MEMORANDUM

To:

Board of Regents

From:

Board Office

Subject:

Report of the Education and Student Affairs Committee

Date:

September 1, 2004

Recommended Action:

Receive the report and consider recommendations of the Education and Student Affairs Committee.

Executive Summary:

Minutes

It is anticipated that the Education and Student Affairs Committee will vote to accept the minutes of the Committee's June 15, 2004 meeting without change.

EDU 1 Iowa Learns

Council Report

It is anticipated that the Committee will discuss the final recommendations of the lowa Learns Council, which includes linkages between business and education; professional development for educators; articulation of learning expectations; early childhood learning experiences; and shared accountability for achieving education objectives.

EDU 2 Work Plan for IBSSS Study

It is expected that the Committee will approve the proposed work plan that will result in submission of a report to the Committee by March 2005; the Committee is also expected to approve the proposed task force membership.

EDU 3 Institutional Work Plan for Distance Education Strategic Planning

It is anticipated that the Committee will receive and approve the Regent universities' work plan for a distance education strategic planning process that will result in submission of a plan to the Committee in March 2005.

EDU 4a SUI Proposed Course Changes

It is anticipated that the Committee will approve the University of Iowa's proposed course changes which resulted in a net decrease of 27 courses.

EDU 4b UNI's Proposed Program in Philanthropy and Nonprofit Development It is anticipated that the Committee will approve the University of Northern Iowa's request to establish a Master of Arts program in Philanthropy and Nonprofit Development. The proposed program has been reviewed by the Interinstitutional Committee on Educational Coordination (ICEC) and the Board Office; no concerns were raised by the Iowa Coordinating Council for Post-High School Education.

EDU 4c Proposal for New B.S. and M.S. Programs in Diet and Exercise at ISU It is expected that the Committee will refer lowa State University's proposal to establish new B.S. and M.S. programs in Diet and Exercise to the Board Office and the ICEC for review and recommendation.

EDU 4d Proposal for a New M.S. Degree in Enterprise Computing at ISU The Committee is expected to refer Iowa State University's proposal to establish a Master of Science degree in Enterprise Computing to the Board Office and the ICEC for review and recommendation.

EDU 5 Institutional Athletic Recruitment Policies The Committee is expected to receive the athletic recruitment policies of each of the Regent universities and the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I's August 5, 2004 emergency legislation on athletic recruitment.

EDU 6
Audit of Academic
Program Review
and Student
Outcomes
Assessment
Procedures

The Committee is expected to (1) receive the audit report on academic program review and student outcomes assessment of existing programs; (2) approve the recommendations for institutional process improvements; (3) request that a follow-up report be submitted next year with a focus on the changes that occurred as a result of the audit; (4) update the Board of Regents' policy (§6.05B) to clarify the desired focus and emphasis on academic program review and student outcomes assessment.

EDU 7 Faculty Activities Report Analysis It is anticipated that the Committee will discuss alternatives for collecting information on Faculty Activities and provide the Board Office and institutions with directions for future Faculty Activity reporting.

EDU 8
Programmatic
Re-Accreditation
Reports at SUI

The Committee is expected to receive the accreditation reports from the University of Iowa for the graduate programs in speech pathology and audiology and the doctoral program in clinical psychology.

EDU 9 Post-Audit Reports at SUI

It is expected that the Committee will receive the post-audit reports from the University of Iowa for the Ph.D. in Second Language Acquisition, Master of Computer Science, and Graduate Program in Translational Biomedicine and refer the post-audit reports to the Board Office and the ICEC for review and recommendation.

EDU 10 Study of Student Financial Aid

It is expected that the Committee will approve the two proposed approaches (Regent Study and NPSAS) to data collection.

EDU 11 Annual Report on Academic Program Reviews and Student Outcomes Assessment

It is expected that the Committee will receive and discuss the report, including summaries of the 24 program reviews undertaken by the Regent universities during 2002-03.

EDU 12 College of Public Health Five-Year Progress Report

It is anticipated that the Committee will receive a report on the University of Iowa's College of Public Health.

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Approved:

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