

**Education and Student Affairs Committee
Board of Regents, State of Iowa
Minutes
June 13, 2005
Iowa School for the Deaf, Council Bluffs, Iowa**

Members: Mary Ellen Becker, Chair
Amir Arbisser
Jenny Rokes
Rose Vasquez
Michael Gartner – ex-officio
Robert Downer – ex-officio

Regent Becker called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion from Vasquez, seconded by Arbisser, the Education and Student Affairs Committee voted to accept the minutes of its March 14, 2005 meeting without change.

Consent Agenda

On a motion from Vasquez, seconded by Arbisser, the committee approved the following matters presented under its consent agenda:

- distance education strategic plan
- the request for program and department name changes in the College of Education at the University of Iowa
- the request for a Bachelor of Applied Studies at the University of Iowa;
- the request for a Master of Arts in Education Program and an Undergraduate Minor for Teachers of Students with Visual Impairments/Special Education at the University of Northern Iowa;
- Title IIA proposal;
- informational report on collaborative activities;
- Iowa School for the Deaf – Nebraska contract; and
- the request for approval of the University of Iowa academic year and summer session calendars for 2009-2010.

The committee agreed to consider the University of Iowa's request to create a department of cardiothoracic surgery as a separate matter from the meeting's consent agenda. The Committee discussed two items – accreditation and finance. Dr. Mark Iannetoni, head of the division of cardiothoracic surgery, and Dr. Peter Denson, associate dean of the College of Medicine, responded to the Committee's questions.

On a motion from Arbisser, seconded by Vasquez, the Committee approved the University's request to create a department of cardiothoracic surgery.

Committee Work Plan

On a motion from Vasquez, seconded by Arbisser, the committee approved the Education and Student Affairs Committee work plan for 2005-06. Additional information regarding a grant application to address high school curriculum issues may be available for the September agenda.

Best Practices in Student Retention Strategies

On a motion from Vasquez, seconded by Arbisser, the committee received the report on best practices in student retention strategies at the Regent universities. The wide array of retention strategies implemented by the Regent universities is a reflection of their institutional strategic plans and performance indicators. The committee recognizes that the environment created by the Regent universities has significant potential to address the retention and graduation rates.

Biennial Faculty Activities Report

On a motion from Arbisser, seconded by Vasquez, the committee received the biennial report on faculty activities at the Regent universities. This report reflects the new, revised format which addresses a set of common questions about faculty efforts. The committee recognized the new format as being more focused and concise.

IBSSS Task Force Report and Recommendations

On a motion from Vasquez, seconded by Arbisser, the committee approved the IBSSS Task Force's recommendations and directed Interim Superintendent Jeananne Hagen Schild to work with the Board Office to develop a work plan relative to the Task Force recommendations for presentation at the September 2005 Education and Student Affairs Committee; the work plan should define objectives and timeframes. The committee also requested a status report on implementation activities for presentation at the December 2005 Education and Student Affairs Committee.

Memorandum of Understanding with VRS and IDOB

On a motion from Vasquez, seconded by Arbisser, the committee approved the memorandum of understanding with Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services and the Iowa Department for the Blind and directed the Executive Director to enter into such a memorandum.

Consider Adoption of Amendments

On a motion from Vasquez, seconded by Downer, the committee approved the adoption of amendments to the Iowa Administrative Code §681, Chapter 9, administrative rules on uniform personal conduct, and authorized the Executive Director to file the appropriate documents.

Common Principles for Recruitment of Student Athletes

On a motion from Vasquez, seconded by Arbisser, the committee received the report on the common principles for recruitment of prospective students-athletes and common recruitment philosophy developed collaboratively by the three universities. The committee recommended that the universities develop a single enterprise system of auditing and that the audit be added to the Audit Committee's work plan.