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**MINUTES OF JULY 27, 2022 COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MEETING**

**Academic Affairs Committee Members**

Nancy Boettger (Chair)	Kevin Kregel, University of Iowa
Sherry Bates (Vice Chair)	Ann Marie VanDerZanden, Iowa State University
Rachel Boon, Board staff	Jose Herrera, University of Northern Iowa

Guests: Nancy Dunkel, Jim Lindenmayer, Greta Rouse, Abby Crow, David Barker, JC Risewick, Tanya Uden-Holman, Patrick Pease

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Chair Boettger called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

**Approval of Academic Affairs Committee minutes from June meeting**

Approved by general consent.

**UNI New Program Request**

**Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice (online)**

Provost Herrera noted that this is a new modality for an existing program. This will help meet the need of working and place bound students who already have an associate's degree. Through the new community college partnerships, this will be a good new option. Because the degree already exists in-person, there is no need for new faculty.

The committee will recommend approval of the Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice (online).

**UNI Program Termination**

**Bachelor of Applied Science in Tactical Emergency Services with Vulnerable Populations**

Provost Herrera noted that this program was created but never actually was implemented. No students were ever enrolled.

The committee will recommend approval of the termination of the Bachelor of Applied Science in Tactical Emergency Services with Vulnerable Populations.

**SUI New Program Requests**

**Bachelor of Business Administration in Risk Management and Insurance**

**Master of Science in Health Services and Policy Research**

Associate Provost Uden-Holman described the new program in Risk Management and Insurance as one tied to workforce demand in this major industry in Iowa. The Tippie College of Business already has courses and a certificate in this area, but this will expand visibility and opportunities for students. No other university in Iowa has a full major in this area.

The committee will recommend approval of the Bachelor of Business Administration in Risk Management and Insurance.

Associate Provost Uden-Holman shared that the program in Health Services and Policy Research will provide students with practical and theoretical skills that will serve the work place. The current facilities and staffing are adequate to offer this program.

Regent Lindenmayer asked about the low enrollment projections and asked if this required new courses or was a repackaging of existing programs. Uden-Holman noted that it is a repackaging of existing courses. It is not designed to be large but to meet a need in the field.

The committee will recommend approval of the Master of Health Services and Policy Research.

**SUI Center Name Change Request  
Iowa Center for School Mental Health**

Provost Kregel shared that the Scanlan Family Foundation provided a major gift and the university will honor them by renaming the Iowa Center for School Mental Health the Scanlan Center for School Mental Health. The gift will support the school mental health needs as well as mental health needs of veterans and those connected to the military. SUI is grateful for this gift.

Regent Boettger noted her gratitude and observed that the growth in support for mental health services has been fantastic.

The committee will recommend approval of the name change to the Scanlan Center for School Mental Health.

**ISU New Program Requests  
Bachelor of Science in Climate Science  
Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science**

Associate Provost VanDerZanden described the program in Climate Science and the needs it is intended to serve. It is an interdisciplinary degree that will complement agricultural programs as well. It is the first such program in Iowa. ISU expects this major may have a sustained enrollment over 100 students.

Regent Boettger noted a concern that this is a politically charged topic and it is critical to ensure students in the program have free speech and the university will work hard to protect the freedom of discussion. VanDerZanden noted the department has acknowledged the political issues associated with it and intend to bring forward the most up-to-date science. The ongoing statement on free speech will be on all syllabi for courses in this program.

VanDerZanden described the request for a Bachelor of Arts in an existing Computer Science program. This does not reduce the rigor of the curriculum, but it does open up more opportunities for students to double major or specialize their program to more data analytics or other applied areas. UNI and SUI both already have Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts programs in Computer Science. Demand for all of these programs continues to grow.

The committee will recommend approval of the Bachelor of Science in Climate Science and the Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25am.