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MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2012, TELEPHONIC BOARD MEETING

**BOARD OFFICE
11260 AURORA AVENUE
URBANDALE, IOWA
(Host Location)**

Board Members

Nicole Carroll	Via phone
Robert Downer	Via phone
Jack Evans	Via phone
Ruth Harkin	Via phone
Greta Johnson	Via phone
Craig Lang	Present at host site
David Miles	Present at host site
Katie Mulholland	Via phone
Bruce Rastetter	Present at host site

Staff Members

Present at host site: Andrea Anania, Brad Berg, Marcia Brunson, Aimee Clayton, Tim Cook, Bob Donley, Sheila Doyle Koppin, Tom Evans, Diana Gonzalez, Patrice Sayre

Via phone: Todd Stewart

Regent Institutions Connected

SUI Mark Braun, David Drake, Doug True

ISU Warren Madden

UNI Ben Allen, Pat Geadelmann, Gloria Gibson, Dwight Watson, Michael Hager, Terry Hogan

ISD Jeanne Prickett

IBS Patrick Clancy

Others

Dr. David Stokes, Cedar Falls School District (via phone)

Dr. Gary Norris, Waterloo School District (via phone)

The corresponding memorandum, an integral component of the minutes, is available on the Board of Regents website: <http://www.regents.iowa.gov/>. Copies of the memorandum can also be obtained from the Board Office by calling 515-281-3934.

Call to Order for February 27, 2012

President Lang called the Board of Regents meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Roll Call:

<u>Regent</u>	<u>Carroll</u>	<u>Downer</u>	<u>Evans</u>	<u>Harkin</u>	<u>Johnson</u>	<u>Lang</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Mulholland</u>	<u>Rastetter</u>
Present	x	x	x	x	x	x*	x*	x	x*
Absent									

* Present at the host site.

University of Northern Iowa Price Laboratory School

President Lang made the following remarks:

“Before the Board begins its consideration of the recommendation in the agenda item, I would like to first extend thanks to the countless number of Iowans, students, parents, teachers, alumni, and community members and others who have expressed to the Board their thoughtful and passionate views about the Price Laboratory School at UNI. We have read your emails, listened to your phone calls, and watched in the news and social media your many efforts in response to President Allen’s announcement last week. Your outpouring of strength and concern is a great testament to the University.

As we begin our meeting today, it is important to accept two critical realities. First, these are difficult times at the University of Northern Iowa. State budget cuts of recent years have provided enormous challenges at the UNI and President Allen has responded by making difficult choices in the name of high-quality programs, operational efficiencies, and sustaining the excellence of the University. While both the Board of Regents and President Allen are extremely proud that Iowa students represent 92% of UNI’s enrollment and that currently 75% of UNI graduates are working in Iowa, the low percentage of non-resident students substantially hampers the University’s revenues. This has been an ongoing challenge for President Allen.

The second reality – that despite the tough times at UNI, President Allen is committed to keeping the University sustainable and strong. He has proven that he has the critical vision to balance innovation with fiscal responsibility. He will continue to pursue alternative and innovative models to strengthen the University despite serious funding limitations. Ben is committed to retaining and enhancing UNI’s status as a leader in education, regardless of budget restraints.

President Allen is an outstanding President. He is leading the University in a manner consistent with the expectations of the Board of Regents and the expectation of Iowans. Once again, this includes his emphasis on high quality programs, cost effective operations, and sustaining the University’s excellence. This is at the core of President Allen’s recommendations unveiled last week.

Whatever the outcome of today’s vote, President Allen will need critical time to make necessary adjustments before the fiscal year ends on June 30th. With that in mind, the Board has called the meeting today. We are at a critical point for UNI and neither President Allen nor the Board has all the answers. However, the Board has full confidence in President Allen and his continuing commitment to hard work and the difficult strategic and courageous decisions that lie ahead. The future of the University of Northern Iowa is in excellent hands.”

President Allen provided remarks on UNI's strong commitment to be the premier, pre K-12 higher education in the state of Iowa, and among the best in the nation.

President Allen, UNI College of Education Dean Dr. Dwight Watson, Waterloo School District Superintendent Dr. Gary Norris, and Cedar Falls School District Superintendent Dr. David Stokes discussed field experiences for pre-service teachers, research and development, motivation for the recommendation, transition plans for pre K-12 students and UNI students, the financial commitment UNI is contemplating with the Waterloo and Cedar Falls school districts, and UNI faculty involvement.

➤ MOVED by RASTETTER to:

- ◆ Approve the request of the University of Northern Iowa to close the Malcolm Price Laboratory School effective June 30, 2012;
- ◆ Authorize the Board President to notify the Iowa Legislature and the Governor of the Board's actions; and
- ◆ Request that President Allen provide a progress report on the closing of the School to the Board's Education and Student Affairs Committee and the full Board at the April 25-26 Board of Regents meeting.

Regent Downer expressed concern on whether the Board has the authority to close the Malcom Price Laboratory School and requested an Attorney General's opinion.

EVANS SECONDED the MOTION and asked whether an Attorney General's opinion is needed. President Lang said it is his belief that the Board has the authority to close the School. Regent Evans yielded to Regent Downer's comments.

➤ MOVED by DOWNER to:

- ◆ Defer consideration to close the Malcom Price Laboratory School until the March 21, 2012, Board of Regents meeting; and
- ◆ Seek the Attorney General's opinion with regard to the contemplated action.

NO SECOND. MOTION FAILED.

ORIGINAL MOTION

➤ MOVED by RASTETTER, SECONDED by EVANS, to:

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Aye	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Abstain		x							

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

President Lang adjourned the meeting at 1:58 p.m.