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Here's the latest agenda – it does not include the governor's arrival at 4:30.

I do think it would be helpful to connect. I am free all of tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon and Friday a.m. from 9-11 am and all of the afternoon. Shall I reach out to Jayme to schedule a time for us to meet?

Liz

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Thanks, Liz. I appreciate your continued patience with the entire situation. I spoke to Amy Kirkey a while ago and she provided some additional details. I am going to send a note to Mark Braun and point out some of the ongoing questions/issues (no signed contract, no IMU order). I'll also note the large invite list and space considerations.

Can you send me the latest schedule?

Hang in there. We want to “kill them with kindness” as best we can while still following processes, protocols, and safety considerations.

Glad to connect tomorrow if that is helpful.

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**From:** Crooks, Liz A <[liz-crooks@uiowa.edu](mailto:liz-crooks@uiowa.edu)>  
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Good afternoon, Kevin. This morning, several of us met with Collin Sawyer (CIF) to review security for the upcoming CIF event. CIF had planned to use a security firm other than Best,

which raised concerns from Mark Bullock since the firm has not been vetted by the university. A formal security plan had not yet been put in place. Given that most Regents and the Governor (confirmed for Saturday's late-afternoon session) will attend, regent meeting protocols will be adapted accordingly. Pete Matthes was present at the meeting and can provide additional details on security.

We also received the final two-day agenda, which differs significantly from the earlier walkthrough (e.g., breakfast, museum tours). My main concern is the cocktail reception and talks, which now anticipate 120 guests—more than previous receptions in the space. Collin acknowledged potential issues with crowding and ambiance.

A walkthrough with Luciano, Shereena, and me is scheduled for 10 a.m. tomorrow to address these concerns.

Liz

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