

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

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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.



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Board of Regents Transparency Taskforce  
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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

Dear Ann McCarthy:

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Thanks,

Phil Klein

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## Public good before corporate greed on the Iowa Board of Regents

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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.

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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- 5) Stop the use of using University representation in commercial advertizing.

Thanks,

Kent Morris  
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## Regents Transparency Taskforce - do what's right!

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Thanks,

Jo Rod

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Thanks,

Ellis and Winifred Standing  
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## communities before corporations on the Iowa Board of Regents

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Policy and Operations Officer, Iowa Board of Regents

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Thanks,

Sallie Morgan

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Joe Monahan  
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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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Dear Ann McCarthy:

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Thanks,

Anne Clark

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Thanks,

Evan Fales

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Policy and Operations Officer, Iowa Board of Regents

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Thanks,

Judy Cohen

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Thanks,

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## Public good before corporate greed on the Iowa Board of Regents

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Ann McCarthy  
Policy and Operations Officer, Iowa Board of Regents

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

Thanks,

Virginia Meyer

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## **communities before corporations on the Iowa Board of Regents**

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Thanks,

James H Jorgensen  
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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,

Patti Edwardson

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## **communities before corporations on the Iowa Board of Regents**

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Thanks,

Carletta Casey  
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Thanks,

Gilbert Landolt

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Thanks,

Don Langstaff

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April 19, 2013

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Thanks,

Arthur Joseph Wyse

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Thanks,

Del Coppinger  
641-672-2892

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**Regents Transparency Taskforce - do what's right!**

sandyrando@gmail.com

**Sent:** Friday, April 19, 2013 7:18 AM

**To:** amccart@iastate.edu

Sandra Rando  
2151 185th st # 2  
Fairfield, IA 52556-8761

April 19, 2013

Ann McCarthy  
Policy and Operations Officer, Iowa Board of Regents

Dear Ann McCarthy:

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Thanks,

Sandra Rando

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## **communities before corporations on the Iowa Board of Regents**

robertburrell@southslope.net

**Sent:** Friday, April 19, 2013 8:48 AM

**To:** amccart@iastate.edu

Robert Burrell  
562 Palisades Access Rd.  
Ely, IA 52227-9718

April 19, 2013

Ann McCarthy  
Policy and Operations Officer, Iowa Board of Regents

Dear Ann McCarthy:

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Thanks,

Robert Burrell  
319-848-7532

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**the Board of Regents should represent Iowa's good**

joanncrouch@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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## Regents Transparency Taskforce - do what's right!

doug.goodner@gmail.com

Sent: Friday, April 19, 2013 11:18 AM

To: amccart@iastate.edu

Omer Goodner  
PO Box 309, 110 B Pleasantview Circle  
Kalona, IA 52247-0309

April 19, 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 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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## Regents Transparency Taskforce - do what's right!

siebert@isunet.net

Sent: Saturday, April 20, 2013 10:14 AM

To: amccart@iastate.edu

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

Dear Ann McCarthy:

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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 50677-1705

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

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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

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Thanks,

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## Regents Transparency Taskforce - do what's right!

normangoldberg@mac.com

Sent: Saturday, April 27, 2013 7:18 AM

To: amccart@iastate.edu

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

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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

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BOARD OF REGENTS  
STATE OF IOWA

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**

pandblehn herr@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  
4235 Eisenhower Court  
Ames, IA 50010  
515-232-6204  
bobjorod@aol.com

## **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](mailto:knlnels@iowatelecom.net)

**Regents Transparency Taskforce - do what's right!**

meyervk@gmail.com

**Sent:** Thursday, May 02, 2013 4:54 PM

**To:** amccart@iastate.edu

Virginia Meyer  
5281 Wapsi Ave. SE  
Lone Tree, IA 52755-9795

May 2, 2013

Ann McCarthy  
Policy and Operations Officer, Iowa Board of Regents

Dear Ann McCarthy:

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Thanks,

Virginia Meyer

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## Comment to Regents Transparency Taskforce

bosolds@lisco.com

Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2013 6:14 PM

To: amccart@iastate.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.

I call upon the Regents Transparency Task Force to:

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Thanks,

Patrick Bosold  
6414721691

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## Regents Transparency Taskforce - do what's right!

deash@southslope.net

**Sent:** Thursday, May 02, 2013 9:44 PM

**To:** amccart@iastate.edu

David Eash  
2350 Sugar Bottom Road  
Solon, IA 52333-9579

May 2, 2013

Ann McCarthy  
Policy and Operations Officer, Iowa Board of Regents

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](mailto:prtrdge@win-4-u.net)

## 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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## transparency within Board of Regents

Jan Craig [cjangarden@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, May 06, 2013 10:16 AM

**To:** amccart@iastate.edu

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](mailto: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

Dear Ann McCarthy:

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