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**MINUTES OF APRIL 20-21, 2016 COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

**CAREERS BUILDING, ROOM 221  
IOWA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF  
COUNCIL BLUFFS, 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  
Iowa State University Provost Jonathan Wickert

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED**

University of Northern Iowa Provost Jim Wohlpart by Associate Provost Kavita Dhanwada

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

**REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2016 ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

**REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 2016 ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

**REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2016 ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

**PRESENTATION AT IOWA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF: "AN OVERVIEW OF HOW ASSESSMENTS AND DATA WILL BE UTILIZED BY THE LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR STATEWIDE SERVICES, IBSSS, AND ISD TO SUPPORT EARLY LITERACY IMPLEMENTATION"**

The Formative Assessment System for Teachers (FAST) literacy assessment, Early Literacy Implementation (ELI) measures for students with significant cognitive disabilities, and Northwest Evaluation Association's Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) will be used in school improvement plans to address the achievement of students and meet the academic standards in reading.

- The Committee recommended receiving the report.

### **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REPORT ON FACULTY TENURE – TENURE ACTIONS**

Dr. Diana Gonzalez reported that the universities identified 220 recommendations for tenure and promotion for the 2016-2017 academic year compared to 209 in 2015-2016.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by the universities for 220 recommendations for tenure and promotion for the 2016-2017 academic year.

### **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REPORT ON FACULTY TENURE – ANNUAL REPORT**

Dr. Diana Gonzalez reported that the number of tenured faculty decreased in 2015-2016 while the number of tenure-track and non-tenure track faculty increased from the prior year. Each of the universities has developed policies related to evaluation of instructional performance.

- The Committee recommended receiving the annual governance report on faculty tenure.

### **CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chair Sherry Bates explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the annual campus safety and security reports and to discuss residence hall policies and procedures related to safety and security. There was discussion about the Campus Safety and Security Summit that will be held at ISU on October 26, 2016.

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

### **REQUEST TO REVISE AND RESTRUCTURE THE DOCTORAL BIOSCIENCE PROGRAMS AND TO CREATE A NEW MASTER OF SCIENCE PROGRAM IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA**

Provost Barry Butler explained that there is a need to suspend admissions to eight bioscience Master of Science and Ph.D. programs for three years to undertake a comprehensive restructuring of the bioscience training programs to reduce duplication. The University proposes to create a Master of Science Program and a Ph.D. Program in Biomedical Science. External and internal reviews indicated that the programs would benefit from a more cohesive and interdisciplinary training and research program.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by the University of Iowa to suspend admissions to eight Master of Science and Ph.D. program in bioscience; restructure the bioscience programs into a new program offered as the Ph.D. Program in Biomedical Science; and create a Master of Science Program in Biomedical Science.

### **REQUEST FOR NEW PROGRAMS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA: BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE PROGRAMS IN CRIMINOLOGY, LAW AND JUSTICE**

Provost Butler explained that this proposal will result in creating a standalone program from the current track in Criminology in the Department of Sociology. A major will strengthen the student's preparation for a first career or additional professional study. The initial cost is expected to be \$91,500 which will be covered by internal reallocations by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The initial enrollment is expected to be 50 undergraduate majors. A Memorandum of Cooperation among the three Regent universities will promote articulation of courses and online course offerings.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by the University of Iowa to create Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science Program in Criminology, Law and Justice.

**REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE Ph.D. PROGRAM IN COMPARATIVE LITERATURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA**

Provost Butler explained that following the suspension of admissions in 2012, the anticipated review and restructuring of the program did not occur. There have been no new students admitted to the program since 2012. As of Spring 2016, there are three students in the program. The students will be allowed to continue working toward their degree. It is anticipated that the students will graduate at the end of the Spring 2016 semester or soon thereafter. The proposed termination is expected to have little or no effect on costs because faculty will continue to teach in their home department. There are no other post-secondary institutions in the state that offer this program.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by the University of Iowa to terminate the Ph.D. Program in Comparative Literature.

**REQUEST FOR A PROGRAM NAME CHANGE AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY: FROM BACHELOR OF DESIGN PROGRAM TO BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAM IN INTERDISCIPLINARY DESIGN**

Provost Jonathan Wickert explained that the proposed program name change is necessary to meet the accreditation requirements of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design. There will be no curriculum changes associated with the proposed program name change.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by Iowa State University of a program name change: from Bachelor of Design Program to Bachelor of Arts Program in Interdisciplinary Design.

**REQUEST TO MERGE THE DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WORLD LANGUAGES AND CULTURES AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY AND TO NAME THE NEW DEPARTMENT AS THE DEPARTMENT OF WORLD LANGUAGES AND CULTURES**

Provost Wickert explained that the proposed merged department will absorb the existing programs in the two departments. The merger will allow the university to focus on strategic priorities and to strengthen academic priorities while gaining administrative efficiencies. An external program review concluded that the Department of Anthropology has become too small to function as an independent unit. The proposed merger will not affect existing programs; it received the unanimous support from faculty members in both departments.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by Iowa State University to merge the Department of Anthropology and the Department of World Languages and Cultures and to name the new department as the Department of World Languages and Cultures.

**REQUEST FOR A NEW PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA: MASTER OF ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAM**

Associate Provost Kavita Dhanwada explained that the proposed program will provide an opportunity for graduates to practice as certified athletic trainers. There is no professional master's program in Iowa. The initial cost of the program is expected to be \$21,750. The Department of Health, Physical Education, and Leisure Services and the College of Education will support the new costs. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, employment for athletic trainers is expected to "grow faster than average for all occupations."

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by the University of Northern Iowa for a new Master of Athletic Training Program.

**REQUEST FOR A NEW PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA:  
BACHELOR OF APPLIED STUDIES PROGRAM IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Associate Provost Dhanwada explained that the proposed program is designed to meet the needs of working professionals who completed an associate of applied science degree and who need a bachelor's degree for career advancement. It will be offered primarily as a distance education program. The initial cost of the program will be \$160,000 which will be covered by tuition revenues. The initial enrollment is expected to be 20 students.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by the University of Northern Iowa for a new Bachelor of Applied Studies Program in Criminal Justice.

**REQUEST FOR A NEW PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA: MASTER  
OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM IN MASON CITY**

Associate Provost Dhanwada explained that the need for the proposed program was initiated at the request of community and business leaders in Mason City. UNI campus faculty will teach the program in Mason City. A cohort will be established only if the number of admitted students will generate tuition revenues sufficient to cover expenses for the program. The enrollment is expected to be 15-20 students in each cohort.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to a new Master of Business Administration Program in Mason City.

**REQUEST FOR A DEPARTMENT NAME CHANGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN  
IOWA: FROM SCHOOL OF HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND LEISURE SERVICES  
TO SCHOOL OF KINESIOLOGY, ALLIED HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Associate Provost Dhanwada explained that the proposed department name change will align the school name with the programs offerings and be more recognizable. Since the current name was adopted, the School has added the Athletic Training Division and a number of new majors and the existing name does not reflect the diversity of the programs. There will be no program configuration change as a result of the school name change.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to change the name of the School of Health, Physical Education and Leisure Services to School of Kinesiology, Allied Health and Human Services.

**REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE ACCELERATED MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM  
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA**

Associate Provost Dhanwada explained that the request to terminate the program resulted from a lack of enrollment during the past three years. The full Master of Public Policy was restructured in 2014 and it is now available primarily through distance education. The accelerated program no longer fits with the new curriculum.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to terminate the accelerated Master of Public Policy Program.

**2016 EDUCATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WORK PLAN**

- Chair Mulholland indicated that an in-depth discussion of agenda items will no longer be necessary because they have already been reviewed by the Council of Provosts and the Board Office. Chair Mulholland suggested focusing on topics of major significance in higher education. She asked the members to submit suggested items to Diana Gonzalez for inclusion in the 2016 work plan. There will be a Committee meeting on May 16, 2016 at the University of Northern Iowa to review the implementation of new programs created within the last five years and to conduct general Committee business.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Chair Mulholland adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM.

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