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MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2018, COMMITTEE MEETING

**SLIFE BALLROOM, COMMONS
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA
CEDAR FALLS, IOWA**

Committee Members

Nancy Boettger (Chair)

Rachael Johnson (Vice Chair)

Rachel Boon, Board staff

Sue Curry, University of Iowa

Jonathan Wickert, Iowa State University

Jim Wohlpart, University of Northern Iowa

Others

Melissa Shivers, University of Iowa

Martino Harmon, Iowa State University

Regent Sherry Bates

Regent Nancy Dunkel

Regent Milt Dakovich

Regent Larry McKibben

Chair Boettger called the meeting to order at 9:30am

Approval of the consent agenda.

- a. Minutes of Academic & Student Affairs Committee meeting, April 11, 2018
- b. Request for Reorganization: University of Northern Iowa, Merge Department of Educational Psychology & Foundations and Department of Educational Leadership & Postsecondary Education
- c. Request for Center Closure: Iowa State University, Analog and Mixed-Signal VLSI Design Center
- d. Request for Center Closure: Iowa State University, Asteriod Deflection Research Center
- e. Request for Program Termination: University of Iowa, Bachelor of Science in Journalism

Amendments: none

Consent agenda unanimously approved.

RAI Biennial Report update

Chief Academic Officer Boon described the biennial process of reviewing the effectiveness of the RAI and the current state of student success in relation to it. With many high schools no longer reporting class ranks, it has been less useful to have two different RAI formulas. Eliminating the formula that has class rank included will simplify admissions for students, families and our institutions and increase transparency in this process.

Regent Johnson asked a question about the effectiveness of 245 level in predicting successful student outcomes. CAO Boon noted that the Admissions Study Team and the Council of Provosts have asked those questions and had focused conversations on student success that led to this current proposal. Part of those conversations included considering what additional support

students near the 245 score need to improve their odds of success. Generally, they are quite likely to succeed, but the universities always want to improve those outcomes.

Recommend approval of request to the full Board for the consent agenda in the June meeting.

Regent Resource Center Update

Chief Academic Officer Boon shared that the Statewide Extension, Continuing and Distance Education Committee (SECDEC) spent the spring doing a deep review of the Northwest and Southwest Iowa Regent Resource Centers. In order to ensure that the western region of the state gets support and that its needs from the Regent enterprise are being met, SECDEC, with support from the Provosts of the universities, developed recommendations for adjustments to the model.

The current proposal asks to rename the Northwest and Southwest Iowa Regent Resource Centers into a single name of "Western Iowa Regent Resource Center". SECDEC, in conjunction with the provosts, will spend time over the summer determining what structural and service changes are needed to fully reform how western Iowa is served and ensure that service is effective, efficient and consistent.

Regent Johnson requested an update on the changes in the fall

The committee recommends approval of the request for renaming to the Western Iowa Regent Resource Center.

Presentation from UNI

Provost Wohlpart introduced Katie Hillyer and Katie Nissen to describe the work of the Professional Readiness Program in the UNI College of Business.

The Professional Readiness Program started over 10 years ago and the employer feedback has been excellent. This is an entirely co-curricular program to support student development. Four levels advance student readiness throughout the academic pathway. All students take first two levels. Levels three and four are optional for students in the College of Business. Level three includes an optional track to do Microsoft Excel training that is part of the Microsoft certification they can choose to add for marketability. An accelerated version of the program is available for transfer students.

UNI piloted a similar program with the College of Education this past year; it will be expanded in 2018-19. In other fields of study, the focus is more on research training or other things that are discipline-specific and occur outside the classroom to prepare students for professional work.

Regent Boettger asked about ISU and SUI programming like this. Provost Curry noted that SUI uses a similar discipline-specific approach, so each college has a different version of professional preparation programming. Provost Wickert noted a similar initiative in the ISU Ivy College of Business and orientation classes for all students in the freshman year that emphasize career fairs, readiness, and other skills early in the academic and co-curricular experience.

**Review of Recommended Policy Change: Board Policy 1.2.C. Joint Discussion with
Campus Safety & Security Committee**

Regent Boettger shared that there are always ongoing discussions on ensuring the committees are able to meet the needs of the Board of Regents in oversight of important institutional issues.

Regent Johnson emphasized the importance of giving better focus on Student Affairs issues, beyond just the safety and security realm as currently occurs through the Campus Safety and Security Committee.

Regent Johnson offered a friendly amendment to the proposed policy change to rename the Campus Safety and Security Committee to the "Campus and Student Affairs Committee."

Provost Wohlpart stated support for the change to give more attention to Student Affairs issues while retaining the focus of the other committee on Academic Affairs.

Regent Bates indicated support for this change.

Regent Johnson noted membership changes will occur on the Campus and Student Affairs Committee to ensure the best engagement across the wide range of topics likely to be covered. For focused conversations on issues, others will be invited to specific meetings.

Melissa Shivers, Vice President of Student Affairs and Interim Chief Diversity Officer at SUI, and Martino Harmon, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs at ISU, both noted support for making this change. VP Harmon noted that some issues cross over to both committees.

CAO Boon shared that the idea right now is that the annual financial aid governance report will move to the Campus and Student Affairs Committee, and they will retain the annual Campus Safety Report. Regent Boettger pointed out that athletics will remain with the Academic Affairs Committee under the philosophy that they work with student-athletes, with emphasis on the student portion of that label.

Some issues may require joint meetings in the future, but the committees will make those determinations on an as-needed basis.

Other business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:09am.