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MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2016 COMMITTEE MEETING

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

**HORTON MULTIPURPOSE ROOM, ALUMNI CENTER
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
AMES, IOWA**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Regent Katie Mulholland
Vice Chair Regent Sherry Bates
Regent Rachael Johnson
Board of Regents Chief Academic Officer Diana Gonzalez
University of Iowa Provost Barry Butler
Iowa State University Provost Jonathan Wickert
University of Northern Iowa Provost Jim Wohlpart

Chair Mulholland called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM.

**REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2016 ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS
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- MOVED by WICKERT, SECONDED by JOHNSON, to recommend approval of the minutes as presented. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PRESENTATION AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY: “THE CO-CURRICULAR TRANSCRIPT –
HELPING STUDENT TRACK THEIR PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT”**

The co-curricular transcript features a combination of verified co-curricular activities and recognitions, such as Dean’s List, learning community participation, internships, study abroad, and self-reported activities, including leadership experiences, student organization involvement, community service, and intramurals. In the future, the university will be able to access co-curricular transcript data to correlate it to student success.

- The Committee recommended receiving the report.

ANNUAL STUDENT FINANCIAL AID REPORT

There was discussion about the FAFSA changes which will accelerate the completion time and simplify the process. Financial aid, in the form of grants, loans, and on-campus employment is available to all eligible Regent university student. In 2014-15, the total amount of financial aid awarded to students was \$1.029 billion.

- The Committee recommended receiving the report.

ANNUAL REGENT STUDENT FINANCIAL AID STUDY

In 2014-15, there were 25,026 full-time, resident, dependent undergraduate FAFSA filers who received and accepted financial aid at one of the Regent universities. Financial need is calculated by subtracting the expected family contribution from the cost of attendance.

- The Committee recommended receiving the report.

REQUEST FOR A NEW PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE PROGRAM IN ENGINEERING IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Provost Butler explained that the proposed program will require a strong theoretical foundation of computer science with rigorous training in engineering problem solving. The enrollment is expected to be 300 students during year one, increasing to 600 by year seven. No additional expenses were projected by the university for instruction, advising, or lab space. The proposed program will apply for accreditation from both the Engineering Accreditation Commission and the Computer Accreditation Commission of ABET.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by the University of Iowa for a new Bachelor of Science Program in Engineering in Computer Science and Engineering.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA FACULTY POLICY PROPOSAL

Associate Provost Kevin Kregel explained that the university revised its instructional faculty policy to set parameters guiding the employment of instructional faculty across the university. Colleges shall use the title lecturer for the first rank of instructional faculty. Colleges may choose the associate profess/professor instruction titles or associate professor/professor of practice titles, or both for subsequent ranks.

- The Committee received the University of Iowa faculty policy proposal.

REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE INSTITUTE FOR COMBINATORIAL DISCOVERY AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Provost Wickert explained that the purpose of the institute was to build a cross-disciplinary program to establish ISU as an internationally-recognized center for excellence in research, technology development, and technology transfer in the combinatorial sciences. The university wishes to terminate the institute due to lack of continued funding and loss of the director.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by Iowa State University to terminate the Institute for Combinatorial Discovery.

REQUEST TO AWARD AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

Provost Wickert explained that Iowa State University wished to recognize Dr. Ernest Muniz at Spring 2016 Commencement for his outstanding contributions to the advancement of science and technology, particularly in the fields of nuclear physics and clean energy technology innovation, and distinguished service in academia, policymaking, international relations, national security, and economic advancement.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by Iowa State University to award an honorary doctor of science degree to Dr. Ernest Muniz.

REQUEST TO MODIFY THE PEER GROUP LIST AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Provost Wickert explained that ISU wished to modify the peer group list by replacing the University of Arizona with Pennsylvania State University. Pennsylvania State University characteristics are more similar to ISU's than the University of Arizona. It is a land-grant university and an AAU member with similar programs to ISU.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by Iowa State University to modify the peer group list by replacing the University of Arizona with Pennsylvania State University.

REQUEST FOR A NEW PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA: MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAM IN TEACHER LEADERSHIP FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATORS

Provost Wohlpart explained that the proposed program will accommodate the schedule of K-12 practicing teachers in international settings. It is designed specifically for teacher leaders in American International Schools and leads to a Master of Arts. The projected enrollment is 20 students in year one, increasing to 40 students by year seven. The total new costs are projected to be \$70,000 per year; anticipated tuition revenues of \$216,000 will cover the costs.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by the University of Northern Iowa for a new Master of Arts Program in Teacher Leadership for International Educators.

REQUEST TO SUSPEND ADMISSIONS TO THE PROFESSIONAL SCIENCE MASTER PROGRAM IN BIOTECHNOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

Provost Wohlpart explained that the proposed suspension of admissions will provide an opportunity for faculty to reallocate resources. During the past two years, no students have enrolled in the program. Phasing out of the program will not be necessary because there are no students enrolled in the program.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to suspend admissions to the Professional Science Masters Program in Biotechnology.

REQUEST TO SUSPEND ADMISSIONS TO THE PROFESSIONAL SCIENCE MASTERS PROGRAM IN ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

Provost Wohlpart explained that there have been no students enrolled in the program during the past three years. The suspension will allow for better planning for the reallocation of faculty time, effort, and departmental funds that previously had supported the program. Phasing out of the program will not be necessary because there are no students enrolled in the program.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to suspend admissions to the Professional Science Masters Program in Ecosystem Management.

REQUEST FOR A DEPARTMENT NAME CHANGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA: FROM DEPARTMENT OF EARTH SCIENCE TO DEPARTMENT OF EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Provost Wohlpert explained that the proposed department name change will align the school name with its program offerings and reflect the range of disciplines in the department. The current name does not provide a clear picture to the university community and the general public about the services, resources, and opportunities availability from faculty in the department. The department name change will not have a negative effect on current students.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by the University of Northern Iowa State University for a department name change: from Department of Earth Science to Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences.

DISCUSSION OF CRITICAL ISSUES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

The first topic included will be freedom of speech. Provost Butler will arrange a speaker for the Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting to be held prior to the Board of Regents meeting in September at the University of Iowa.

- The Committee recommended receiving the discussion related to the presentation of critical issues in higher education at future Academic and Student Affairs Committee meetings.

2016 EDUCATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

- Chair Mulholland asked the members to submit suggested items to Diana Gonzalez for inclusion in the 2016 work plan.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Mulholland adjourned the meeting at 4:15 PM.

The corresponding docket memorandum for each agenda item, an integral component of the minutes, is available on the Board of Regents website at <http://www.iowaregents.edu>. Copies of these memoranda can also be obtained from the Board Office by calling 515-281-3934.