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MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2021 COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING

Academic Affairs Committee Members

Nancy Boettger (Chair)	Kevin Kregel, University of Iowa
Sherry Bates (Vice Chair)	Jon Wickert, Iowa State University
Rachel Boon, Board staff	Patrick Pease, University of Northern Iowa

Guests: Regent Dunkel, Regent Crow, Regent Lindenmayer, Regent Barker, Regent Rouse. Lois Geist

Chair Boettger called the meeting to order at 1:25pm

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

Approved as presented.

SUI Department Change: Department of Rehabilitation and Counselor Education

Associate Provost Lois Geist shared that the department wants to drop the word “rehabilitation” to align with changes in the accrediting body and to broaden the reach.

Approved as presented and moved to full Board.

SUI Department Change: Department of Surgery

Change to department by pulling the cardiothoracic surgery department out as a free-standing department.

Approved as presented and moved to full Board.

UNI Program Name Change: Bachelor of Arts, Social Work certificate

Provost Pease shared the intent to change the degree to a Bachelor of Social Work which is a more modern approach. No coursework changes are needed in changing this name. This is better aligned with professional expectations and the accrediting bodies.

Approved as presented and moved to the full Board.

UNI New Program Request: Master of Arts in Postsecondary Education: Student Affairs (online)

The program is seeking to add the fully online cohort to better meeting the needs of working professionals. During the covid pandemic the program built this out of necessity and would now like this to be permanently available.

Approved as presented and moved to full Board.

**ISU New Program Requests
Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence**

Provost Wickert described the program in this rapidly growing field with great workforce growth. It will be on campus initially and hope to be online in the future.

Bachelor of Business Administration

This will be a degree completer program for students who have at least 45 credits of prior college credits.

Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Management

This is a high-growth field with employers and students have high interest in these careers. It is a track in a management degree right now, but will emphasize this as a major. SUI and UNI both have this as a track right now as well.

Bachelor of Science, Education (second major only)

Proposing this as second major and can't be taken as a standalone. This will recognize the educator preparation portion of their existing required coursework.

Master of Arts in Teaching, Secondary Education

This will permit departments with post-baccalaureate programs to help students add this as students seek licensure.

Master of Arts in Teaching, Math Education

This program helps people with math degrees become licensed as math teachers. It can be completed in 12 months.

Financial resources for all of these programs and changes are expected to come from newly enrolled students.

The committee will recommend approval and move to the full board for consideration.

ISU Department Change Request: Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology and Microbiology

This will be a merger. It has been discussed for a couple of years already between the departments to find synergy and gain efficiency. No impact on students in anticipated.

The committee will approve and move to the full board for consideration.

Iowa School for the Deaf Calendar and Credit Change Request

This request is for a change from trimester to semester calendar, as well as a reduction from 58 credits to 47 credits for graduation. Originally this was to line up with Council Bluffs Lewis Central, but very few students go there now, and most high schools in the state are on semester schedule. Will reduce the minutes per class period.

Committee will recommend approval and move to full Board.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm.