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REQUEST FOR UPDATE TO UNIVERSITY PEER GROUPS

Executive Summary: In 2014, the Board of Regents approved a list of peer institutions for each university to use for reports to the Board. As institutions of higher education evolve with the times, it is appropriate to review and update these lists periodically. The universities each request updates as listed below.

University of Northern Iowa
The University of Northern Iowa requests approval to modify its group of peer institutions. The current set of peers was selected in 2014 using a collaborative, data-informed process involving various campus stakeholders. The 2023 proposed list of institutions was chosen using the same methodology as in 2014, taking into consideration a variety of high-level institutional characteristics (e.g. institution size and types of degrees offered) as well as specific variables like tuition, in-state vs. out-of-state enrollment, student financial need, number of full-time faculty, and total operating budget.

Current UNI Peer Institutions	2023 Proposed UNI Peer Institutions
University of Minnesota-Duluth	University of Minnesota-Duluth
College of Charleston	College of Charleston
Western Washington University	Western Washington University
Eastern Illinois University	Eastern Illinois University
Ferris State University	The College of New Jersey
James Madison University	Central Connecticut State University
Marshall University	Minnesota State University-Mankato
Southern Illinois-Edwardsville	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
Truman State University	University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth	Indiana State University

The proposed list includes four institutions in the current UNI peers list and six new institutions that more closely align with the metrics that distinguish UNI and make the institution stand apart from other regional comprehensive institutions in the country.

University of Iowa
At the request of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa, the University of Iowa performed an evaluation of its official Peer Group during the fall 2022 semester. This evaluation included assessments of a variety of relevant parameters among the university's peer AAU institutions, including student selectivity and success, faculty considerations, financial metrics, and R&D expenditures.

In an effort to more closely align the university with peers who are comparable across a range of metrics while also maintaining a set of aspirational peers, the University of Iowa requests that the University of California, Los Angeles, and the University of Texas, Austin, be removed from the official Peer Group, and replaced by Michigan State University, East Lansing, and the University of Utah, State Lake City.

Current SUI Peer Institutions	2023 Proposed SUI Peer Institutions
University of Arizona	University of Arizona
University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign	University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign
Indiana University-Bloomington	Indiana University-Bloomington
University of Michigan	University of Michigan
University of Minnesota-Minneapolis	University of Minnesota-Minneapolis
University or North Carolina-Chapel Hill	University or North Carolina-Chapel Hill
The Ohio State University	The Ohio State UniversityMain Campus
University of Wisconsin-Madison	University of Wisconsin-Madison
University of California-Los Angeles	Michigan State University
University of Texas-Austin	University of Utah

Iowa State University

Iowa State University of Science and Technology requests approval to modify its group of peer institutions. Iowa State's current list of peers was created in 1986 and has been updated only once since that time, by changing one university on the list.

An internal advisory committee with campus representation, led by the Senior Vice President and Provost, developed the updated set of peer institutions listed below whose missions and strategic goals more closely align with Iowa State. A variety of institutions and indicators were reviewed and considered, including enrollment, mix of academic programs, research expenditures, endowment, tuition, admissions selectivity and graduation rates.

In the recommended update, all the proposed peers are land-grant and Carnegie Classification Very High Research (R1) institutions. Three current peers would continue in the group, and seven are new.

Current ISU Peer Institutions	2023 Proposed ISU Peer Institutions
Michigan State University	Michigan State University
North Carolina State University	North Carolina State University
Purdue University	Purdue University
The Ohio State University	Colorado State University-Fort Collins
Penn State University	Kansas State University
Texas A&M University-College Station	Oklahoma State University-Main Campus
University of California-Davis	Oregon State University
University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign	University of Missouri-Columbia
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
University of Wisconsin-Madison	Virginia Polytechnic and State University