

Report of the Fiscal Committee to the Legislative Council

June 22, 2017

The Legislative Fiscal Committee held one meeting during the 2016 Legislative Interim on November 14, 2016, at the University of Northern Iowa (UNI). The Committee heard presentations from representatives of the Board of Regents and the Legislative Services Agency (LSA). The presentations are summarized below:

- **UNI Student Government Representatives:** Representatives from the UNI student government presented concerns about major and minor areas of study being eliminated, staff vacancies, fewer opportunities for graduate students, and increasing tuition costs. Other concerns expressed related to a greater need for student mental health services on campus.
- **Two-Year Tuition Plan:** Board President Bruce Rastetter presented the Board of Regents Two-Year Tuition Plan. The two-year plan includes a 2.0% increase in State appropriations each year and a 2.0% increase in resident undergraduate tuition rates each year. The plan also includes differential tuition to ensure that the tuition for more expensive majors, such as engineering, reflects a higher rate of tuition than less expensive majors.
- **Enrollment Trends:** Jason Pontius, Director of Institutional Research for the Board of Regents, discussed enrollment trends at the three Regents universities. It was reported that the Regents universities experienced a record enrollment of 81,899 students in the fall of 2016.
- **Transparent, Inclusive Efficiency Review (TIER) Process:** Mark Braun, Chief Operating Officer of the Board of Regents, gave an update on the TIER Process and provided information related to the TIER accomplishments at each of the universities.
- **American Institute of Business Campus:** Tom Rice, Faculty Director of the John and Mary Pappajohn Educational Center of the University of Iowa, provided an update on the American Institute of Business (AIB) campus located in Des Moines. The property was gifted to the University of Iowa in January 2015.
- **Infrastructure Projects:** Brad Berg, Board of Regents Policy and Operations Officer, presented a report on past infrastructure projects and the current five-year infrastructure plan.
- **LSA Presentations:** LSA staff provided an update on the October estimates of the Revenue Estimating Conference, the status of the Iowa economy, the General Fund budget, and the Medicaid Program. The LSA also submitted the following reports for information purposes only:
 - FY 2016 Performance of Duty Expenditures
 - Appropriation Transfers and Transfer Limits
 - Department of Public Safety Lease Purchase
 - University of Iowa Lease-Purchase Carver Hawkeye Arena
 - University of Iowa Indoor Track Lease Purchase

Upon adjournment, the Committee was provided a tour of the Schindler Building and the Rod Library on the UNI campus.

Materials distributed to the Committee are maintained by the Fiscal Services Division and are available upon request. These documents can also be found on the LSA website at:
<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/committees/meetings/documents?committee=704&ga=ALL>

Respectfully Submitted,

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