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**MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2022 COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MEETING**

**Academic Affairs Committee Members**

Nancy Boettger (Chair)	Kevin Kregel, University of Iowa
Sherry Bates (Vice Chair)	Jonathan Wickert, Iowa State University
Rachel Boon, Board staff	Jose Herrera, University of Northern Iowa

Guests: Nancy Dunkel, Jim Lindenmayer, Greta Rouse, Abby Crow, David Barker, Ann Marie VanDer Zanden, Tanya Uden-Holman, Lois Geist, Kristin Woods

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Chair Boettger called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.

**Approval of Academic Affairs Committee minutes from April meeting**

Approved by general consent.

**ISU New Program Request  
Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management**

Associate Provost VanDer Zanden described the program that will be in the Ivy College of Business. The program will have internship opportunities and be focused on business skills helpful in healthcare settings. It is the first such degree at an accredited business program in Iowa. They are beginning to explore creating a 3+2 with SUI in public health.

The committee will recommend approval.

**SUI New Program Requests  
Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science  
Bachelor of Science in Health Promotion  
Bachelor of Arts in Health Studies**

Associate Provost Uden-Holman described the plan to convert an existing major with three tracks into three separate majors. All current students can either complete the Health and Human Studies program or switch into one of these majors. Internships are highly encouraged in all three of these programs.

Regent Crow shared her strong support for the change. Regent Bates asked if the students can still take courses in all three areas. Uden-Holman said that will still be very easy to do and common.

The committee will recommend approval of all three new majors.

**SUI New Center Requests  
Center for Hydrologic Development**

Associate Provost Geist described this new center that is funded through federal funds to a consortium of universities. The home for the grant is the University of Alabama but significant

resources are provided to SUI to support the collaborations and research. This will be the first such center in the state of Iowa. SUI expects additional collaborations with ISU on the work of this center.

Regent Barker offered his support.

The committee will recommend approval of the Center for Hydrologic Development.

### **Iowa Center for School Mental Health**

Associate Provost Geist described the mental health needs of K-12 students in Iowa. Pandemic-related stressors have exacerbated this. The center will offer professional development to educators and leaders to better equip them to support students. The goal is to increase state capacity to serve this need. Collaborations with the education programs at ISU and UNI. The Iowa Department of Education provided a one-time \$20m grant to initiate the center.

The committee will recommend approval of the Iowa Center for School Mental Health.

### **University presentation: Undergraduate Student Success**

Associate Provost VanDer Zanden (ISU), Associate Provost Uden-Holman (SUI) and Associate Vice President Woods (UNI) shared the efforts of the universities to support undergraduate students.

Initiatives at all three institutions included use of data to drive decisions on student support needs and outcomes as well as the use of peer mentors.

Meeting adjourned at 1:47pm.