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**REQUEST TO ELIMINATE THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE POLICY CENTER AT IOWA
STATE UNIVERSITY**

Action Requested: Consider recommending approval of the request by Iowa State University to eliminate the Community College Policy Center in the School of Education.

Executive Summary: The request to eliminate the Community College Policy Center resulted from faculty attrition and capacity to continue the research without the Center structure. The Board Office reviewed this request and recommends approval.

Background:

- ◇ **Description of center.** The Community College Policy Center (CCPC) was established in 2009 to coordinate efforts by faculty members interested in the study of community college leadership, their students, and transitions in post-secondary education in the former Educational Leadership and Policy Studies department -- now a part of the School of Education (SOE) at Iowa State.
- ◇ **Reason for proposed center elimination.** The study of community college leadership and students has been, and continues to be, an emphasis for several faculty members in the SOE. These efforts will continue with faculty affiliation and administrative oversight by the SOE. Many of the faculty members present during the establishment of CCPC have left the university or are nearing retirement; remaining faculty have been notified and are supportive of the dissolution of the center. The center has not played an active role in these research efforts to date, and we do not anticipate that its dissolution will have any negative impact on future scholarly activities or educational programs.
- ◇ **Transition plan and expected impact of proposed center elimination on programming.** The dissolution of the CCPC should present no disruption of current activities and no need for a transition period. Faculty members conducting research on community college leadership and students currently collaborate without a functioning center, or they work closely with the Research Institute for Studies in Education, another existing center within the SOE.
- ◇ **Impact on resources.** The CCPC has never had an established support line and has not garnered external funding on a consistent basis. No costs or costs savings are expected due to the elimination of the CCPC.
- ◇ **Impact on other units at the university.** No impact on other units is expected.
- ◇ **Temporary or permanent closure.** This will be a permanent closure.
- ◇ **Effect on current students.** No students will be affected as the faculty doing research in this area who may use student research assistants will continue their work.
- ◇ **Effective date of termination.** Effective immediately upon Board approval.