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ISU REQUEST FOR CENTER TERMINATION: RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR STUDIES IN EDUCATION

Committee Action Requested: Recommend approval of Iowa State University's request to terminate the Research Institute for Studies in Education (RISE).

The Council of Provosts and the Board office support this request.

Background: RISE provides research, assessment and evaluation services for broad, education-related projects within ISU and beyond. Its scope includes program evaluation, pre-project study design support and post-data collection analysis of social science research studies, grants, projects and programs. RISE also serves as the proprietary administrator of the Global Perspectives Inventory. RISE positions the School of Education as a campus leader in social science research and evaluation in service of ISU's land-grant mission.

Rationale for request to close: The current landscape for external funding and need for external evaluation services has declined in the past five years; thus, RISE has struggled to meet the expectations of a formal Center or Institute. The current functions and services provided by RISE will continue as a subunit of the School of Education at Iowa State University.

Impact of closure: RISE is currently managed by an Interim Director and a full-time research scientist. These individuals will continue to carry out the functions of RISE but as a subunit of the School of Education. RISE will continue to operate as a fee for service unit and staff and faculty in RISE will continue to provide assessment and evaluation services for internal and external clients.

There will be no cost savings associated with eliminating the center. The current fee for service structure as well as contracted evaluation work is sufficient to cover the costs of staffing and operations of RISE.

Because the functions of RISE will continue, there will be little other impact on other units or individuals. Facilities and Administrative costs received as a result of grants obtained by faculty or staff in RISE will be distributed to the School of Education RISE subaccount instead of the RISE institute.

Proposed date of closure: Upon approval by the Board of Regents.