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**MINUTES OF AUGUST 7, 2013 COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

**MEMORIAL UNION, CAMPANILE ROOM  
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY  
AMES, IOWA**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chair Regent Katie Mulholland  
Vice Chair 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 3:13 PM.

**REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2013 EDUCATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

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

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. In May 2013, Senator Harkin decided to donate his papers to Drake University. No significant work had been launched or completed by faculty affiliated with the Harkin Institute. Therefore, a transition period will not be necessary to close the Institute. All gifts received by the Institute have been distributed according to the donors' wishes.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by Iowa State University to terminate the Harkin Institute of Public Policy.

**REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE IOWA CENTER FOR RESEARCH ON BOTANICAL DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY**

The Center was approved by the Board of Regents in January 2003. Its purpose was to provide research experiences for undergraduates in public health, biological sciences, natural sciences, and statistics at ISU and SUI. The Center was created with funding from a number of external agencies. However, in 2011, the funding was not renewed. Therefore, the Center is no longer sustainable. While some work continues related to the Center, it is anticipated that the research will lead to future investigator-initiated funding requests rather than center applications or center-scale work.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by Iowa State University to terminate the Iowa Center for Research on Botanical Dietary Supplements.

**REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE AIRWORTHINESS ASSURANCE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY**

The Center was established in 1997 within the Institute for Physical Research and Technology to provide solutions to nationwide safety problems. The Center no longer receives federal funding streams; therefore, the Center is no longer financially sustainable. Furthermore, the Center has not had a director since the departure of the interim director. No transition period is planned. Center-related work can be absorbed into the portfolios of affiliated researchers or into the Center for Nondestructive Evaluation.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by Iowa State University to terminate the Airworthiness Assurance Center of Excellence.

**REGIONAL STUDY CENTERS FUNDING ALLOCATION REQUEST FOR 2013-2014**

The proposed funding allocations, developed by the State Extension, Continuing, and Distance Education Council, will support the anticipated benefits to be derived at the Regional Study Centers.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board the proposed 2013-2014 Regional Study Funding Allocations.

**PRESENTATION AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY: “ONLINE LEARNING INITIATIVES AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY”**

Professor Ralph Napolitano provided a brief overview and discussed trends and challenges in online learning, including examples of how ISU uses online learning today and how it is planning for the future. Professor Napolitano described how online learning is part of ISU’s heritage and that it provides access, service, and reach. ISU is developing a quality management infrastructure for online learning.

- The Committee recommended receiving the presentation.

**REQUEST TO CREATE A NEW INSTITUTE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA: INSTITUTE FOR VISION RESEARCH**

The purpose of the Institute is to eradicate human blindness through interdisciplinary translational research, education, and clinical care. The major funding sources for the Institute will be grants from the national Institutes of Health, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Foundation Fighting Blindness, and major philanthropic organizations. The Carver College of Medicine and the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences will each commit \$150,000 per year for the next two years to assist in the early developmental phase of the Institute.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by the University of Iowa to create the Institute for Vision Research in the Carver College of Medicine.

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

The Center will pursue a science-based approach to nutrient management research and will support the Iowa statewide plan to reduce nutrients to waterways. Creation of the Center will respond to recently created legislation calling for its creation. The Center will be administered by a director who will report to the dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. An advisory council will be established by the Board of Regents to provide input to the university.

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

**REQUEST TO RE-OPEN ADMISSIONS TO THE BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAM IN GEOGRAPHY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA**

Admissions to the program were suspended in March 2012 to allow faculty to restructure the program curriculum. The request to re-open admissions is based on the fact that the restructuring has been successfully completed. The redesigned program combines the existing four tracks into a single program with a common core of classes followed by a "Professional Concentration" elective block which includes Environmental Systems and Sustainability; Planning and Developing; and Globalization and Regional Geography.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to re-open admissions to the Bachelor of Arts Program in Geography.

**REQUEST FOR A NEW PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA: BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAM IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE**

The proposed program will offer new opportunities for students to acquire skills and knowledge in the growing field of environmental science. There will be three emphasis areas, as well as general environmental studies, available to students – air quality; hydrology; and geosciences. The most significant difference between the proposed program and others in the state is its emphasis on a physical earth system, rather than the biological-physical interactions. No significant new funding will be required to implement the program.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to implement a new program: Bachelor of Arts Program in Environmental Science.

**REQUEST FOR A NEW PROGRAM AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY: MASTER OF FINANCE PROGRAM**

The proposed program will offer new opportunities for students in the field of advanced data analysis as a full-time residential program which will require 40 credits of graduate coursework. The curriculum includes a foundation in quantitative methods and econometrics that will prepare graduates for careers in advanced financial data analysis, credit analysis, and risk management. It will also prepare students to pursue professional certifications. The projected costs for the program will be \$17,230 in Year 1, increasing to \$255,345 by Year 7.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by Iowa State University to implement a new program: Master of Finance Program.

**REQUEST FOR A NEW PROGRAM AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE PROGRAM IN PUBLIC RELATIONS**

The proposed program will be a standalone program which will offer new opportunities for students to gain the knowledge and skills needed by public relations professionals. The required courses are currently offered in the Bachelor of Science Program in Journalism and Mass Communication; therefore, there will be no significant new costs for the proposed program. The proposed program differs from UNI's program because it will emphasize public information requirements of agencies and organization engaged in agriculture, natural resources, engineering and energy industries, biotechnology, biorenewable resources and the bioeconomy, and food safety and food security.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by Iowa State University to implement a new program: Bachelor of Science Program in Public Relations.

**REQUEST FOR A NAME CHANGE AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY: FROM MASTER OF SCIENCE AND Ph.D. PROGRAMS IN AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING TO MASTER OF SCIENCE AND Ph.D. PROGRAMS IN AGRICULTURAL AND BIOSYSTEMS ENGINEERING**

The proposed name change will align the name of the current graduate programs with the name of the department. Current students or those already admitted will have the option of maintaining their existing degree title or switching to the new title. No new costs are anticipated as a result of implementing the name change.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by Iowa State University for a name change: from Master of Science and Ph.D. Programs in Agricultural Engineering to Master of Science and Ph.D. Programs in Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering.

**REQUEST FOR A NAME CHANGE AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY: FROM BACHELOR OF SCIENCE PROGRAM IN FAMILY FINANCE, HOUSING, AND POLICY TO BACHELOR OF SCIENCE PROGRAM IN FINANCIAL COUNSELING AND PLANNING**

The proposed name change will create a clearer focus on the preparation of students for careers in financial counseling and financial planning. Graduates of the program will be prepared to sit for the Accredited Financial Counselor examination and/or the Certified Financial Planning examination. Current students and those already admitted to the program will have the option of retaining the current program title of changing to the new title. No new costs are anticipated as a result of the proposed name change.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by Iowa State University for a program name change: from Bachelor of Science Program in Family Finance Housing and Policy to Bachelor of Science Program in Financial Counseling and Planning.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSED CURRICULUM CHANGES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA**

Information about course changes, including the addition and elimination of courses, and changes in department numbers, course numbers, course titles, and semester hours is critical for updating the University's General Catalog. For 2013-2014, the University of Iowa added 403 courses to the curriculum and eliminated 378 courses, for a net increase of 25 courses. Course changes are an ongoing function 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, such as new or terminated programs.

- The Committee recommended approval to the University of Iowa to implement the proposed curriculum changes.

**VETERINARY DIAGNOSTICS LABORATORY ACCREDITATION REPORT AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY**

The Veterinary Diagnostics Laboratory is a component of the ISU College of Veterinary Medicine and, combined with the Food Supply Veterinary Medicine section, forms the Department of Veterinary Diagnostic and Production Animal Medicine. The Laboratory was accredited in 2012 for a period of five year. In June 2013, the Laboratory submitted a progress report to address the standards that were in non-compliance. ISU Provost Jonathan Wickert explained that an internal team has been formed to address the facility deficiencies noted in the report. An architectural consultant will be retained to examine the alternatives for addressing the deficiencies.

- The Committee received the report by GENERAL CONSENT.

**COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING PROGRAMS ACCREDITATION REPORT AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY**

The programs include the Bachelor of Science Program in Community and Regional Planning and the Master of Community and Regional Planning Program in the College of Design. The programs were accredited for a period of five year and were required to submit a progress report by September 1, 2015 to address the two standards that were only partially met.

- The Committee received the report by GENERAL CONSENT.

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE PROGRAM IN COMPUTER SCIENCE ACCREDITATION REPORT AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY**

The Bachelor of Science Program in Computer Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences addressed the deficiencies identified in the previous site visit and underwent a follow-up visit. The program was accredited for a period of four years. There were no deficiencies, weaknesses, or concerns found during the follow-up visit. No additional actions or changes are required prior to the next accreditation cycle.

- The Committee received the report by GENERAL CONSENT.

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE PROGRAM IN FORESTRY ACCREDITATION REPORT AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY**

The Bachelor of Science Program in Forestry in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences was accredited for the maximum period of 10 years without further reporting required.

- The Committee received the report by GENERAL CONSENT.

**BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS PROGRAM IN INTERIOR DESIGN ACCREDITATION REPORT  
AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY**

The Bachelor of Fine Arts Program in Interior Design in the College of Design prepared a progress report that addressed the weaknesses in the standards identified by the visiting team in 2009 and underwent a follow-up visit. The program received continued accreditation for the remainder of the six-year term awarded in 2009. The Accreditation Commission commended the program for evidencing significant progress toward improving areas of weakness identified in the 2009 Accreditation Report.

- The Committee received the report by GENERAL CONSENT.

**2013 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. In particular, Chair Mulholland expressed a desire to include presentations which feature such topics as curriculum integration, innovative approaches, and collaborations.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Chair Mulholland adjourned the meeting at 5:05 PM.

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