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**REQUEST TO TERMINATE HARKIN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC POLICY
AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY**

Action Requested: Consider approval of the request by Iowa State University to terminate the Harkin Institute of Public Policy in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Executive Summary: The Harkin Institute for Public Policy was created in 2011 to facilitate research and public access to Senator Tom Harkin's papers, which were to be given to Iowa State University following Senator Harkin's retirement. This proposal was reviewed by the Board Office and the Council of Provosts and is recommended for approval.

Background:

- ◇ **Rationale for proposed termination.** In May 2013, Senator Harkin, with recommendation from the Institute's advisory board, decided to donate his papers to Drake University.
- ◇ **Description of transition following closure.** No significant work has been launched or completed by faculty affiliated with the Harkin Institute because Senator Harkin's papers had not been received. Therefore, a transition period will not be necessary to close the Institute.
- ◇ **Administrative structure.** The director of the Harkin Institute is David Peterson, professor in the Department of Political Science. Dr. Peterson will resume his full-time duties in the department upon closure of the Institute.
- ◇ **Cost savings.** There will be no significant cost savings resulting from closing the Institute. Since the papers had not been received, there were no significant research projects or other programs being conducted.
- ◇ **Anticipated impact on units.** No impact is anticipated on other units at ISU as a result of the proposed closure.
- ◇ **Internal review.** Following Senator Harkin's announcement in May 2013 that he would donate his papers to Drake University which will establish the Tom Harkin Institute for Public Policy and Citizen Engagement, the ISU Foundation contacted donors who had made gifts to the Harkin Institute at ISU through the Foundation. The redistribution of previous gifts has now been completed by the Foundation in compliance with donor wishes; the transfer of principal and earnings has been made as directed by the donors. Key stakeholders, including the Institute's faculty affiliates, Institute's advisory board, and Senator Harkin's office, have been notified of the proposed closure.
- ◇ **Date of implementation.** The proposed closure will become effective upon approval by the Board of Regents.