

Regent Rastetter's Transparency Comments at Board Meeting on February 6, 2013

Next, I would like to formally introduce and discuss the transparency issues that President Lang recently announced.

President Lang recently outlined his concerns on the need for the Board to improve transparency efforts to bolster the trust of Iowans. He expressed that the time has come for the Regents to establish new transparency policies based around Iowa's newly amended "Sunshine Laws" to enable the universities to regain the trust of their constituents and to make sure all future operations are conducted in as much sunlight as possible."

"President Lang has suggested the following actions in this effort:

- *Appoint a 9-member Transparency Task Force to develop recommendations for the Regents, with public input, on ways to create and maintain maximum transparency at the Regent institutions; the Task Force shall consist of members of the Iowa legislature, the Regent institutions and others with expertise in this area.*

- *Report the recommendations of the Transparency Task Force to the Board for consideration."*

"I ask that the Board consider a motion to appoint a 9-member Transparency Task Force which shall consist of:

- *1 member of the Governor's Iowa Public Information Board;*
- *2 members of the Iowa legislature – 1 member to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, and 1 from the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Majority Leader;*
- *1 Regent to be appointed by the Board president who will serve as the chairperson of the Task Force;*
- *3 members from Iowa's public universities, one from each university to be appointed by the university president;*
- *The Executive Director of the Board of Regents or designee;*
- *1 member of the public;*
- *The Board's general counsel or designee who will act as an ex officio member of the Task Force; and*
- *Additional members to be considered by the Board president, as appropriate.*

"I suggest that recommendations for the Task Force be approved at the March meeting of the Board of Regents."

"Also, with respect to the report of the Transparency Task Force recommendations for Board consideration, I recommend that the first report of the Task Force consist of a progress report to the Board to be presented at the June 2013 meeting."