering time from your busy lives to pursue the very important goal of
improving transparency in the operations and policy development of Iowa’s regent’s
universities.

None of us would be here this evening if we did not agree that there is a serious need to shed
more public light upon the manner in which the IBOR and the executive leaders of Iowa’s
university’s make decisions. Agreeing on this important point is a good start to a journey that
must be done in good faith and with the goal of infusing more democracy into the decision
making process.

I mention good faith. because there are many people who are already cynical about what will
come from this process. Some have told me they are concerned that the task force is merely a
cosmetic attempt to appease Iowans dissatisfied with some of the events that have occurred in
the past two years. Others have said that this project is but a political tool intended to deflect
the political consequences of the recent problems that have occurred at our universities.

Personally, I am not that cynical, but I understand fully the concerns of those who are.

Some of them are parents of children who once attended the MPLS and then had their family’s
lives turned upside down when the school was closed with no meaningful dialogue with
families, faculty, or the Cedar Valley community.

Some of them are folks who will tell you that even today no one can say with any certainty
where the decision to close Price Lab had its origins. Was it President Allen? Was it the Board of
Regents? What was the role of the Cedar Falls School District? A year later no one really knows
the answers to those questions.

Some of them are UNI faculty members who were unfairly, and without meaningful
consultation, forced into early retirement. I’m pleased to say that after great effort these
professors are in the process of being rehired. But this did not happen until their lives and the
lives of their families were place into total chaos.
Some of them are folks who heard what IBOR President Lang said on Saturday when he was asked if he would help bring SF 407 (Regents Accountability and Transparency Act) to the Iowa House of Representatives floor for a vote. His angry response: “Hell No!”

The members of the American Association of University Professors believe in democracy. As one of its members I am hopeful this task force will make meaningful recommendations to infuse more democracy into Iowa’s system of higher education.

So what can you do to help ensure that back room decisions, hidden from Iowa taxpayers never happen again? I have three initial recommendations.

First, the IBOR should immediately adopt a public comment period at its regular open meetings.

By my calculations, the IBOR spends approximately nine times as many tax dollars as Iowa’s four largest counties combined.

Local government boards, councils and commissions throughout Iowa and the United States allow taxpayers and citizens to make public comments during their regular meetings. Why not the IBOR?

Many other states offer a public comment period at the regular meetings of their boards of regents/trustees. Some of them include: Arizona, California, Colorado, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Louisiana, Maine, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, Washington, and Wyoming. Why not the IBOR?

The Iowa state governing boards of both the Department of Education and the Department of Natural Resources have a public comment period at their meetings. Why not the IBOR?

Last Saturday, when President Lang said “Hell no!” to SF 407 he added that regular regents meetings were too busy to allow for a public comment period. His idea was that perhaps the board could have separate meetings just for the public. The number of problems with this idea are too numerous to go into here. Let me simply point out that none of the boards in the 15 states mentioned above believe their meetings are too busy for democracy. You should reject any public comment recommendations that do not require public comment at regular board meetings.

Second, the IBOR should make sure that its committee meetings are open to the public. At Saturday’s AAUP meeting with Mr. Rastetter and Mr. Lang, they stated with great pride that of the 201 votes taken by the IBOR since they have been members, 200 have been unanimous. It does not take a political scientist to understand what this pattern means. Too many IBOR decisions are being made in back rooms without any public discussion. My guess is
that many of these decisions are made during committee meetings the public is either not aware of, or is not allowed to attend.

Third, I hope you will add a faculty member to the Transparency Task Force. It is impossible for me to overstate the value you will find in adding a faculty perspective to your deliberations.

On behalf of the UNI Chapter of the American Association of University Professors I want to thank you again for your service to this very important cause. I wish you good luck and will be at your service to assist in any way possible.
April 12, 2013

Board of Regents Transparency Taskforce
State of Iowa
11260 Aurora Avenue
Urbandale, Iowa 50322

Members of the Regents Transparency Taskforce:

Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement (Iowa CCI) members submit this letter as an official organizational comment with our demands for what the transparency taskforce must, at a minimum, recommend in order to bring basic accountability and credibility back to the Iowa Board of Regents.

The Regents has faced enormous public criticism over the past year because of a series of controversial decisions by regents leadership that have put the interests of big-moneyed corporate agribusiness groups ahead of the interests of everyday Iowans.

Governor Branstad, Regent President Craig Lang, and Regent Pro-Tem Bruce Rastetter have twisted the role of Iowa’s public universities to serve corporate greed rather than the common good, and have repeatedly refused to involve the public in the decision-making process. This is not acceptable and must change.

**Issue #1 – Attempted Landgrab in Tanzania, the lack of ethics policy enforcement, and the denial of public comment at board meetings**

Regent Rastetter attempted to leverage the international reputation of Iowa State University (ISU) to back a corporate landgrab in Tanzania by his own company, AgriSol. When concerned citizens sought redress by appealing to the Regents own published ethics policy, and requested public comment at a board meeting weeks ahead of time, we were denied an opportunity to address the board and were physically removed from the meeting rather than be allowed to voice our concerns.
Issue #2 – Revolving-door lobbying between the corporate and public sectors

Several months later, the Regents also hired Rastetter's personal public relations director, Joe Murphy, to be the new lobbyist at ISU without conducting a public job search or following the regents own diversity-in-hiring guidelines. This kind of “revolving door” lobbying should not be allowed.

Issue #3 – Closing the University of Northern Iowa's (UNI's) Price Laboratory without adequate public input

The regents' decision to close UNI's Price Lab was done behind closed doors and without allowing adequate time and space for students, faculty, and the general public to make their views known or to have a meaningful role in the process.

Issue #4 – Infringement of academic freedom at ISU

The current regents leadership infringed on academic freedom at ISU by preventing the fledging Tom Harkin Institute of Public Policy from conducting free and open agricultural research independent of the corporate ag groups that dominate so much university research now. This corporate protectionism resulted in Senator Harkin pulling nearly 40 years of priceless congressional papers from one of our public institutions, an incredible and incalculable loss to the state of Iowa.

Issue #5 – Infringement of academic freedom at the University of Iowa (UI)

Regent Rastetter is a former board member of the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association and recently worked with their top lobbyist in an attempt to silence a UI professor from publicly speaking out against industry practices that could threaten Iowa's already polluted water quality.

These kinds of actions by sitting regents are not acceptable, and Iowa CCI members refuse to sit idly by while corporate power takes over what few public institutions remain accessible to everyday people in this state. Our universities are meant to serve the public interest and the common good. They are not meant to serve corporate power or the interests of the rich and powerful at the expense of hardworking families.
Therefore, we demand that the Regents Transparency Taskforce adopt the following recommendations:

1) The Board of Regents must develop, vet with the public, and then publish in writing a clear conflict of interest and ethics complaint process that citizens can appeal to when evidence suggests a sitting regent may have violated board policy. After this policy has been established, the Board of Regents must open a formal investigation into Rastetter’s real or perceived conflict of interest violations last year during the ISU/AgriSol landgrab scandal.

2) The Board of Regents must mandate significant public comment time at the beginning of all Regents meetings so that members of the public may make their views known on relevant topics in a timely manner.

3) The Board of Regents must hold additional public hearings four times a year in all four congressional districts outside of traditional university corridors.

4) The Board of Regents must adopt a clear policy prohibiting “revolving door” lobbying between current and former employees of corporations owned by a sitting regent and any regent institution, including the board.

5) The Board of Regents must also consider additional measures to curb the influence of corporate power on board decision-making, including, but not limited to, prohibiting political activity by a sitting regent, full financial disclosure that goes above and beyond what is required by Iowa law, and allowing university students and faculty to pick an additional member of the regents.

Thousands of Iowans from all walks of life and every corner of the state support common-sense reforms to make the Iowa Board of Regents more transparent and accountable to the general public. The time for change is now.

For a more just and democratic Iowa,

Adam Mason
State Policy Organizing Director
Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement
Public good before corporate greed on the Iowa Board of Regents

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April 18, 2013

Ann McCarthy
Policy and Operations Officer, Iowa Board of Regents

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Thanks,

Phil Klein

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April 18, 2013

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The Corporate Oligarchy, represented by Terry Branstad, Craig Lang and Bruce Rastetter have infringed on the academic freedoms and the credibility of our State Universities. Using ISU employees in Farm Bureau crafted media ads to promote the Corporate Ag agenda, while calling an UI professor to the wood shed for expressing a concern about the demand on Iowa water resources to support the ethanol industry. A prime example of Corporate censorship.

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Thanks,

Kent Morris
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Thanks,

Jo Rod

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Ellis and Winifred Standing
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Earlham, IA 50072-5525

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Thanks,

Ellis and Winifred Standing
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Thanks,

Joe in Boone, IA

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Thanks,

Dennis L. Senecaut
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Anne Clark  
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April 18, 2013  

Ann McCarthy  
Policy and Operations Officer, Iowa Board of Regents  

Dear Ann McCarthy:  

Governor Branstad, Regent President Craig Lang, and Regent Pro-Tem Bruce Rastetter have twisted the role of Iowa’s public universities to serve private interests rather than the public good. Corporate corruption inside our public institutions by our public officials is not acceptable. Cronyism doesn’t belong at our Universities.  

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Thanks,  

Anne Clark  

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Thanks,

Judy Cohen

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Thanks,

Ron Rubek
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These changes may help restore public faith in the board of regents.

Thanks,

Virginia Meyer

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James H Jorgensen
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Patti Edwardson
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April 18, 2013

Ann McCarthy
Policy and Operations Officer, Iowa Board of Regents

Dear Ann McCarthy:

The people of Iowa depend on you to defend our respectability. Governor Branstad, Regent President Craig Lang, and Regent Pro-Tem Bruce Rastetter have twisted the role of Iowa’s public universities to serve private interests rather than the public good. Corporate corruption inside our public institutions by our public officials is not acceptable.

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Thank you for your time and attention.

Thanks,

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Thanks,

Carletta Casey
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Gilbert Landolt
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Des Moines, IA 50301-0188

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Thanks,

Gilbert Landolt

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Don Langstaff  
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Fairfield, IA 52556-3128  

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Kalona, IA 52247-9345

April 19, 2013

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Thanks,

Arthur Joseph Wyse

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John Blasingame
PO Box 69
Silver City, IA 51571-0069

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Thanks,

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Thanks,

Del Coppinger
641-672-2892

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Sandra Rando  
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Fairfield, IA 52556-E761

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4) end the revolving door between public institutions and private corporations.

Thanks,

Robert Burrell
319-848-7532

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the Board of Regents should represent Iowa's good

joannrcrouch@yahoo.com

Sent: Friday, April 19, 2013 9:13 AM
To: amccart@iastate.edu

Jo Ann Crouch
607 Hillside Drive
Fairfield, IA 52556-3636

April 19, 2013

Ann McCarthy
Policy and Operations Officer, Iowa Board of Regents

Dear Ann McCarthy:

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Thanks,

Jo Ann Crouch

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Governor Branstad, Regent President Craig Lang, and Regent Pro-Tem Bruce Rastetter have tried to restrict academic freedom, and the search for truth and the proclamation of it. Apparently, they have done this on behalf of private business interests rather than the public good.

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Thanks,

Omer Goodner
3196563589

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Kenneth & Bernadette Siebert  
1229 McKinley Drive  
Ames, IA 50010-4509  

April 20, 2013  

Ann McCarthy  
Policy and Operations Officer, Iowa Board of Regents  

Dear Ann McCarthy:  

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Thanks,  

Kenneth & Bernadette Siebert  
515-232-4367  

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Public good before corporate greed on the Iowa Board of Regents
matt15142@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, April 20, 2013 12:59 PM
To: amccart@iastate.edu

David Matt
1509 Woodside Cir
Fairfield, IA 52556-4144

April 20, 2013

Ann McCarthy
Policy and Operations Officer, Iowa Board of Regents

Dear Ann McCarthy:

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Thanks,

David Matt
6414725832

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communities before corporations on the Iowa Board of Regents
pjmorse@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, April 20, 2013 1:34 PM
To: amccart@iastate.edu

Penney Morse  
615 Pine St.  
Osage, IA 50461-1313

April 20, 2013

Ann McCarthy  
Policy and Operations Officer, Iowa Board of Regents

Dear Ann McCarthy:

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Democracy works best when public business is conducted in the public and there is full disclosure of conflict of interest by those on public boards.

Thanks,

Penney Morse  
414 3421699

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communities before corporations on the Iowa Board of Regents
darrelwrider@yahoo.com

Sent: Saturday, April 20, 2013 5:29 PM
To: amccart@iastate.edu

Darrel Wrider
3816 Wenig Rd., NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402-2720

April 20, 2013

Ann McCarthy
Policy and Operations Officer, Iowa Board of Regents

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Thanks,

Darrel Wrider
319/393-2887

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communities before corporations on the Iowa Board of Regents
blueraven0427@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, April 21, 2013 6:19 PM
To: amccart@iastate.edu

Julia Natvig
1561 W 68th Street
Davenport, IA 52806-1788

April 21, 2013

Ann McCarthy
Policy and Operations Officer, Iowa Board of Regents

Dear Ann McCarthy:

The unethical actions of Bruce Rastetter and Craig Lang this past year demand a public accounting and process changes to prevent such actions in the future. Iowans are disgusted by this abuse of power and violation of the public trust.

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Thanks,

Julia Natvig
563 386-5581

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Public good before corporate greed on the Iowa Board of Regents
dallbee@mchsi.com
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2013 2:37 PM
To: amccart@iastate.edu

Dwight Allbee
403 1st Ave NE
Waverly, IA 50677-1765

April 25, 2013

Ann McCarthy
Policy and Operations Officer, Iowa Board of Regents

Dear Ann McCarthy:

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Thanks,

Dwight Allbee

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the Board of Regents should represent Iowa's good
gwolf54@msn.com
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2013 3:38 PM
To: amccart@iastate.edu

Virginia Wolf
309 NW 18th St #901
Ankeny, IA 50023-4267

April 25, 2013

Ann McCarthy
Policy and Operations Officer, Iowa Board of Regents

Dear Ann McCarthy:

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Thanks,

Virginia Wolf
515-729-1946

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the Board of Regents should represent Iowa's good
shenryson@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2013 3:42 PM
To: amccart@iastate.edu

Sara Henryson
1023 Kirkwood Ave
Iowa City, IA 52240-5742

April 25, 2013

Ann McCarthy
Policy and Operations Officer, Iowa Board of Regents

Dear Ann McCarthy:

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Thanks,

S H

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Norman Goldberg  
5154 Lower Beaver Road  
Des Moines, IA 50310-4350

April 27, 2013  

Ann McCarthy  
Policy and Operations Officer, Iowa Board of Regents

Dear Ann McCarthy:

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Thanks,

Norman Goldberg  
202-258-7330

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the Board of Regents should represent Iowa's good
cmarchesano@intercom.net

Sent: Saturday, April 27, 2013 7:23 AM
To: amccart@iastate.edu

Carole Marchesano
5154 Lower Beaver Rd
Des Moines, IA 50310-4350

April 27, 2013

Ann McCarthy
Policy and Operations Officer, Iowa Board of Regents

Dear Ann McCarthy:

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Thanks,

Carole Marchesano

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30 April 2013

Transparency Task Force
c/o Board of Regents
11260 Aurora Avenue
Urbandale IA 50322

Transparency Task Force:

As a taxpayer, I suggest these steps to make the work of the Board of Regents more transparent to us taxpayers:

1) Require public hearings near the center of each of Iowa’s four congressional districts at least once per year.
2) Strengthen disclosure reporting requirements of nominees’ financial dealings including at least five years prior to their nomination.
3) Mandate public comment time at all Board of Regents meetings.
4) End the present revolving door between private corporations and public institutions, such as Iowa Board of Regents schools. One should be required to wait at least two years between one of these employments and the other when there is even a hint of “conflict of interest”.
5) A much more explicit and clear “ethics complaint” process needs to be developed so that Iowa Board of Regents ethics policies can be followed in a transparent manner.

As a taxpayer these suggestions would make the Board of Regents’ activities more transparent.

Stephen Tews
904 West Chestnut Street
Bloomfield IA 52537
communities before corporations on the Iowa Board of Regents
pandblehnerr@mchsi.com
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2013 12:34 PM
To: amccart@iastate.edu

pat lehnherr
4186 fairview unit 9
bettendorf, IA 52722-7249

May 2, 2013

Ann McCarthy
Policy and Operations Officer, Iowa Board of Regents

Dear Ann McCarthy:

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Thanks,

pat lehnherr

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Transparency Taskforce Hearing

Bobjorod@aol.com

Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2013 1:16 PM
To: amccart@iastate.edu

Dear Ms. Mc Carthy,

We are unable to attend the Ames Taskforce Hearing this evening because of a prior commitment that we cannot cancel. Please share our comments with the members of the Taskforce.

We are upset with the Harkin Institute debacle, the silencing of professors and the habit of members of the Regents getting involved in the corporate lobby for the corporate good, not the public good.

We are most upset about the ISU/AgriSol land deal in Tanzania. If it had not been for out-of-state sources we, the public, would not have known a thing about it! Many corporate ag groups are taking land from poor farmers all over Africa for their own profits and we are ashamed that our own Iowa State University got involved in doing this. Shame on us!

We must have rules that disallow such secrecy. We need a clear ethics complaint process, public comment and hearings and we need to end the corporate take-over of our Regents.

The Regents should represent the people of Iowa and the students in our universities....not the corporate few.
Transparency will help. Do the ethical thing!

Sincerely,

Bob and Jo Rod
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515-232-6204
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communities before corporations on the Iowa Board of Regents
mpence@cwa-union.org
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2013 2:04 PM
To: amccart@iastate.edu

Kay Pence
20642 270th Street
Eldridge, IA 52748-9335

May 2, 2013

Ann McCarthy
Policy and Operations Officer, Iowa Board of Regents

Dear Ann McCarthy:

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Thanks,

Kay Pence
5153338965

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Regent Transparency Taskforce Hearings
K & L Nelson [knlnels@iowatelecom.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2013 2:21 PM
To: amccart@iastate.edu

My name is Lori Nelson from Bayard, and I'm a proud member of Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement.

I was planning on driving to Denison tonight, but because of the heavy snow I am submitting a comment in writing instead. Please share my written comments with all taskforce members.

Governor Branstad, Regent Craig Lang, and Regent Bruce Rastetter have twisted the role of Iowa's public universities to serve private interests rather than the public good. Corporate corruption, inside our public institutions by our public officials is not acceptable.

Lang and Rastetter infringed on academic freedom by preventing the Tom Harkin Institute of Public Policy from conducting free and open agriculture research. Governor Branstad also got involved and was quoted as saying that Iowa State should speak with "one voice" and have "one mission" when it comes to agricultural research in Iowa. In my opinion, diverse and differing opinions should be welcomed and encouraged at our public universities, not squashed. It seems obvious to me that the "one voice" they want Iowans to hear from, is the voice of the corporate ag lobby.

Rastetter also worked with a corporate ag lobbyist to try and silence a University of Iowa professor from speaking out against industry practices that threaten Iowa's water quality. Again, giving the perception that any views contrary to what the corporate ag lobby wants you to hear, will be squashed. Regardless of the fact that different research may show that some industry practices are actually harmful to our health and environment and should be addressed. I find this behavior to be totally unacceptable and not in the interests of the public good.

Lang and Rastetter both have shown a pattern of not just blurring the line, but crossing the ethical line of how to serve in their positions.

I call upon the Regents Transparency Taskforce to:

1. Develop a clear ethics complaint process to enforce Regents ethics policy.
2. Mandate public comment at all Regents meetings.
3. Require additional public hearings four times a year in all four congressional districts.
4. End the revolving door between public institutions and private corporations.
5. Strengthen financial disclosure reporting requirements.

Iowans want and deserve real reforms. Do the right thing and crack down on corporate influence and abuse within the Iowa Board of Regents.

Sincerely,

Lori Nelson
1206 Locust Avenue
Bayard, IA 51401
(712) 651-2071
knlnels@iowatelecom.net:

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Virginia Meyer
5281 Wapsi Ave. SE
Lone Tree, IA 52755-5795

May 2, 2013

Ann McCarthy
Policy and Operations Officer, Iowa Board of Regents

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Virginia Meyer

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Comment to Regents Transparency Taskforce
bosolds@lisco.com
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2013 6:14 PM
To: amccart@lastate.edu

Patrick Bosold
202 N. 5th St.
Fairfield, IA 52556-2501

May 2, 2013

Ann McCarthy
Policy and Operations Officer, Iowa Board of Regents

Dear Ann McCarthy:

Governor Branstad, Regent President Craig Lang, and Regent Pro-Tem Bruce Rastetter have used and abused Iowa's public universities to serve private interests rather than the public good. Corporate corruption inside our public institutions by our public officials is not something that Iowa's public universities should be subjected to.

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Thanks,

Patrick Bosold
6414721691

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Dear Ann McCarthy:

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Thanks,

David Eash

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Comments for Regents Transparency Taskforce
Rosie Partridge [prtrdge@win-4-u.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2013 10:17 PM
To: amccart@iastate.edu

To: Ann McCarthy

My name is Rosemary Partridge. I was planning to give my comments in Denison tonight but the snow and road conditions have kept me home. I would appreciate these written comments be shared with the taskforce members.

It has been most disturbing to me to see our public universities being used to serve private and corporate interests over the needs of the students and the public good which should always be the foremost goal of our education institutes. I was extremely upset to hear that Regent Bruce Rastetter e mailed University of Iowa President Sally Mason to tell her that a bio- fuels industry representative should be allowed to re-educate a U. of Iowa professor who had suggested that corn based ethanol production not be expanded due to it's excessive use of water! This is a clear infringement of academic freedom. It clearly shows a will to promote and industry and silence a professor who was simply stating the facts.

I am a member of Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement and support the following steps to rectify these and other problems;
1) Develop a clear ethics complaint process to enforce Regents ethics policy; 2) Mandate public comment at all Regent's meetings; 3) Require additional public hearings in all four congressional districts; 4) End the revolving door between public hearings in all four congressional districts; 5) Strengthen financial disclosure reporting requirements

There has been a lot of publicity about these issues and people want real reform not another whitewash. In Iowa our public universities are held in special esteem and they need these reforms to continue to be worthy of that pride.

Rosemary Partridge
2952 390th St
Wall Lake, Iowa 51466
712-673-2754 prtrdge@win-4-u.net

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Public good before corporate greed on the Iowa Board of Regents
jeanlogan@juno.com
Sent: Saturday, May 04, 2013 3:20 PM
To: amccart@iastate.edu

Jean Logan
33299 Hickory Ave.
Sioux City, IA 51108-8722

May 4, 2013

Ann McCarthy
Policy and Operations Officer, Iowa Board of Regents

Dear Ann McCarthy:

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Thanks,

Jean Logan
712-239-7252

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Dear Ms. McCarthy,

I was unable to attend the hearing in Creston concerning the Board of Regents Transparency Taskforce due to the weather. I am submitting a comment in writing that I wish shared with other taskforce members:

I am very concerned with the behaviors of Gov. Brandstad, former Bd. member Craig Lang and especially current member, Bruce Rastetter. Some past actions as a Bd. of Regents members are dubious at best and downright shameful in the case of Rastetter/AgriSol. All three have acted as though the Bd. of Regents was their personal instrument to promote personal/corporate interests rather than the public good. Unacceptable.

I ask that the Taskforce:
1) review the Bd. of Ethics decision on Rastetter/AgriSol
2) develop a clear ethids compliant process to enforce Regents ethics policy
3) mandate public comment at all Regents meetings
4) require additional public hearings in all four congressional districts
5) end the revolving door between public institutions and private corporations
6) strengthen financial disclosure reporting requirements

Thank you Ms. McCarthy and other taskforce members as well.

Jan Craig
1809 Sage Trail
Panora, IA 50216
cjangarden@gmail.com
the Board of Regents should represent Iowa's good
evalee@southslope.net
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 3:50 PM
To: amccart@iastate.edu

Evalee Mickey
90 Tartan Drive
north liberty, IA 52317-9693

May 7, 2013

Ann McCarthy
Policy and Operations Officer, Iowa Board of Regents

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Thanks,

Evalee Mickey
319-665-9769

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May 8, 2013

Ann McCarthy
Policy and Operations Officer, Iowa Board of Regents

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Thanks,

Phil Klein

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