ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 10, 2017
University of Northern Iowa, Rod Library Scholarspace Room 301

Members Present:
Katie Mulholland (chair)  Jonathan Wickert, Iowa State University
Sherry Bates (vice-chair)  Jim Wohlpart, University of Northern Iowa
Rachael Johnson   Rachel Boon, Board office

Meeting called to order at 10am.

**Accreditation Report 1:** Provost Wohlpart introduced Dean of the College of Humanities, Arts and Sciences Brenda Bass and Chair of the Department of Interior Design Gowri Bebrabet-Ghawaldi to discuss the accreditation process and report of the Department of Interior Design at the University of Northern Iowa.

Chair Bebrabet-Ghawaldi described the program in depth and shared information learned and adjustments made during the accreditation process.

- This was the first time through process for the Interior Design department with the National Council of Interior Design Quality of the Council of Interior Design Accreditation.
- Research and application are important factors in quality department
- Frequently engaging with other majors in Applied Human Sciences—strength in cross-departmental collaboration opportunities
- 100% placement of graduates
- Accreditation shortens time to professional certification for students after they graduate
- Engaged a program consultant back in 2012 that helped tune curriculum and program structure in preparation for first accreditation review
- Plans for growth. Working on enrollment management strategy to help get committed students. Using portfolio and interview to determine program readiness.

The committee will recommend the accreditation report to the full board for approval.

**Accreditation Report 2:** Provost Wohlpart introduced chair of Department of Technology John Fritch and chair of program in Electrical Engineering Technology Lisa Reidle.

Chair Reidle described the program and its relationship to other academic departments and local employers.

- Multiple accredited programs department of Technology. Includes masters and doctoral programs.
- Relationships with external bodies major focus since visit
- Need stability and strong leadership for department—managed strongly via chair appointed 2 years ago
- Recently received Carver grant for equipment. This is essential to keeping program up-to-date.
- Communicating with community colleges regularly, many transfer students come from those programs
- Annual continuous improvement indicators submitted to ABET
- Engaging with faculty at CC—connecting curriculum. Goal to meet with them every two years.
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Provost Wohlpart introduced Dean of College of Education Gaetane Jean-Marie and Athletic Training Program Director Kelli Snyder.

Dr. Snyder described the program and its many successes. In addition, she explained the plans for transitioning the program from an undergraduate degree program to a master's level program over the next few years.

- In School of Kinesiology, Allied Health and Human Services
- 25+ clinical sites, including some primary care and general medical opportunities
- Long-term plan to keep undergrad program in an alternate form as a prep program for master’s level program, currently under faculty and academic review at UNI
- Extensive experiential learning embedded in years 2-4 of program
- Strong outcomes for graduates in both employment and graduate school

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Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.