

**MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2021 COMMITTEE MEETING**

**VIRTUAL MEETING**

**Academic Affairs Committee Members**

Nancy Boettger (Chair)	Kevin Kregel, University of Iowa
Jim Lindenmayer (Vice Chair)	Jon Wickert, Iowa State University
Rachel Boon, Board staff	Jim Wohlpart, University of Northern Iowa

Guests: Patrick Pease (UNI), Tanya Uden-Holman (SUI), Ann Marie VanDer Zanden (ISU), John Vallentine (UNI), Dawn Bratsch-Prince (ISU), Lois Geist (SUI), Regent Bates, Regent Barker

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Chair Boettger called the meeting to order at 10:45am

**Approval of Joint Academic Affairs and Campus & Student Affairs Committee minutes from February meeting**

Amendments: Friendly amendment on attendance.

Approved as presented.

**SUI Department Name Change: Department of Biochemistry**

Dr. Geist shared the request to change the name to Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Approved as presented and moved to full Board.

**UNI Program Termination: Doctor of Industrial Technology**

Provost Wohlpart indicated the desire to terminate this program due to decline in enrollment. Admissions were suspended in 2018. All remaining students are done with coursework and are completing their final requirements.

Approved as presented and moved to full Board.

**UNI College Name Change: College of Business Administration**

Provost Wohlpart said the College would like to change its name to the College of Business, which is how it is commonly referred to already. This aligns with the names of the Colleges of Business at ISU and SUI. No costs are associated with this change.

Approved as presented and moved to the full Board.

**ISU Department Name Change: Department of Sociology**

Provost Wickert shared that this change to the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice will match the composition of the department more accurately.

**ISU Program Name Change: Child, Adult and Family Services**

The name change to this program will modernize the name to Human Development and Family Studies, consistent with peer universities. No major changes in degree requirements or coursework. Students preferred this name change option.

**ISU Center Name Change: Information Assurance Center**

The change to this center name to Center for Cybersecurity Innovation and Outreach is to better match the field and its evolution. ISU also wishes to emphasize the partnership aspects of the center's work.

**ISU Program Termination: Biorenewable Resources and Technology**

This graduate program has had decline in enrollment because these students choose to specialize through other graduate programs in CALS, CLAS and COE instead.

The committee will approve all four of these and move to the full board for consideration.

**Annual Tenure Report**

CAO Boon shared a few highlights and introduced Associate Provosts Vallentine, Geist and Bratsch-Prince who shared information about the accountability structures and practices in place for tenured and tenure-track faculty.

**2021-2022 Promotion and Tenure Requests**

Request for approval of the 237 requests for promotion and tenure.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.