

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Regents
From: Board Office
Subject: Creation of a Regents Task Force
Date: May 10, 2004

Recommended Action:

Approve the recommendation of the President of the Board of Regents to create a Public Policy Task Force.

Executive Summary:

The President of the Board of Regents has recommended that the Board of Regents ratify the creation of a Public Policy Task Force.

Background:

The President of the Board of Regents requests that the Board ratify the creation of a Public Policy Task Force. The Task Force will consist of three members of the Board of Regents and its Executive Director. The work of the Task Force will focus on two key areas. First, it will examine the Board's structure, policy, and procedures, as well as the roles of Board members, staff, and institutional officials in government relations, public outreach, and related matters. Second, the Task Force will consider initiatives for the Board to pursue with state and federal officials in the coming year. In both areas the Task Force will examine the issues and make recommendations to the Board, completing its work no later than September 2004.

Analysis:

Iowa Code section 262.12 enables the Board of Regents to establish committees pursuant to its authority to "exercise all the powers necessary and convenient for the effective administration of its office."

Policy Manual revisions previously considered by the Board provide for the recommendation of task forces by the President, subject to Board approval.



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