Meeting called to order

Updates

The new semester starts today. The retirement of President Mason was briefly discussed with not much information yet regarding what process will be followed in the hire of a new president.

All reactions to the Governor’s Budget have been positive. The Performance Based Funding encourages growth which needs to be attained in a responsible, sustainable way, and the outlook is positive.

The outcome from the BOR TIER review of RFPs was the selection of Huron for Sourcing and Procurement and Chazey Partners for Delivery of Services. The BOR also accepted the university’s proposal which allows the university to implement a significant portion of the efficiency recommendations.

The Kiplinger Rankings did not include the University of Iowa in the top 100 colleges. It is difficult to compare them with other universities since it is unclear what formula is used to calculate the rankings; however, we can use rankings to indicate where we are doing well.

Diversity on campus continues to change as we see more international students, and we continue to work on improving diversity throughout the university.

Sue Buckley spoke briefly regarding the proposed Early Retirement Program as a tool for the university to save money. If approved, more information will be forthcoming to those who are eligible; however, eligibility does not ensure approval in the program because the retirement must be in the best interest of the institution and needs to show savings.

Meeting adjourned