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MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2015 COMMITTEE MEETING

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

**HORTON MULTIPURPOSE CONFERENCE ROOM, ALUMNI CENTER
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
AMES, IOWA**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Regent Katie Mulholland
Vice Chair Regent Sherry Bates
Regent Rachael Johnson
Board of Regents Chief Academic Officer Diana Gonzalez
University of Iowa Provost Barry Butler
University of Northern Iowa Provost Jim Wohlpart
Iowa State University Provost Jonathan Wickert

Chair Mulholland called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2015 ACADEMIC 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 STATE UNIVERSITY: "PREDICTIVE ADVISING ANALYTICS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS"

Dr. Martino Harmon, associate vice president for student affairs, Mr. Joel Johnson, director of student services in the College of Engineering, and Dr. Karen Zunkel, director of undergraduate programs and academic quality, provided an overview of Iowa State University's predictive analytics program to identify and assist academically at-risk students. ISU has found that data driven analytics increase effectiveness and efficiency while enhancing student success. Data analytics allows advisors to better identify student needs and target strategies for success.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSIGNMENT REQUESTS FOR FY 2017

Dr. Gonzalez pointed out that the universities requested approval of 100 faculty professional development assignments; this represents 2.0% of all faculty at the universities. Each university has institutional policies that govern the internal review and approval process for professional development assignments. The associate provosts explained the selection process at each university. Each request includes a description of expected benefits to students, the university, and the state of Iowa. To the extent possible, flexible approaches are used to manage the workload and associated costs for the assignments, including reassignment or alternate scheduling of courses. The budgeted replacement costs for FY 2017 are \$469,054.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the professional development assignment requests for FY 2017.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSIGNMENT REPORTS FOR FY 2015

Dr. Gonzalez explained that there were 124 professional development assignments approved by the Board of Regents for FY 2015. Faculty members engaged in a variety of productive activities during their professional development assignments in FY 2015. For example, faculty members had the opportunity to engage in intensive research, write scholarly books and articles, create new works of art and composition, present papers, work in industry, develop modeling systems, and develop grant proposals, software, course materials, and multimedia resources for their disciplines. More than \$10.5 million of grant funds were received by faculty members during or following their assignment; this means that for every dollar spent to replace faculty members while they were undertaking their PDA, more than \$23.92 of grant funds were received. This amount could ultimately be as high as \$26 million because many faculty members who submitted proposals during or after their PDA had not been notified of funding when the reports were prepared. The research conducted by faculty members on professional development assignment has become a part of their teaching content, methodology, and/or pedagogy; the collaborations with faculty at other institutions has benefited students as well as provided grant writing opportunities.

- The Committee recommended receiving the report.

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE ARTICULATION EFFORTS AND ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED BY THE IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION GOVERNED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Dr. Gonzalez pointed out that more than 1,000 individual articulation agreements exist between Iowa's public universities and community colleges. In FY 2015, university and community college faculty participated in a statewide workshop related to awarding credit to veterans for their military experiences. On February 6, 2015, the Regent Enterprise hosted a workshop presented by the American Council on Education's director of military credit. The articulation website, *TransferInIowa.org*, was updated to include articulation and transfer changes. In FY 2015, there were 11,974 total visits recorded on the website.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the annual report on the articulation efforts and activities implemented by the Iowa community colleges and the institutions of higher education governed by the Board of Regents and recommended directing the Board Office to submit the final report to the General Assembly by January 15, 2016.

REPORT ON THE IOWA RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL TRANSFORMATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

Provost Wohlpert explained that the Center is a collaborative designed to transform PreK-12 education in Iowa and nationally by conducting and disseminating research on emerging and critical education issues. The Center builds capacity for improved student learning and teacher effectiveness; informs local, state, and national decision-makers; and drives education policy.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the annual report on the Iowa Research and Development Center for Educational Transformation at the University of Northern Iowa and recommended directing the Board Office to submit the report to the General Assembly by January 10, 2016.

REQUEST BY IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY TO AWARD AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS DEGREE TO DAME DeANNE JULIUS AT OR FALL 2015 COMMENCEMENT

Provost Wickert explained that Iowa State University wishes to recognize ISU alumna Dame DeAnne for her many outstanding contributions and distinguished service in economics, business, international relations, government, policymaking and academia.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by Iowa State University to award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree to Dame DeAnne Julius at Fall 2015 Commencement.

REQUEST BY IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY TO AWARD AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE TO MR. EUGENE SUKUP AT FALL 2015 COMMENCEMENT

Provost Wickert explained that Iowa State University wishes to recognize Mr. Sukup for his outstanding contributions to state, national, and global agriculture and agricultural challenges, particularly in grain storage and handling through the ground breaking innovations created by his company, Sukup Manufacturing.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by Iowa State University to award an Honorary Doctor of Science Degree to Mr. Eugene Sukup at Fall 2015 Commencement.

2014 EDUCATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

- Chair Mulholland asked the members to submit suggested items to Diana Gonzalez for inclusion in the 2016 work plan.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Mulholland adjourned the meeting at 12:00 PM.

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