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TO: Wartburg College faculty and staff
FROM: President Jack R. Ohle
RE: Board of Regents Meeting Summary

The Wartburg College Board of Regents had an excellent meeting this past weekend. A summary report of the actions taken at their Saturday meeting follows:

HONORARY DEGREES: The Board approved the awarding of honorary degrees to two distinguished Wartburg alumni at this year's May Commencement. Public announcement of the recipients will be made after they have been notified.

TENURE: The Board approved tenure for Dr. Jane E. Andrews; Dr. Cynthia Bane, Dr. Brian J. Birgen, Dr. Thomas K. Boerigter, Dr. Kathleen J. Book, Dr. William A. Earl, Dr. Scott T. Fullwiler, Dr. Sonja C. Lynch, and Dr. Diane M. McCarty.

PROMOTIONS: Promotions reported to the Board included those faculty promoted to full professor rank: Dr. Jane E. Andrews, music; and Dr. Joyce E. Boss, English and modern languages. Promoted from assistant to associate professor: Dr. Cynthia Bane, social sciences; Dr. Brian J. Birgen, mathematics, computer science, and physics; Dr. Thomas K. Boerigter, English and modern languages; Dr. Kathleen J. Book, education; Dr. William A. Earl, communication arts; Dr. Scott T. Fullwiler, business administration and economics; and Dr. Sonja C. Lynch, English and modern languages.

PROFESSOR EMERITUS: The Board awarded emeritus status to Dr. Warren Zemke, professor of chemistry, who will retire at the end of the academic year.

WARTBURG-WAVERLY SPORTS & WELLNESS CENTER: The Board received a report that construction of the Wartburg-Waverly Sports & Wellness Center is on schedule and on budget and that the hiring of Jim Langel as executive director has permitted work to proceed on staffing plans and equipment purchases.

PANDEMIC RESPONSE PLAN: The Board heard a report from Gary Grace, vice president for administration, outlining the College's initial plans on how we would respond to an Asian Bird Flu pandemic.

HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION: The preliminary report of the Higher Learning Commission was shared with the Board. The report will be reviewed with the faculty at the March 1 faculty meeting. The process is continuing to the next stage with the Higher Learning Commission. A Reader's Panel will review the team's report and final action by the HLC Board is expected in June. The report, in its entirety, will be made available after final approval.

COMMISSION WARTBURG: The Board received a progress report on Commission Wartburg recommendations and established Homecoming 2007 for a special celebration of the initiatives that have resulted from this strategic planning process.

WHAT'S NEXT? THE NEXT STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS: In plenary sessions, the Board began consideration of the next strategic planning cycle, which would be implemented following the conclusion of Commission Wartburg. Faculty and staff will be engaged in the process following further development by the Board at their May meeting of the framework for the next process.

TUITION AND FEES: The Board approved 2007-08 tuition, fees, room, and board. Information regarding next year's costs will be sent to parents of returning and prospective students later this week and shared with the faculty at the March 1 faculty meeting.

SALARIES: The Board approved a salary pool of 3 percent for faculty and staff.

OTHER REPORTS: The Board heard updates and/or progress reports from the Faculty Council, the National Advisory Boards, Student Senate, admissions, enrollment, retention, and housing.

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