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**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2023 COMMITTEE MEETING**

**SLIFE BALLROOM  
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA**

**Academic Affairs Committee**

Jim Lindenmayer (Chair)  
David Barker (Vice Chair)  
Abby Crow

Guests: Greta Rouse, Nancy Dunkel, Robert Cramer, Sherry Bates, Kevin Kregel, Jonathan Wickert, Jose Herrera, Lois Geist, John Vallentine, Dawn Bratsch-Prince, Leslie Wilson

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Chair Lindenmayer called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

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

Approved by general consent.

**UNI Center Termination Request: Recycling Reuse Technology Transfer Center**

Provost Herrera described the need to make this change due to the reduction in funding.

This center will be recommended for termination by the full Board.

**UNI College Name Change Request**

Provost Herrera introduced Dean Leslie Wilson to describe the request to name the College of Business after David W. Wilson. There will be emphasis on elevating ethics education, service to community, and support for students from Tama county.

This name change will be recommended for approval by the full Board.

**Biennial Faculty Activities Report**

Associate Provosts Lois Geist, Dawn Bratsch-Prince and John Vallentine shared highlights from the most recent Faculty Activities Report and other background on faculty impact on teaching, research, economic development and public service meeting state and community needs.

**FY23 Professional Development Assignment Reports**

Chief Academic Officer Rachel Boon presented the report of 95 summaries of PDAs completed in FY23. Costs were approximately \$130,000 having drawn in grants and funding for \$36M with millions in grants still awaiting award notification.

**FY25 Professional Development Assignment Reports**

CAO Boon described request for 106 PDAs for FY25 (2.4% of eligible faculty). Estimated costs are approximately \$266,000, but actual costs may vary. There is a wide spectrum of projects and disciplines represented.

These 106 requests will be recommended for approval by the full Board.

**Requests for Honorary Degrees**

Associate Provost Geist described two requests.

William Decker worked at the University of Iowa for his entire career.

Charles Ray is a highly accomplished artist who received an MFA at the University of Iowa and now displays his work internationally.

The committee will recommend both Mr. Decker and Mr. Ray for honorary degrees.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm.