

**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2020 COMMITTEE MEETING**

**VIRTUAL MEETING**

**Academic Affairs Committee Members**

Nancy Boettger (Chair)	Kevin Kregel, University of Iowa
Jim Lindenmayer (Vice Chair)	Jon Wickert, Iowa State University
Rachel Boon, Board staff	Patrick Pease, University of Northern Iowa

Guests: Regents Bates, Liest, Barker, Dakovich, Dunkel, Richards; John Vallentine (UNI), Tanya Uden-Holman (SUI), Ann Marie VanDer Zanden (ISU)

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Chair Boettger called the meeting to order at 1:30pm

**Approval of Academic Affairs Committee minutes from September meeting**

Amendments: None offered

Approved as presented.

**ISU Center Termination Request: Iowa Community Vitality Center**

Provost Wickert noted the center director retired and the activities of the center lost congressional funding. Important activities were shifted to economic development personnel.

Approved as presented and moved to full Board.

**UNI Program Termination Requests: Professional Science Master's in Biotechnology and Professional Science Master's in Ecosystem Management**

Associate Provost Pease described the Professional Science Master's in Biotechnology as one that just never got sufficient enrollment. Same situation is true with Ecosystem Management.

Approved as presented and moved to full Board.

**UNI Program Name Change Requests: Criminology and Public Health and Education**

Associate Provost Pease described these requests as ones that would more accurately describe the programs and their offerings and the career options available.

Approved as presented and moved to full Board.

**FY2020 Professional Development Assignment Reports**

Chief Academic Officer Boon shared that of 135 professional development assignments approved for FY2020, eight were cancelled and seven were deferred. The remaining 120 are summarized in the report. The cost of these PDAs is estimated to be around \$461,000, and the return on that investment simply in terms of grants obtained was \$16.3 million. And additional \$50 million in proposals is still awaiting decisions. This is all remarkable given the impact of the pandemic on a number of the projects.

### **FY2022 Professional Development Assignment Requests**

Chief Academic Officer Boon presented the 72 requests for professional development assignment for FY2022 for consideration. Numbers of requests are down due to anticipated travel and budget restrictions over the next couple of years. Estimated cost of these PDAs is \$373,819.

The committee will approve these and moved to the full board for consideration.

### **Annual Academic Program Review Report**

Rachel provided a brief update of the report, noting that because of the pandemic emergency policy waiver allowing delays in scheduled reviews, there were some program reviews deferred until next year. In total, this report represents reviews of 22 academic programs or departments.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm.