Dr. Plattner said that she would like to make a comment on an article that Chairman Reed happened to author last week in the newspaper about a critical, very timely, very important issue, and that is the state of higher education and all education, the academic crisis the state is in. She encouraged some reading on the part of all trustees. “The States Pull Back from Higher Education” is the lead story in the Chronicle of Higher Education. It is a bucket of water in the face. The crisis is everywhere. She said that the Governor was meeting with the National Conference of Governors today, and, in her opinion, this will be at the top of their lists. According to her friends in Ohio and Tennessee, the same thing is true everywhere. There is beginning to be a pull back from funding higher education. She said this with confidence that it is respected for the comment that it is. She thinks legislators everywhere always knew they could balance the budget on the back of higher education because you could raise tuition fees. But, the universities have about raised themselves out of the market. She said that she is ringing a bell and sounding a note because this is real wake up call. She urged everyone to read the article.