

The Board of Regents, State of Iowa, met on Saturday and Sunday, January 4 and 5, 2003, at the Four Points Sheraton, Des Moines, Iowa. The following were in attendance:

	<u>January 4</u>	<u>January 5</u>
<u>Members of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa</u>		
Mr. Newlin, President	All sessions	All sessions
Dr. Arbisser	All sessions	All sessions
Ms. Arnold	All sessions	All sessions
Dr. Becker	Arrived at 3:50 p.m.	All sessions
Mr. Fisher	All sessions	All sessions
Dr. Kelly	All sessions	All sessions
Mr. Neil	All sessions	All sessions
Ms. Nieland	All sessions	All sessions
Dr. Turner	All sessions	All sessions
<u>Office of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa</u>		
Executive Director Nichols	All sessions	All sessions
Deputy Executive Director Barak	All sessions	All sessions

## BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE OF IOWA

President Newlin called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. on January 4, 2003.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION.** President Newlin requested the Board convene in closed session to evaluate the professional competency of individuals whose employment was being considered, pursuant to Iowa Code §21.5(1)(i).

MOTION:

Regent Kelly moved to enter into closed session.  
Regent Fisher seconded the motion, and upon the roll being called, the following voted:

AYE: Arbisser, Arnold, Fisher, Kelly, Neil, Newlin, Nieland, Turner.

NAY: None.

ABSENT: Becker.

MOTION CARRIED.

The Board having voted at least two-thirds majority resolved to meet in closed session beginning at 3:10 p.m. on January 4, 2003, recessed therefrom at 8:20 p.m.; reconvened at 9:00 a.m. on January 5, 2003, and adjourned therefrom at 6:00 p.m. on that same date.

The following business was transacted on January 5, 2003, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

### **APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.**

President Newlin stated that the six individuals recommended by the University of Iowa Presidential Search and Screen Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents represented an outstanding field of candidates. Earlier in the weekend, two finalists for the position, Gretchen Bataille and Gregory Williams, withdrew their names as candidates. He expressed the Board's gratitude to all of the candidates for their interest in the position and for their participation in the process. He also expressed the Board's gratitude to members of the Search and Screen Advisory Committee, especially to Dr.

Jonathan Carlson as chair, who worked diligently to identify an exceptional group of finalists.

MOTION: Regent Turner moved that David Skorton be appointed President of the University of Iowa and Professor with tenure in the Departments of Internal Medicine, Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Biomedical Engineering effective March 1, 2003, at an annual salary of \$281,875 plus moving expenses and the usual fringe benefits, and that he be required as a condition of employment to live in the President's residence on campus. Regent Arbisser seconded the motion.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

President Newlin introduced Dr. David Skorton as the newly-appointed President of the University of Iowa. He said Dr. Skorton will bring to the University an extraordinary combination of higher education expertise, administrative experience, exemplary leadership qualities and abilities, and a proven record of professional success. Dr. Skorton possesses an excellent understanding of the mission and importance of a multi-faceted teaching and research university.

Dr. Skorton thanked President Newlin and the Board of Regents for a most extraordinary opportunity in his professional career. He stated that the University of Iowa, in its 155 years, has well served the state with top-quality education, service and outreach, and has become one of the major public research entities in the United States. He said he was honored by the opportunity to lead this magnificent University in what may be a difficult near-term future but a very optimistic far-term future to continue the excellence that has been built over a century and one-half. He indicated that he was humbled by the immediate tasks at hand, and looked forward to the stewardship and good counsel of the Board of Regents, the Iowa legislature and Iowa's nearly three million citizens to move the University along a continuing path of excellence.


Dr. Skorton concluded his remarks by thanking the Board of Regents for the extraordinary vote of confidence.

President-Elect Skorton and President Newlin then fielded questions from the press.

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January 4-5, 2003

**ADJOURNMENT.**

The meeting of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa, adjourned at 7:50 p.m. on Sunday, January 5, 2003.

  
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Gregory S. Nichols  
Executive Director