UI sees driverless future.

The state Board of Regents will consider the creation of a driverless-car institute at the University of Iowa today.

By AARON WALKER

The University of Iowa is waiting for approval from the state Board of Regents today regarding the creation of a driverless-car institute.

The consideration is included in the state’s fiscal 2016 budget.

UI officials seek approval for the potential not-for-profit program. They have asked for $1 million a year in federal funding over three years.

David Conrad, the UI assistant vice president for Research and Economic Development, is spearheading the campaign.

“It’s a chance for the university to work with private and make Iowa a leader,” Conrad said. “That depends on our ability to act that up.”

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Connections to such programs as UI’s City Area Development Group, said he believes it is the right time to enter the field of study.

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Council OKs body cam system.

The Iowa City School City approved body camera system for the Iowa City police on a 7-0 vote.

By NICK MOFFIT

Iowa City police will now be armed with new equipment — body cams. On Tuesday evening, the Iowa City School City voted 7-0 to approve a resolution authorizing the Iowa City Police Department to purchase body cameras.

The cost will be approximately $111,000, which will allow the police to buy a body-worn digital camera system and a storage solution for the saved video.

After receiving numerous proposals, the police and Information Technology Services Division has recommended that the camera be purchased from Wallcom Enterprises.

Police Capt. Doug Hart, who spoke on behalf of the police at the meeting, said they believe moving forward with the cameras is positive for both residents and officers.

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STUDY ABROAD CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

Depending on the area in question, there are several considerations when deciding to allow or cancel a study-abroad trip.

Johnson Street, Curtis said, said that even though one of the officers at the house had a camera, it was not turned on.

We policy currently states that in incidents, once an officer gets to the scene and goes through a report of inquiries from the departing cop, the city’s planning on paying for the records from the nearest—never from the area.

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Many say money cannot buy intangible commodities — but one gubernatorial candidate says that in Iowa, it can buy you justice.

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No reason to fear China

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There’s been a lot of talk about how we in the United States should fear China and its economic power. While its growth is unprecedented, China has to face the same problems that come along with capitalism and consumerism. In fact, the problems caused by consumerism could be incredibly advantageous for the United States.

China could be reversed, and domestic production could surge as much as 10 percent. This would not only be good for the Chinese people, but also for the U.S. economy.

China’s lack of a retirement or pension system and its extreme focus on saving for education and work make for a productive work force. Where middle-class Americans may be hit hard by the recession, Chinese workers continue to work hard, despite the strong dollar.

But China is not a perfect society. It is a society where people must work hard to get ahead, and where many do not have access to healthcare, education, or retirement. However, China’s economic growth and success is undeniable, and it is time for the United States to look to China as an example of how to balance economic growth and social welfare.

Minimum wage has to increase

Minimum wage has been at the forefront of heated conversations about the economy for years. In recent years, the public eye has been drawn to the fact that the minimum wage of the wealthiest American holds 40 percent of the entire nation’s wealth. This would be alarming, but it is not as much, but it will nonetheless help make the minimum wage a livable one and allow greater economic mobility in the United States.

In 2009, under the low minimum wage law, employees are required to pay employment taxes on any income over a calendar year total of $1,000. Instead of simply paying the federal government, they pay the state government. This is an unnecessary burden on employees, and it will only continue to grow as the cost of living increases.

That trend is only going up. As the cost of living increases, so does the threshold for paying employment taxes. This is not a sustainable way to pay for the government, and it will only continue to grow as the cost of living increases.
Profs try out community

By CHRISTIAN HAHN
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Faculty Senate members attended information sessions on the University of Iowa’s first-ever Faculty Learning Community, which was developed to address the questions and challenges of teaching and learning across many disciplines, officials said.

Jean Florman, the director of the UI Center for Teaching, presented the program at the Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday and said it will eventually involve numerous learning communities.

Currently, it only includes the "Team Teaching and Big Idea Courses." ([Faculty Learning Communities] are ongoing opportunities for faculty members across disciplinary boundaries to gather to learn about and reflect on a shared intellectual interest in some aspect of teaching and learning," Florman said.

Cornelia Lang, a UI associate professor of physics/astronomy who is in charge of the first, she is hoping for at least three more.

Lang, along with colleagues from other departments, taught a course last year called Origins of Life in the Universe, which fulfills the natural-sciences requirements for UI students.

Lang is using her experiences in this class to help her build a plan for the Faculty Learning Community.

“The (Faculty Learning Community) wants to put together courses that interest students, and it’s a way for a faculty to learn while teaching together,” she said.

Fifteen faculty members compose the first community with members from Human Environment Interactions as well as Origins of Life in the Universe.

Florman said though this is only the first, she is hoping for at least three more.

The Center for Teaching offices the Office of Teaching, Learning, and Technology to providing resources to the learning community.

"The center will provide members with resources to enhance (communities) this year, as well as a small amount of funding for each community to use as members think is appropriate," Florman said.

"I’m aiming for four functioning (Faculty Learning Communities) by the end of this academic year," Florman said.

Florman said she has some ideas for future communities she would like to see faculty members create, including Inter-professional Education in the Health Sciences, Transformational Learning through Creativity in STEM Disciplines, and Creating an Inclusive Classroom.

In addition to funding and support, the Center for Teaching also provides a place for the communities to meet in scheduled conference rooms.

“I think these are critically important,” past Senate President Erika Lawrence said. "Particularly as our student bodies become more diverse; different people are learning in different ways.”

Florman said ultimately, each learning community is responsible for its own kind of outcome, whether it be an publication, course curriculum, course redesign, or presentation.

"There’s a model out there for you to get to know, focus on an element of teaching that fascinates you,” she said.

DI again a Pacemaker finalist

The Daily Iowan was selected as one of eight finalists for the Associated Collegiate Press Pacemaker award for the 2013-14 school year, and Jordyn Reiland, Dora Grote, and Josh Bolander served as managing editors. Publisher Beth Casco and writing coach Jenny Waken helped submit this year’s entries.

Is where a baby is born more important than when?
Today’s events

•Using Art & Performance for Activism: Cup O’Justice, Organization & Time Management, Lecture Room 2, 4 p.m., WRAC
•Interviews, updating your résumé, and discussing plans will all lead to a put your best foot forward when dealing with work-related matters. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):
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field hockey OVERVIEW

Some underclassmen will be the backbone of the team for years to come, and while they may be young, many of the freshmen have wasted no time contributing to the Hawkeyes this season.

"I think all freshmen have seen the field at some point, with nearly all players taking on full-time starting roles," Coach Tracey Griesbaum said. Although the upperclassmen are technically in their fourth season, many Mallory Leidner and the like have already taught us a lot, so it’s just a really great experience to be a part of this year," Leidner said, who scored her first career goal as a Hawkeye on Sept. 11 against Cal-Davis, saying that her teammates are "a big reason why so many of Iowa’s young players have had success." "Being on a forward on this team is a privilege," said senior forward Christiane Enders. "I really appreciate the luxury of playing a position that’s one of the most visible on the field." Leidner is one of two freshmen who have scored goals this season, with 13 total tackles this season — is also receiving some attention from around the conference.

after Minnesota lost on the road last week at WAC, coach head coach Kyle Kiill said the starting running back, David Cobb, had been limited in practice during the week looking up to the competitiveness of an ankle injury.

Kiill also announced junior Zac Blythe is an ankle injury and is questionable for Saturday’s game against Penn State. "When you turn the film around and do what he did last week, He was really ready to go, and we didn’t do a good job of protecting him, and he didn’t block it very well, and we got hit too many times, so we’ll have to get that taken care of," Leidner said. Leidner left the Sept. 13 game early because of the injury after going 12-for-23 for 151 yards and 3 interceptions. He was also sacked twice. Backup Chris Strever completed 2-for-5 for 0 yards and a touchdown.

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By COBY GOODWIN

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