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**MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2014 COMMITTEE MEETING**

**BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE OF IOWA  
EDUCATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**SCHEMAN BUILDING, ROOM 275  
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY  
AMES, IOWA**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Chair Regent Katie Mulholland

Regent Ruth Harkin

Board of Regents Chief Academic Officer Diana Gonzalez

University of Iowa Provost Barry Butler

University of Northern Iowa Provost Gloria Gibson

Iowa State University Provost Jonathan Wickert

Chair Mulholland called the meeting to order at 3:45 PM.

**REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 24, 2014 EDUCATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING**

- **MOVED** by BUTLER, **SECONDED** by WICKERT, to recommend approval of the minutes as presented. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**STATUS REPORT OF PLANNING FOR A PILOT REGIONAL PROGRAM TO SERVE STUDENTS WHO ARE DEAF OR BLIND**

Superintendent Patrick Clancy updated the Committee on the work of the Leadership Team for Deaf and Blind. The team recommended the Charles City Community School District as the first regional center because it has a history of supporting special education programs. Superintendent Clancy and Charles City Superintendent Dan Cox discussed the next steps in planning the pilot program, including identifying the regional program as an “academy” rather than a “center” because that name will better convey its service function. The goal of the regional academy is to ensure a continuum of quality education services across the state for Iowa students who are deaf and blind. Plans are to start services in Fall 2014 and to have a fully operational site in Charles City by Fall 2015. Superintendent Clancy pointed out the need to request funds from the legislature during the 2015 session. The academy will provide more extended learning activities to support students’ learning, such as those conducted on weekends or after school. The Individual Education Program (IEP) teams will continue to make placement decisions. The Leadership Team for Deaf and Blind will develop a process to evaluate the pilot program in Charles City. The Team will also continue to work with Charles City district staff, AEA staff, and LEA administrators within a one-hour radius of the regional academy as well as the Department of Education for support of this school reform initiative. Superintendent Clancy indicated that he has been working with Director Brad Buck to elicit the Department’s support.

- The Committee recommended receiving the report.

**REQUEST TO CREATE A NEW CENTER AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY: IOWA SOYBEAN RESEARCH CENTER**

The proposed center will be a public-private partnership with the Iowa Soybean Association to meet the needs of Iowa soybean farmers. Iowa is the nation's leading producer of soybeans. In 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimated that Iowa produced 408 million bushels of soybeans, valued at \$5.6 - \$6.4 billion. The total cost to operate the proposed center will be \$148,164 in Year One, increasing to \$228,232 by Year Seven.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by Iowa State University to create the Iowa Soybean Research Center.

**REQUEST TO CREATE A NEW CENTER AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY: MIDWEST TRANSPORTATION CENTER**

The purpose of the proposed center is to serve as the organizing structure that will administer a U.S. Department of Transportation grant and to coordinate related research at ISU and its collaborating partners. External funding from the grant will be \$5,163,200 which must be matched by 100% non-federal funds. The match will include external research sponsor funding; ISU indirect cost return; College of Engineering support; and partner institution funding. The grant is for a two-year period; however, grant funds can be expended over four years. The total cost to operate the proposed center will be \$1,032,640 in Year One, increasing to \$3,097,920 in Year Four. Provost Wickert explained that the center currently exists under the name of "Consortium." Renaming the consortium as a center will align with U.S. Department of Transportation requirements.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by Iowa State University to create the Midwest Transportation Center.

**REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAM IN CHEMISTRY-MARKETING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA**

The request to terminate the program resulted from a realignment of department offerings with industry needs as well as lack of student interest in the program. Future students interested in this field will be better served by completing a chemistry major with a marketing minor or a marketing major with a chemistry minor. The department will eliminate only one course – Principles of Physical Chemistry. No cost savings will occur because all other courses required for the program are still required for other chemistry or marketing programs. Termination of the program will become effective when the two remaining students complete their program.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to terminate the Bachelor of Arts Program in Chemistry-Marketing.

**REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAM IN PERFORMANCE AND TRAINING TECHNOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA**

The request to terminate the program resulted from lack of enrollment in the program and availability of a dedicated faculty member in the program. Immediate termination of the program will be possible because there are no students currently enrolled in the program. No cost savings are anticipated.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to terminate the Master of Arts Program in Performance and Training Technology.

### **PROPOSED COURSE CHANGES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA**

Course changes are an ongoing function of the university to reflect changes in occupational fields, changes in faculty specialties, developments in fields of study or disciplines, scholarly vitality of the faculty, changes in educational needs of students, or other needs determined by the university. The proposed changes include an addition of 351 new courses and elimination of 201 courses, resulting in a net increase of 150 courses. The new courses are primarily in the Colleges of Education and Medicine, and University College. Provost Butler indicated that there is no cost to the university for the additional courses because they will not all be taught at the same time. The new courses are simply part of the revised university catalog.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by the University of Iowa for the proposed course changes.

### **REQUEST TO AWARD AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA**

The University of Northern Iowa wishes to award an Honorary Doctor of Science Degree to Mary Sue Coleman at Spring 2015 commencement in recognition of Dr. Coleman's leadership in higher education and for her commitment to the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of Northern Iowa.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to award an Honorary Doctor of Science Degree to Dr. Mary Sue Coleman at Spring 2015 Commencement.

### **REQUEST TO AWARD AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS DEGREE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA**

The University of Northern Iowa wishes to award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree to Nancy Powell at Spring 2015 commencement in recognition of Ambassador Powell's leadership and vision in global politics and her respect for diverse ways of life.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree to Ambassador Nancy Powell at Spring 2015 Commencement.

### **ANNUAL REGENT STUDENT FINANCIAL AID STUDY**

Chief Academic Officer Gonzalez reported that there were 23,870 full-time, resident, dependent undergraduates who received financial aid at the Regent universities in 2012-2013. Students with a family AGI < \$15,000 tended to have a higher average total grant award and a smaller total loan award while students with a family AGI > \$45,000 tended to have a smaller grant award and a higher total loan award. Students with the lowest family AGI tend to have unmet financial need after accepting the financial aid package awarded by the university; the unmet need is typically addressed by additional hours of employment, private loans, or other means.

- The Committee recommended receiving the report.

### **2014 EDUCATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WORK PLAN**

- Chair Mulholland asked the members to submit suggested items to Diana Gonzalez for inclusion on the work plan.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Chair Mulholland adjourned the meeting at 5:05 PM.

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