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MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2017, COMMITTEE MEETING

**BOARD OF REGENTS OFFICE
URBANDALE, IOWA**

TELEPHONIC MEETING

Committee Members

Nancy Boettger (Chair)

Rachael Johnson (Vice Chair)

Kevin Kregel, SUI

Jonathan Wickert, ISU

Jim Wohlpart, UNI

Rachel Boon, Board staff

Others

Jason Pontius, Board staff

Patrick Pease, UNI

Chair Boettger called the meeting to order at 12:30pm

Consent agenda

- A. October 18, 2017 minutes
- B. UNI: Program Termination request—Master of Science in Athletic Training (post-professional program)
- C. UNI: Program Suspension request—Master of Arts in Spanish
- D. UNI: Program Name Change request—Bachelor of Arts in Athletic Training to Bachelor of Arts in Athletic Training and Rehabilitation Studies
- E. UNI: Program Reorganization request--School of Kinesiology, Allied Health, and Human Services

Motion to approve, Regent Johnson. Second, Provost Wickert

Consent agenda approved.

Request for new programs at the University of Northern Iowa

Associate Provost Patrick Pease discussed the three programs (Environmental Resource Management (ERM), Environmental Science (ES), and the Master of Business Administration (MBA) in new locations. ERM is interdisciplinary and is comprised of existing courses in a variety of departments. ES is for students likely to pursue graduate school or other research career paths in env science. Cross-disciplinary coursework with existing UNI courses. MBA is requested in new locations in Pella, Mason City and Fort Dodge. Middle management level target audience in regions with limited opportunity for face-to-face programs. Will start with just one location at a time, but will explore all 3 to determine priority order of locations.

Regent Boettger noted the committee will recommend approval.

Request for new programs at the University of Iowa

Associate Provost Kevin Kregel shared a summary of Master of Science in Business Analytics in a new location (on-campus in Iowa City). This program already runs successfully at off-

campus locations in Cedar Rapids and Des Moines. Most courses needed already exist on campus, so easy transition to add this as a location.

The Master of Clinical Nutrition in the Carver College of Medicine will provide the new professional requirements for Dietetic Interns that is currently a certificate program. This change is due to change in licensing requirements by professional licensing board. Emphasis is on the clinical aspects which differentiates it from the ISU MPPD approved recently. Trend of upgrading to master's level in healthcare areas. Likely to be in many fields over the next 5-10 years.

The request for a Master of Clinical Anatomy is a new area to meet some clinically relevant training in anatomical sciences, particularly for those interested in teaching careers. High job demand for anatomy instructors at community colleges and universities nationwide.

Regent Boettger noted the committee will recommend approval.

Professional Development Assignments, 2016-17 Report

Board Chief Academic Officer Rachel Boon provided brief summary of the aggregate costs and return on investment, as well as non-financial returns of the professional development assignments that were completed during the 2016-17 academic year.

Regent Johnson made a motion to approve this report and recommend it be filed with the General Assembly; second by Provost Wohlpart. Motion passed.

Professional Development Assignments, 2018-19 Requests

Board Chief Academic Officer Rachel Boon provided brief summary on the requests for 2018-19 professional development assignments to 111 faculty. Regent Boettger asked about the campus-level process for approving professional development assignment requests prior to submission to the Board of Regents.

Provost Wickert noted that the intent is to use this time to do work not that it is not possible to do simultaneously with on campus obligations. Tangible outcomes are expected and must be reported on at the conclusion of the assignment.

At ISU, it starts with faculty discussing a possible proposal with the chair to gauge how teaching and service can be covered during leave. If the chair is supportive in concept, the faculty member submits a written request. A committee within the department generally does peer reviews and then the chair reviews and ranks if there are multiple requests in the department. These next go to the dean for a similar review including budget assessment. Not all submissions get approved—it is a competitive process. The dean will forward to the provost's office for review and a decision for which to recommend to the Board.

After PDA, reports also go to all parties.

Associate Provost Pease noted that rigor is important in the reviews. UNI includes a step after dean review to have a Faculty Senate Committee review proposals. The entire process is similar to that of a grant proposal with criteria and rubrics for scoring. Then proposals go to the provost for a final layer of internal approval.

SUI process is very similar to those described by ISU and UNI.

Regent Johnson made a motion to approve this report and recommend it be filed with the General Assembly; second by Provost Wickert. Motion passed.

Center for Educational Transformation (CET) Annual Report

Provost Wohlpart shared that 54 school districts partner with CET on grants to do research on pedagogy and other educationally important K-12 practices. Each Regent institution has faculty that have received grants for research in teaching and learning. Graduate students must be included in these grants to encourage their own learning experiences. A successful conference was held again this year bringing together experts and national speakers. In addition, a research project is under way on the Leader In Me program with schools in the Cedar Valley.

Presently, there are three finalists for new Director of CET being interviewed this week. The position will include an appointment to an endowed chair in the School of Education. The new director is likely to bring large research grants to the Center and be part of raising the national profile of the work done there.

Regent Johnson asked about the financial report and how much comes from grant sources. Provost Wohlpart said there is \$1.5m from Carver Trust, much of which paid for research and post-docs, as well as seed grants for projects with the districts around the state.

Regent Boettger noted that Board Office will be asked to file this report with the General Assembly.

Request for an honorary degree at the University of Iowa

Associate Provost Kregel shared that this request is for an honorary doctorate for Michelle Crider, and University of Iowa alum who is an internationally-renowned soprano. The request is to award the honorary degree at the Spring 2018 commencement. The Faculty Senate, Provost Curry, and President Herralld all support and approved this request. She studied voice at Iowa, has provided workshops at Iowa in the past several year, performed at the re-opening of Hancher Auditorium, and stays connected with the University and the voice program.

A motion to approve this request was made by Regent Johnson, second, Provost Wohlpart. The motion passes and will move to full board.

Other Business

The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2018 at Iowa State University.

Meeting adjourned at 1:03pm.