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Education Appropriations Subcommittee
State Capitol
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Members of the Education Appropriations Subcommittee:

The Education Appropriations Subcommittee met with Michael Gartner and members of the Board Office on January 25, 2006. During the meeting, the subcommittee requested additional information in several areas. The following pages contain information as requested by the subcommittee on the following:

- FY 2006 Transformation Plan Reallocation Examples
- University of Iowa's College of Dentistry
- 1993 Price Laboratory School Field House Fire

Sincerely,

Gary Steinke

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cc: Mary Shipman, LSA
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FY 2006 Transformation Plan Reallocation Examples

The Regent Partnership for Transformation and Excellence is a multi-year plan to strategically build on the core academic strengths of the three state universities. The plan elements include 1) moderate tuition increases, 2) incremental state funding, and 3) internally reallocated resources. Reallocation examples for FY 2006 include:

University of Iowa

Transformation Additions

- Faculty hires in chemistry, English, math, physics, political science, languages, art, art history
- New academic programs in evolutionary ecology, public advocacy, African diaspora, biophysical remote sensing, health geographics, social psychology
- Faculty Diversity Opportunity Program
- New student information system
- Open Carver Biomedical Research Facility

Iowa State University

Transformation Additions

- Faculty hires in anatomy, agricultural & biological sciences and research, bacteriology, biological and applied sciences, statistics, chemistry, digital media, English literature, health, mechanical engineering, nanotechnology, parasitology, pathology physics, physiology, small animal surgery, stochastic processes, supply chain management, tax accounting, theriogenology, veterinary education
- Academic advisors for student success
- Electronic and digital infrastructure
- Student services and retention initiatives

University of Northern Iowa

Transformation Additions

- Faculty hires in actuarial science, geographic information, educational leadership, educational psychology, library science, mathematics, organizational behavior, social methodology, product issues, social work, sports economics, taxation, teacher education preparation urban planning
- New programs in bioinformatics, Russian

Total FY 2006 Reallocations - \$10.8 million

Transformation Deletions/Reductions

- Video Center and move essential functions to Audiovisual Center
- Reassignment of faculty positions
- Institute for Public Affairs and move essential functions to Iowa Nonprofit Center
- Reduce spending on computer hardware and software
- General education fund support to Office for Corporate Partnerships
- Building repairs and maintenance

Total FY 2006 Reallocations - \$9.2 million

Transformation Deletions/Reductions

- Positions in Colleges of Design, Education, Engineering, Family & Consumer Sciences, Graduate, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Veterinary Medicine
- Positions in Experiment Station, Cooperative Extension, Library, President's Office, Facilities Planning and Management
- Administrative restructuring
- Operating expenses
- Special and temporary hires
- University-wide marketing study
- School counseling program
- Building repairs and maintenance

Total FY 2006 Reallocations - \$4.8 million

Transformation Deletions/Reductions

- Positions in computer science, consumer behavior, economics, history, marketing, industrial technology, social theory
- E-media film studies
- Head of Department of Teaching
- Maintenance coordinator position
- Building repairs and maintenance

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- New Offices of Sponsored programs, Academic Assessment

Total reallocations – \$24.8 million



University of Iowa's College of Dentistry

The University of Iowa's College of Dentistry delivers dental care to indigent Iowans on the university campus as well as at off-campus sites. An overview of the kinds of dental services currently provided by the College of Dentistry is provided below.

Dental services delivered on-campus to dentally indigent Iowans

- The predoctoral (DDS) program's student clinics received over 50,000 patient visits last year from Iowans with limited access to dental care. Prisoners from the State of Iowa receive dental care without reimbursement in the student clinics. The Special Care Clinic treated approximately 900 special needs adults last year.
- The resident and faculty program, staffed by College of Dentistry faculty, performs the university's largest scope of care to special needs Iowans. Its oral surgeons performed over \$1 million in uncompensated care for citizens from 94 Iowa counties. Many of them being low-income, on Medicaid, victims of trauma, etc.. Iowa residents are treated regardless of financial status. Residents and faculty provide oral surgery, general dentistry, prosthodontics, and periodontics to over 5,000 of Iowa's military veterans annually.

Dental services delivered in satellite locations

- The Geriatric Mobile Dental Unit delivers dental care to 300 Iowans in 10 nursing homes. The care is provided at Medicaid rates with financial assistance being available from the United Way for those patients unable to afford care.
- The Muscatine Pediatric Dentistry Program treated over 700 patients last year.
- The Broadlawns Clinic in Des Moines partners with the College of Dentistry and treats 6,000 patients each year, many of which have no access to dental care.
- The St. Lukes Pediatric Dentistry Clinic in Cedar Rapids partners with the College of Dentistry and serves over 600 children annually.



1993 Price Laboratory School Field House Fire

University of Northern Iowa's Gilchrist Hall was substantially damaged by a fire on October 16, 2005. While the cost estimates have not yet been finalized, the insurance adjuster with St. Paul's Travelers Insurance Company has determined the far damage will far exceed the \$2 million deductible on the policy. The Board of Regents has authorized a \$2 million appropriation request to be applied to the deductible amount of the policy. Governor Vilsack's budget includes the \$2 million request as a supplemental FY 2006 appropriation.

As a related incident, the Education Appropriation Subcommittee requested information as to how the financial needs resulting from a fire in 1993 to UNI's Price Laboratory School Field House were addressed.

Prior to the effective date of the insurance policy, the Price Laboratory School Field House was destroyed by fire on June 8, 1993. UNI officials requested permission to proceed with project planning and authorization to select an architect for replacement of the Field House. The estimated project cost was \$3 million. The 1994 General Assembly authorized the issuance of academic revenue bonds which included \$2.5 million for reconstruction of the Price Lab Field House.