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MINUTES OF JULY 28, 2021 COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING

Academic Affairs Committee Members

Nancy Boettger (Chair)	Kevin Kregel, University of Iowa
Sherry Bates (Vice Chair)	Dawn Bratsch-Prince, Iowa State University
Rachel Boon, Board staff	Jose Herrera, University of Northern Iowa

Guests: Nancy Dunkel, Jim Lindenmayer, David Barker, Greta Rouse, Abby Crow

Chair Boettger called the meeting to order at 11:16am

Approval of Joint Academic Affairs Committee minutes from June meeting

Approved as presented.

ISU Program Termination Request: Master of School Mathematics

Associate Provost Bratsch-Prince shared that the department wishes to terminate the program due to a decrease in enrollment over time. The only remaining student will be accommodated to complete their degree. UNI also has a similar degree for interested students.

Approved as presented and moved to full Board.

ISU New Program Request: Master of Healthcare Analytics and Operations

Ivy College of Business proposed this primarily online program meant for working professionals. Tippie College of Business does have a graduate certificate similar to this, but the courses have minimal overlap between the two universities.

Approved as presented and moved to full Board.

SUI Program Termination Request: International Executive MBA program (Hong Kong)

Dean of the Graduate College Amanda Thein requested termination of the program in the Hong Kong location that was first opened in 2002. Enrollment no longer sustains the program.

Regent Barker asked about the health of the program in Italy. Dean Thein noted that she doesn't have details today, but she thinks it is doing well. That is the only other international program.

Approved as presented and moved to the full Board.

SUI Program Name Change Request: Master of Arts in Journalism to Master of Arts in Mass Communication

Dean Thein shared that this name change is a way to better represent the focus of the program. There is much more media research training. The current name is impacting graduate student recruitment.

Approved as presented and moved to full Board.

SUI New Program Request: Master of Science in Sustainable Development

The new program will be interdisciplinary between the School of Planning and Public Affairs, College of Arts and Sciences, and the College of Engineering. No similar programs exist in Iowa. A similar undergraduate program has had very strong enrollment at SUI. The job market for individuals with these skills is strong. Initially there is strong outside funding to support the launch of this program.

The committee will recommend approval and move to the full Board for consideration.

Update on Financial Literacy Training

Chief Academic Officer Boon provided a summary of the financial literacy training efforts at the universities in 2020-21. Due to a change in the ownership of the CashCourse curriculum the universities have used for the past several years, they are working on developing their own content to continue providing this training in the future. They will update the Board on the status of this when it is finalized.

Update on UNI Higher Learning Commission Accreditation

Provost Herrera shared that on June 7, 2021 the HLC reaffirmed the accreditation of UNI with the next review scheduled for 2031. There were no requests for follow-up reporting prior to that time.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38am.