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**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2017, COMMITTEE MEETING**

**SLIFE BALLROOM, COMMONS BUILDING  
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA  
CEDAR FALLS, IOWA**

**Committee Members**

Nancy Boettger (Chair)	John Keller, University of Iowa
Rachael Johnson (Vice Chair)	Jonathan Wickert, Iowa State University
Rachel Boon, Board staff	Jim Wohlpart, University of Northern Iowa

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Chair Boettger called the meeting to order at 10am

**Consent agenda**

- A. September 2017 minutes
- B. Academic Program Review Report
- C. Request for center closure at Iowa State University: Center for Advanced Host Defenses, Immunobiotics and Translational Comparative Medicine

Motion to approve, Jon Wickert. Second, Regent Johnson

Consent agenda approved.

**Request for new center at Iowa State University: Center for Multiphase Flow Research and Education**

Provost Wickert shared that faculty in the College of Engineering will lead this effort focused on research on liquids and gasses that relates to things like combustion engines, pharmaceuticals and other endeavors. Existing grants and organized research has become sufficient to merit creation of the center with full external funding (no state appropriations or tuition revenue). As a center they will have even greater opportunity for additional funding. When external funding runs out, the center will close.

Regent Johnson asked how many research centers are on ISU's campus. Provost Wickert said there are over 100 spread out across many departments.

Regent Boettger noted the committee will recommend approval.

**Request for new program at Iowa State University: Master of Professional Practice in Dietetics**

Provost Wickert introduced Associate Provost Ann Marie Vander Zanden who shared that the new program will build on an existing, well-enrolled, dietetics graduate certificate. It will be fully online and require no additional faculty. This change is necessary to meet the accrediting organization standards for becoming a licensed dietician, effective in 2015. The existing certificate program is already the largest in the nation. Student demand is expected to continue to be strong.

Motion to recommend this to the full board, Jim Wohlpart. Second, John Keller.

Regent Boettger noted the committee will recommend approval.

**Board of Regents Fall Enrollment Report**

Board of Regents Associate Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Jason Pontius, provided an update on undergraduate, graduate and professional student enrollment for Fall 2017 as well as longer term trends in enrollment at Regent universities and Special Schools.

He noted that about 22% of Iowa high school graduates end up at Regent universities within one year. He noted that of students that go to college, 87% of them stay in Iowa.

Projections from WICHE for Iowa high school graduates suggest stability through 2031, with growth in Hispanic and Black students.

Starting now, postdoctoral scholars will be excluded from student counts. This is a change in about 1,600 annually.

Regent universities enroll students from all 99 counties and all 50 states. There is a steady increase in undergraduate minority students (15.8%), and an increase in the percentage of women (now more than 51%).

Regent Johnson asked about overall plan to increase undergraduates at UNI. Provost Wohlpart noted that unemployment declines and high school graduate declines negatively affect recruitment. He noted that UNI is increasing marketing in Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin to draw more students.

Regent Johnson asked the University of Iowa about the decline in international students. Dean Keller noted that a student misconduct issue with a Chinese student last year may have affected this year's class, but there could also just be a normal blip.

Regent Johnson asked ISU about the transfer student dip. Provost Wickert noted that in total, ISU has over 1,800 transfer students this year, with 1,050 from Iowa community colleges. This usually tracks with trends in direct from high school students. Articulation agreements and admissions partnerships are ways to help transfer students make this transition. He suggested they lead the world in community college transfer students. He also noted that ISU is looking at the overall onboarding process for new students, including transfers, this year to improve the experience for these students.

Regent Johnson asked Iowa School for the Deaf about efforts to enroll students. Superintendent Gettel noted that they don't recruit, but they take referrals. The change in relationship with AEA 13 affected itinerant numbers served. Numbers on campus have remained relatively stable over time, but they are increasing efforts to get the word out for increasing use of itinerant services.

**Presentation at the University of Northern Iowa: Big Impacts in Tiny Houses**

Provost Wohlpart shared that as part of their student success efforts, experiential and service learning is integral. He introduced Professor Scott Greenhalgh, Ryan Anderson (SE Polk teacher), and Jessica Parris (student) to present on their tiny house project. Faculty and students from 10 different courses across campus are involved in aspects of the project.

Ms. Parris noted that her involvement was through 3 different courses, so she got really different angles of the work (eco-friendly, accessibility, senior living needs). Professor Greenhalgh noted that community partnerships were also central. Mr. Anderson brought the curriculum to his high

school students, and continued partnership with Joppa for a Des Moines-area tiny home village to combat homelessness.

Regent Johnson asked how many UNI students are involved. In the first year, they had 14. Now they are engaging with over 100 students between capstone, construction, interior design, etc.

**Other Business**

None at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 10:57am.