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MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2015 COMMITTEE MEETING

**BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE OF IOWA
EDUCATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**UNIVERSITY OF IOWA, MEMORIAL UNION, NEBRASKA ROOM
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY, IOWA**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Regent Katie Mulholland
Vice Chair Regent Ruth Harkin
Board of Regents Chief Academic Officer Diana Gonzalez
University of Iowa Provost Barry Butler
University of Northern Iowa Interim Provost Mike Licari
Iowa State University Provost Jonathan Wickert

Chair Mulholland called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2015 EDUCATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

- MOVED by HARKIN, SECONDED by WICKERT, to recommend approval of the minutes as presented. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

PRESENTATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA: "TRANSITIONING NEW RNs TO PRACTICE WITH ONLINE NURSE RESIDENCY PROGRAM"

The turnover rate for new RNs is approximately 30%; the cost to train a new RN is \$60,000-\$80,000. To address the turnover problem, the Iowa Action Coalition recommended that an online nurse residency program be developed by the University of Iowa. This 12-month program was developed and implemented in 2014. Currently, there are 254 nurses from nine states enrolled in the program; in Iowa, there are 140 nurses employed by 25 hospitals. The program has resulted in enhanced safety and reduced costs; it has also provided continuing education in rural areas of the state.

- The Committee recommended receiving the report.

COLLEGE OF LAW AND MASTER OF STUDIES IN LAW PROGRAM DISCUSSION

In 2014, there were 1,483 applicants to the College of Law; approximately 41% (612) were accepted and 141 (23.0%) enrolled. Of the number enrolled, approximately 57% were non-residents. The College of Law has implemented a number of responses to the decline in applications, including revamping the recruitment strategy and written materials; reducing tuition; and developing new pathways to the J.D. program. Dean Agrawal indicated that the Master of Studies in Law will not affect the rankings because the rankings are based only on the J.D. program. The accrediting agency allows colleges of law to admit students who have not taken the LSAT if they meet stringent academic requirements.

- The Committee recommended receiving the report.

UPDATE ON NORTHEAST REGIONAL ACADEMY

Superintendent Gettel discussed the planning tool, developed by the Leadership Team for Deaf and Blind, which outlines the purpose and goals of the academy. Enrollment data indicate that there are 34 students with visual impairment and approximately 95 students who are deaf or hard of hearing living with the service area of the academy, which is a one hour commute from Charles City. It is estimated that 25% of those students would benefit from intensive, direct instruction provided by the academy.

- The Committee recommended receiving the report.

REQUEST FOR A NEW PROGRAM AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE PROGRAM IN EARLY CHILDCARE EDUCATION AND PROGRAMMING

Dean Pam White indicated that the primary focus of the program is to prepare professionals to work as teachers/providers or administrators of childcare programs and other related programs, such as Head Start. The program will be offered entirely online as part of the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance and will include six other institutions. The enrollment is projected to be 10 students in Year One growing to 80 students by Year Three. The new costs for the program are expected to be \$6,575 in Year One, increasing to \$13,150 by Year Seven. The U.S. Departments of Agriculture and Defense requested that this program be developed to meet the educational needs of military service members and their spouses who are interested in a career working with young children. There is no duplication with other Iowa colleges and universities.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by Iowa State University for a new program: Bachelor of Science Program in Early Childcare Education and Programming.

PROPOSED REVISIONS FOR THE IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY 2015-2016 GENERAL CATALOG

The proposed revisions include an addition of 123 new courses and the elimination of 195 courses, which will result in a net decrease of 72 courses. Chair Mulholland thanked Provost Wickert for providing a summary of the course changes on the table.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request for Iowa State University for the proposed revisions to the 2015-2016 General Catalog.

ANNUAL REPORT OF STUDENT RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES

- Chair Mulholland deferred this agenda item to the April 2015 Education and Student Affairs Committee meeting.

UPDATE ON THREE-YEAR DEGREES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA: "IOWA DEGREE IN THREE"

This program will help students graduate in three years from select programs, including Communication Studies; English; History; International Studies; Marketing; and Theatre Arts. Students will be required to complete the same requirements but the University will provide a format for the students to complete the requirements in three years rather than four years. Currently, approximately 9% of undergraduate completers graduate in three years.

- The Committee recommended receiving the report.

UPDATE OF ACE WORKSHOP ON AWARDING MILITARY CREDIT

- Chair Mulholland deferred this agenda item to the April 2015 Education and Student Affairs Committee meeting.

2014 EDUCATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

- Chair Mulholland asked the members to submit suggested items to Diana Gonzalez for inclusion in the 2015 work plan. Diana indicated that the accreditation reports for the University of Northern Iowa and Iowa State University have been tentatively scheduled for May 2015; for the University of Iowa, they have been scheduled for September 2015.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Mulholland adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM.

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