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MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 2017 COMMITTEE MEETING

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

**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY, ALUMNI CENTER BALLROOM
AMES, IOWA**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Regent Katie Mulholland
Vice Chair Regent Sherry Bates
Regent Rachael Johnson
Board of Regents Chief Academic Officer Diana Gonzalez
University of Iowa Provost Barry Butler
University of Northern Iowa Provost Jim Wohlpart
Iowa State University Provost Jonathan Wickert

Chair Mulholland called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 28, 2016 ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

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

PRESENTATION AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY: "ROTC CONTRIBUTES TO EXCELLENCE IN THE U.S. ARMED FORCES"

Iowa State University has a long history of supplying officers to the United State Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines through its Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) programs. Associate Dean Amy Slagell introduced Lt. Colonel Ethan Dial, Army ROTC professor of military science; Lt. Colonel William McTernan, Air Force ROTC chair of aerospace studies, and Capt. Scott Curtis, Navy ROTC professor of naval science. They described their programs and their contributions to the university and nation. They described recruitment efforts which include meeting with 8th and 9th graders.

- The Committee recommended receiving the ISU presentation on the ROTC programs.

CONSENT AGENDA

Regent Mulholland asked Dr. Gonzalez to explain the items included in the consent agenda. She indicated that three of the items are the annual proposed course changes at the universities. Following approval by the Board, the course changes are incorporated into the new university catalog. The other consent agenda items include the proposed elimination of the Community College Policy Center at ISU and the elimination of the Information Infrastructure Institute (ICUBE) at ISU. The proposed eliminations resulted from faculty attrition, changes in funding streams, and ability to consolidate the work of the center within other university structures. There were no requests to remove any of the items from the consent agenda.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the Consent Agenda.

2015-2016 DISTANCE EDUCATION REPORT

Dr. Rachel Boon introduced her co-presenters – Dr. Belle Cowden (UNI); Dr. Zayira Jordan (ISU); and Mr. Lon Moeller (SUI). Dr. Boon explained that there had been growth in volume and breadth of courses offered by distance during the year. UNI offered nine new graduate programs online or overseas; ISU offered two new hybrid doctoral programs and one online master's program; and SUI is in the final phase of converting all Guided Independent Study courses to single semester online courses. Distance education at the universities is characterized by high quality and cutting edge technology. Dr. Cowden described the principles of universal design for learning and best practices for teaching and learning; Dr. Jordan described ISU's digital accessibility; and Mr. Moeller described SUI's closed captioning initiative.

- The Committee recommended receiving the 2015-2016 Distance Education Report.

UPDATE ON IOWA POSTSECONDARY READINESS REPORTS

Dr. Gonzalez provided background information about the project and explained that Governor Terry Branstad and Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds had rolled out the reports in January. Diana introduced Dr. Jason Pontius who worked on the project. He explained that the goal of the project was to provide data to Iowa high school which will lead to school improvement; the data also inform the Governor's Future Ready Iowa initiative. Sample key findings include the following – 71.1% of Iowa high school graduates are enrolled in college or training programs within one year of high school graduation. 18.9% of those students took a remedial math course within one year of high school graduation; 9.2% of those students took a remedial English class within one year of high school graduation. Controlling for other factors, state assessment scores, FRL status, and IEP status are the best predictors of a student enrolling in remedial coursework in college.

- The Committee recommended receiving the update on the Postsecondary Readiness Reports.

ANNUAL REPORT ON STUDENT GRADUATION AND RETENTION RATES

Dr. Pontius explained that the one-year retention rate for the three universities was 87.3% for the entering class of 2015; the six-year graduation rate was 71.6% for the class of 2010. According to the national Student Clearinghouse data, Iowa had the highest six-year graduation rate for four-year public universities at 68.9%. The time to degree for the last three entering classes has remained the same at 4.4. The total number of STEM degrees has increased by 25% since 2011. The number of STEM degrees earned by racial/ethnic minority students increased by 53% since 2011; the number of STEM degrees earned by women increased by 24% since 2011.

- The Committee recommended receiving the Annual Report on Student Graduation and Retention Rates.

UPDATE ON NORTHEAST REGIONAL ACADEMY

Superintendent Gettel and Regional Director Jay Colsch provided an update on the implementation of the Northeast Regional Academy (NERA) pilot project in the Charles City Community School District. There are more students receiving services through on-site instruction; remote instruction; temporary support; and sign language instruction. The Academy has facilitated collaboration between teachers by providing a practice-based model of self, peer and expert coaching. Peer coaching began on January 18, 2017; six elementary teachers of the deaf/hard of hearing are participating in the training. The Academy has identified three goals – raise reading and math proficiencies; increase access to the Expanded Core Curriculum; and increase extended learning activities.

- The Committee recommended receiving the Update on the Northeast Regional Academy.

2015-2016 REPORT ON FACULTY RESIGNATIONS

Due to time limitations, this report will be deferred to the April 19, 2017 Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting.

- The Committee recommended deferring the report to the next Committee meeting.

REPORT ON CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY SUB-COMMITTEE

Regent Bates reported on the Sub-Committee meeting held at Iowa State University on January 26, 2017. She explained that the purpose of the winter meeting was to (1) discuss lab safety protocols and practices at the universities; (2) discuss the protocols regarding hate crimes and the training provided to officers; (3) receive Title IX updates; (4) receive an update on the film project “The Voiceless;” (5) receive an update on the Fall 2017 Campus Safety and Security Summit; and (6) discuss the 2016-2017 Sub-Committee work plan.

- The Committee recommended receiving the Report from the Campus Safety and Security Sub-Committee.

2017 EDUCATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

Chair Mulholland asked the members to submit suggested items to Diana Gonzalez for inclusion in the work plan.

Chair Mulholland adjourned the meeting at 2:30 PM.

The corresponding docket memorandum for each agenda item, an integral component of the minutes, is available on the Board of Regents website at <http://www.iowaregents.edu>. Copies of these memoranda can also be obtained from the Board Office by calling 515-281-3934.