September 10, 2020

Dr. Michael Richards
President
Iowa Board of Regents

Dear Dr. Richards,

On behalf of more than three hundred distinguished alumni from the University of Iowa, which include many former student athletes, we write today to respectfully request time on the agenda for the next Board of Regents meeting on Wednesday, September 23, 2020. We wish to discuss the recent decision to eliminate four Olympic sports at the University of Iowa. In addition to this request, Vickie Nauman, All-American swimmer at the University of Iowa (1982-86) sent a similar letter request to meet with the Board on September 3rd. Her letter is attached for your review.

We have several goals we'd like to achieve in our conversation with the Board:

1. Reinstatement of the four Olympic sports that were cut.
2. Discuss how we would engage and apply the expertise of our group to design a different business model for funding these Olympic sports in the future.
3. Receive transparent financial information so we can ascertain the true operating costs of these sports. With this information and other sources we feel our group can deliver a much overdue plan in providing a long term solution to fund these Olympic sports. We need a revenue stream that isn't reliant on income producing sports nor be a continual burden on the administration to fund. Our goal is to create a short term funding solution to avoid the current crisis but simultaneously create a long term plan.
4. We would like an intermediary within the University who is able to help our group attain the needed information in order to develop a long term sustainable plan. We don't view this as adversarial but a new opportunity to bring together all groups that could be a model for these non-income yet extremely important sports at not only the University of Iowa but universities nationwide.

We know you are sensitive to the critical importance of this matter, and we look forward to working with you to resolve this difficult situation.

Ronald G. Kaminski, Swimming 87 - 91

Vickie Nauman, Swimming 82 - 86

Mark Kaufman, Athletic Training, 82 - 86

Dave Carpenter, Swimming 87 – 89

Emma Sougstad, Swimming 2013 - 2017