MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2022 COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING

Academic Affairs Committee
Nancy Boettger (Chair) Kevin Kregel, University of Iowa
Sherry Bates (Vice Chair) Jonathan Wickert, Iowa State University
Rachel Boon, Board staff Jose Herrera, University of Northern Iowa

Guests: Nancy Dunkel, Jim Lindenmayer, Greta Rouse, Abby Crow, David Barker, JC Risewick,

Chair Boettger called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM

Approval of Academic Affairs Committee minutes from September meeting

Approved by general consent.

SUI New Institute: Driving Safety Research Institute

Chair Boettger recognized SUI to review the Driving Safety Research Institute focused on research efforts. Limited resources are needed to create this Institute.

The committee recommended approval of the SUI Driving Safety Research Institute.

SUI Program Terminations

Master of Science in Health Policy

Recent internal and external reviews have noticed varying enrollment with the Master of Science in Healthy Policy.

The committee recommended approval to terminate the Master of Science in Health Policy.

Bachelor of Arts in Health and Human Physiology

The creation of new majors replaces the Bachelor of Arts in Health and Human Physiology. Students currently in this major are separating into their specific focus area/track. No curriculum change, enrollment change, graduation rates or cost is expected.

The committee recommended approval to terminate the Bachelor of Arts in Health and Human Physiology.
UNI Program Termination: Bachelor of Applied Science in Technology

This program was originally designed for non-traditional students who obtained an AAS degree in career tech courses. Student demand has shifted to BA in technology management. Only two students are currently enrolled in the BAS program.

The committee recommended approval to terminate the Bachelor of Applied Science in Technology.

UNI New Program Requests

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

UNI representatives noted the need for nurses in Iowa is critical. Student demand and workforce needs for nursing are clear.

Regent Crow asked who the BS in Nursing would target. UNI representatives responded the target population is for transfer students, high school, and those who would like to pursue nursing as a second career.

The committee recommended the approval of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program.

Bachelor of Arts in Human Resource Management

Request to move the human resource management track to a bachelor's degree. There is a market demand for human resource management majors.

Committee recommended the approval of the Bachelor of Arts in Human Resource Management.

Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies

The Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies is designed to be a stand-alone degree or for non-degree seeking students or students with previous graduate coursework. Students can create individualized program content to their specific interests and needs.

Regent Lindenmayer asked how this program will be presented. UNI stated this is a mostly virtual master’s program.

Committee recommended the approval of the Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Annual Academic Program Review Report

Chair Boettger recognized Board office Chief Academic Officer Rachel Boon to review the annual Academic Program Report.

FY22 Professional Development Assignment Report

Chair Boettger recognized Board office Chief Academic Officer Boon to review the FY22 Professional Development Report.
Regent Bates asked if there are funding needs and if it is competitive for professional development. Provost Kregel states that it is a competitive program. Faculty are also often competing for funding to support their professional development assignments.

Regent Barker asked if these programs are ever abused. Provost Wickert stated that he is not familiar with any instances. Several reviews are created to have accountability.

**FY24 Professional Development Assignment Requests**

Board office Chief Academic Officer Boon recognizes 109 professional development requests for FY24.

Committee recommended the requests for Professional Development Assignments for FY24.

**Update on High School Admissions Pilot Project**

Chief Academic Officer Boon presented on a new high school pilot project. The pilot has been initiated with Mississippi Bend District to connect with qualified high school juniors on postsecondary enrollment in Iowa. The pilot project is projected to start in Spring 2023.

**Special Schools Presentation: Extended Learning Programs for BVI and DHH Students**

Special Schools representatives shared programs students have been involved in throughout the state.

Chief Academic Officer Boon asked if programs are available to students across the state of Iowa. Regional Director Jonathan Karli stated there are programs across the state and transportation is provided if needed.

Regent Rouse asked if there is a charge to attend these programs. Regional Director Karli stated there is no charge for students to attend the programs.

Meeting adjourned at 2:52 PM