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MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 2015 COMMITTEE MEETING

**BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE OF IOWA
EDUCATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**IOWA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, CAREERS BUILDING, ROOM 221
IOWA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Regent Katie Mulholland
Vice Chair Regent Ruth Harkin
Board of Regents Chief Academic Officer Diana Gonzalez
University of Iowa Provost Barry Butler
University of Northern Iowa Interim Provost Mike Licari
Iowa State University Provost Jonathan Wickert

Chair Mulholland called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2015 EDUCATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

- **MOVED** by WICKERT, **SECONDED** by BUTLER, to recommend approval of the minutes as presented. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PRESENTATION AT IOWA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF: "IOWA EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED – STANDARDS OF PRACTICE FOR LITERACY AND MATHEMATICS"

The Standards of Practice represent best practices in literacy and mathematics for teaching students who are blind or visually impaired. The standards were developed so that students who receive services anywhere in the state of Iowa will have the same learning opportunities regardless of their location. The standards use evidence-based instructional strategies to deliver instruction that meets the multiple learning needs of students. The Department for the Blind maintains a tactile graphics library with resources for teachers.

- The Committee recommended receiving the report.

TENURE AND PROMOTION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2015-2016 ACADEMIC YEAR

The universities proposed 209 recommendations for promotion and tenure for the 2015-2016 academic year. Board policy requires that recommendations for promotion and tenure be approved by the Board.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by the universities for 209 tenure and promotion actions for the 2015-2016 academic year.

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REPORT ON FACULTY TENURE

The number of tenured faculty decreased in 2014-2015 while the number of tenure-track and non-tenure-track faculty increased from the prior year. Teaching is fundamental to the mission of the universities and the evaluation of teaching effectiveness is critical at all tenure levels. Each of the universities described the strategies they have implemented related to evaluation of instructional performance and increasing faculty vitality. There was discussion about how long faculty remain at the university after they receive tenure.

- The Committee recommended receiving the report.

ANNUAL REPORT OF STUDENTS RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES

First year retention is important to the universities because studies have shown that the majority of students who leave the university do so after their first year. Therefore, it is a good index of persistence. It is also the reason why the universities have implemented a number of strategies to identify students who may be having difficulty as early as possible. The presentation described the three keys to student retention identified by a Blackboard survey – insight, strategy, and engagement. Each university representative discussed the use of data to develop retention initiatives and strategies they have developed to assist students.

- The Committee recommended receiving the report.

ANNUAL STUDENT FINANCIAL AID REPORT

In 2013-2014, the total student financial aid awarded to students exceeded \$1 billion for the first time. Loans continue to play a major role in the student financial packages of Regent university students although institutional aid continues to grow. Approximately 33% of all graduating seniors graduated without debt in 2013-2014. The universities discussed the strategies they have developed related to financial literacy and student counseling to reduce student debt.

- The Committee recommended receiving the report

ANNUAL REGENT STUDENT FINANCIAL AID STUDY

- Chair Mulholland deferred this agenda item to the June 2015 Education and Student Affairs Committee meeting.

REQUEST FOR NEW PROGRAMS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA: BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE PROGRAMS IN PUBLIC HEALTH

These will be the first undergraduate programs in the College of Public Health. No other college or university in Iowa currently offers a four-year program in public health. The enrollment is expected to be 25 undergraduate majors in Year 2, increasing to 500 by Year 7. The College also anticipates that there will be 36 non-majors in Year 3, increasing to 350 by Year 7. The new costs for the proposed programs are expected to be \$285,000 in Year 1, increasing to \$1,414,000 by Year 7. The proposed programs will be part of the overall accreditation of the College of Public Health. Provost Butler indicated that tuition revenue is expected to cover the increased costs of the program. The Bachelor of Arts Program will be geared more to students who anticipate becoming public health practitioners.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by the University of Iowa for new programs: Bachelor of Arts Program in Public Health and Bachelor of Science Program in Public Health.

REQUEST FOR A DEPARTMENT NAME CHANGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA: FROM DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY TO DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL AND BRAIN SCIENCES

The proposed change will align and communicate the teaching and research missions of the department with a more appropriate title. This change will not result in any program changes or anticipated costs.

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UPDATE OF ACE WORKSHOP ON AWARDING MILITARY CREDIT

- Chair Mulholland deferred this agenda item to the June 2015 Education and Student Affairs Committee meeting.

2014 EDUCATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

- Chair Mulholland asked the members to submit suggested items to Diana Gonzalez for inclusion in the 2015 work plan. Diana indicated that the accreditation reports meeting for the University of Northern Iowa will be held on May 22, 2015; the accreditation reports meeting for Iowa State University will be held on June 3, 2015.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Mulholland adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM.

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