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MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2013 COMMITTEE MEETING

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

**MEMORIAL UNION, NEBRASKA ROOM
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY, IOWA**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Regent Katie Mulholland
Board of Regents Chief Academic Officer Diana Gonzalez
University of Iowa Provost Barry Butler
University of Northern Iowa Provost Gloria Gibson
Iowa State University Provost Jonathan Wickert

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

REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 24, 2013 EDUCATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

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

REQUEST FOR A DEPARTMENT NAME CHANGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA: FROM DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY TO DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHICAL AND SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES

The proposed department name change will maintain a strong connection to the broader discipline of geography and provide a framework for strategic growth. The Department of Geography has maintained a strong focus on geographical education and its relation to the environment, with a specific focus on the “human-environment interactions informed by geographic information science.” A department review in 2012 recommended that the department name be changed to more clearly indicate its focus on quantitative analysis and computational techniques while also conveying its commitment to current programs in environmental and sustainability studies.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by the University of Iowa to change the name of the Department of Geography to the Department of Geographical and Sustainability Studies.

REQUEST FOR A DEPARTMENT NAME CHANGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA: FROM DEPARTMENT OF GEOSCIENCE TO DEPARTMENT OF EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

The proposed name change will enhance communication about the program to current and prospective students and reflect the growth of areas of expertise in the department. The proposed name change will more clearly communicate that the department offers programs that reflect the broad subheadings of “earth science” (geology, paleontology, geochemistry, structural geology, tectonics, geophysics, geomorphology, paleoclimates) and the headings of “environmental science” (hydrogeology, applied geomorphology, ecosystem evolution, soil

science). The proposed name change is also expected to attract more resources for the Environmental Sciences program and to open the possibility of offering graduate degrees in both geosciences and environmental sciences.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by the University of Iowa to change the name of the Department of Geoscience to the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences.

PRESENTATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA: “THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE FOR PRE-MEDICINE STUDENTS”

The panel, which included Professor Bernd Fritsch, Mr. Charles Hauck, and Ms. Kathi Huebner, described how the curriculum required for entry to MD programs is evolving to meet the demands of the profession in the 21st century. They discussed the modifications which are being made to undergraduate programs in response to changing requirements of the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) and colleges of medicine and the impact of genomics on the future of medicine. The MCAT was recently revised and will take effect in 2015. It will focus more on the application of scientific knowledge rather than memorization. The Carver College of Medicine’s curriculum committee has mapped the coursework using an inquiry based approach. The curriculum will give students more opportunities for evidence based investigation. The overall focus integrates students and the curriculum with the workforce. Representatives from the University of Iowa have met with UNI and ISU faculty to discuss the revised curriculum. The Admissions Committee uses a holistic approach to review applicants.

- The Committee recommended receiving the presentation.

2013 EDUCATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

- Chair Mulholland asked the members to submit suggested items to Diana Gonzalez for inclusion on the work plan. In particular, Chair Mulholland expressed a desire to include presentations which feature such topics as curriculum integration, innovative approaches, and collaborations.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Mulholland adjourned the meeting at 9:40 AM.

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