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September 5, 2014

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Re: Transfer of Funds – Regional Study Centers

Dear Members of the Iowa General Assembly:

The 2014 General Assembly appropriated a total of \$383,848 and codified the language provided in FY 2013 and FY 2014 appropriations to authorize the Board of Regents to transfer funds between the three regional study centers (Iowa Code §262.28). At its meeting on August 6, 2014, the Board of Regents approved the transfer of \$20,000 from the Southwest Iowa Regents Resource Center to the Northwest Iowa Regents Resource Center. The funding allocations and objectives for the regional study centers for FY 2015 are effective July 1, 2014.

	FY 2013 Allocation	FY 2014 Transfer	Final FY 2015 Allocation
Southwest Iowa Regents Resource Center	\$202,734	-\$20,000	\$182,734
Northwest Iowa Regents Resource Center	\$76,114	+\$20,000	\$96,114
Quad Cities Graduate Center	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
Total	\$283,848	\$0	\$283,848

Purpose of Transfer:

- ◆ Decrease of \$20,000 from the Southwest Iowa Regents Resource Center for a FY 2015 revised allocation of \$182,734. The Center relocated to the campus of Iowa Western Community College in Summer 2011. The funds allocated to marketing and other support services need to be reallocated to the Northwest Iowa Regents Resource Center.
- ◆ Increase of \$20,000 to the Northwest Iowa Regents Resource Center for a FY 2015 revised allocation of \$96,114. Locating the Center on the Western Iowa Technical Community College campus has enhanced the Regent universities' presence in the region, built a strong connection with the community colleges in the region, and increased the connection with prospective students interested in either distance or residential programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels. The funding will be used to continue to implement the plan to staff the Center at an appropriate level and to work with the community colleges and the communities in addressing their educational needs, especially in the STEM fields.

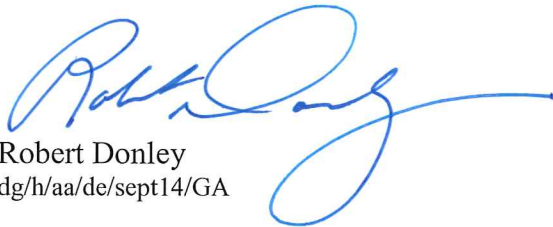
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- ◆ No change in the allocation of \$5,000 to the Quad Cities Graduate Center. The funding is consistent with the level of direct services provided to Regent university students. The bulk of the Center's budget is allocated to administrative overhead. The value added by the Center is limited because the services it provides to the universities and their students are duplicative of services already provided by the universities, including registration and support services.

This approach will address the goals of the Board of Regents 2010-2016 Strategic Plan related to distance education.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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