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**REQUEST TO MODIFY THE PEER GROUP LIST AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY**

**Action Requested:** Consider recommending approval of the request by Iowa State University to replace an existing peer institution.

**Executive Summary.** A review of Iowa State University's peer group was conducted as part of its strategic planning process. A recommendation to replace one institution is described below:

<b>PROPOSED PEER GROUP</b>	<b>CURRENT PEER GROUP</b>
<b>Pennsylvania State University (PA)</b>	<b>University of Arizona (AZ)</b>
University of California, Davis (CA)	University of California, Davis (CA)
University of Illinois, Urbana/Champaign (IL)	University of Illinois, Urbana/Champaign (IL)
Michigan State University (MI)	Michigan State University (MI)
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (MN)	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (MN)
North Carolina State University (NC)	North Carolina State University (NC)
Ohio State University (OH)	Ohio State University (OH)
Purdue University (IN)	Purdue University (IN)
Texas A & M University (TX)	Texas A & M University (TX)
University of Wisconsin (WI)	University of Wisconsin (WI)

**Background:** The following criteria were used in the review process – public land grant institution; member of AAU; comparable enrollment mix; veterinary medical college; competition for faculty hiring; and aspirational peer.

**Rationale:** the University of Arizona is an outlier in the current peer group. Its total enrollment includes only 5.0% in engineering compared to ISU's 26.1% and 2.6% in agriculture compared to ISU's 11.3%. Penn State University is a land-grant university that is also an AAU member and has similar programs to ISU. Its enrollment in engineering and agriculture is 20.3% and 4.4%, respectively. Penn State University is an aspirational peer regarding research expenditures. Neither the University of Arizona nor Penn State University has a veterinary medical college, but Penn State University does have a medical school.

**Institutional review.** This recommendation was shared broadly across campus. It was the consensus of all constituent groups, including deans, department chairs, faculty senate, and president's cabinet, to propose this recommendation.