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MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2019 COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Committee Members

Nancy Boettger (Chair)

Jim Lindenmayer (Vice Chair)

Rachel Boon, Board staff

Monteserrat Fuentes, University of Iowa

Jon Wickert, Iowa State University

Patrick Pease (for Jim Wohlpart), University of Northern Iowa

Others

Regent Barker, Regent Bates, Regent Dunkel, Regent Leist

Chair Boettger called the meeting to order at 1:07pm

Approval of minutes from June meeting.

Amendments: None offered

Approved as presented.

SUI New Center Request: Center for Noninvasive Brain Stimulation

Provost Fuentes asked for a new center to be housed in Carver College of Medicine in the Department of Psychiatry. It will focus on clinical research on brain function to improve treatments. The work includes collaborations with the Iowa State University Electrical Engineering department. It is fully supported by grants and awards.

No objections. The committee will recommend approval to the full board.

ISU Center Terminations:

Center for Plant Responses to Environmental Stresses

Provost Wickert noted there was a change in the funding model five years ago, and now the center no longer has sufficient funds to operate. Some of the research lines will continue in other centers or departments where the faculty are appointed or have other projects aligned with this work.

Industrial Assessment Center

Provost Wickert again noted that funding has expired and, in addition, the faculty who led the Industrial Assessment Center will soon retire. ISU anticipates no impact on existing research streams or students.

The committee will recommend approval of both center closure requests to the full board.

UNI Program and Department Changes

Associate Provost Pease discussed 5 requested changes.

Termination of the Bachelor of Arts in Humanities: The program is closing due to declining enrollment. Existing students will all complete their degrees in the next two or three semesters.

Termination of the Master of Arts in Health Education: This is part of a process of streamlining and combining it with another program that is being reorganized. Some content will move to the other master's program.

Name changes to Master of Arts in Leisure, Youth and Human Services and Bachelor of Arts in Leisure, Youth and Human Services: The department would like to call this degree the Master of Arts in Community Health and Recreation. Curricular changes to embed health education are underway and the new degree will prepare students well for the job market.

Name change in Department of Communication Studies: This change is requested to rename it Department of Communication and Media to better reflect the current program offerings of the department.

Regent Lindenmayer asked if these changes include any staff changes. Associate Provost Pease said no staff reductions are expected, but other course eliminations or redundancies will likely be identified.

The committee will recommend approval of all requests to the full board.

Biennial Faculty Activities Report

UNI Associate Provost Vallentine, SUI Senior Associate Provost Kregel and ISU Associate Provost Bratsch-Prince shared highlights from the report and the work of faculty on each campus.

FY19 Professional Development Assignment Reports

In December 2017 the Board approved 111 requests for professional development assignment. This report provides the outcomes of that work.

FY21 Professional Development Assignment Requests

The universities request 134 Professional Development Assignments for FY21. This report summarizes each project that was approved by academic leadership at the universities.

The committee will recommend approval of the FY21 requests for professional development assignments.

Annual Academic Program Review Report

CAO Boon provided the report and asked for questions. Report received.

Proposal to Add Computer Science to the Regent Admissions Index

CAO Boon presented the request from the Regent Admissions Study Team to add computer science to the Regent Admission Index (RAI) effective for undergraduate admissions in summer 2021 and beyond. This change reflects the increasing access of high quality computer science courses at school districts across the state, as well as the importance of computer science to the jobs and economy of the state.

The committee will recommend approval of the addition of Computer Science to the RAI to the full board.

Presentation by UNI: Academic Support and Success for Student-Athletes

Associate Provost Pease introduced speakers David Harris, Director of Athletics; Stacia Eggers, Associate Director of Athletics; Dr. Elaine Eshbaugh, Faculty Athletics Rep; Brawntae Wells, student. Eggers shared their role in providing counseling, tutoring services, life skills development, and monitor eligibility.

AD Harris and Associate AD Eggers described the strong academic outcomes of the student-athletes at UNI. Wells shared his interest in helping others, and how his academic major has helped him find ways to support people in the Waterloo area in the juvenile justice system, and how important this has been to his educational experience.

Regent Lindenmayer and Regent Boettger noted their thanks for the presentation and offered support to Wells.

Other business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10pm