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MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2016 COMMITTEE MEETING

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

**UNIVERSITY OF IOWA, MEMORIAL UNION, NEBRASKA ROOM
IOWA CITY, 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
University of Northern Iowa Interim Provost Brenda Bass
Iowa State University Provost Jonathan Wickert

Chair Mulholland called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

PRESENTATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA: “FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION ON PUBLIC UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES”

Professor Todd Pettys discussed freedom of expression issues that frequently arise on the campuses of the nation’s public universities and colleges. He described some of the challenges that those issues present for students, faculty, and administrators, as well as important ways in which the First Amendment constrains administrators’ efforts to manage those challenges.

- The Committee recommended receiving the report.

REQUEST FOR A NEW PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA: BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAM IN SOCIAL JUSTICE

The proposed program will provide students with a perspective on important social issues by integrating theory and classroom work with “real world” field experiences and internship opportunities. It is an interdisciplinary program that will help students explore, discover, and create practical solutions to real issues related to economics, health care, human rights, civil rights, and the environment. The program is a response to the changing and expanding interests of students in Iowa. No new costs for the proposed program are anticipated for years one and two. The projected enrollment is 25 students during year one, increasing to 110 by year seven.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by the University of Iowa for a new program: Bachelor of Arts Program in Social Justice.

PRESENTATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA: “THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA’S COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO STUDENT SUCCESS”

The transition from high school to college can be difficult for many students who often struggle with increased academic expectations, new social norms, and the independence of living away from home for the first time. The University of Iowa provides a variety of programs designed to assist students during their first year. Some initiatives, such as orientation and advising, are required of all students. Other initiatives, such as the College Transition course, are tailored for those students who may be at a greater risk for attrition. The presentation by Lisa Ingram and Andrew Beckett highlighted these programs and their impact on student success.

- The Committee recommended receiving the report.

REQUEST TO AWARD AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Iowa State University wishes to recognize Mr. Dennis A. Muilenburg for his outstanding contributions to the advancement of science and technology, particularly in the field of aerospace engineering.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by Iowa State University to award an honorary doctor of science degree to Mr. Dennis A. Muilenburg.

IOWA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF EXTERNAL REVIEW REPORT

Superintendent Steve Gettel explained that the external review is an integral component of AdvancED Performance Accreditation; it provides the school with a comprehensive evaluation guided by the results of diagnostic instruments, in-depth review of data and documentation, and the professional judgment of a team of qualified and highly trained evaluators. Superintendent Gettel explained that the school is currently addressing the review findings and improvement priorities. The review team recommended to the AdvancED accreditation commission that the Iowa School for the Deaf earn the distinction of accreditation by AdvancED.

- The Committee recommended receiving the report.

2016 EDUCATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

Chair Mulholland asked the members to submit suggested items to Diana Gonzalez for inclusion in the work plan. Diana indicated that the feature presentation at the October 2016 ASAC meeting will be on the university libraries and their collaboration. The next meeting of the Campus Safety and Security Sub-Committee will be held on Monday, September 19, 2016 in Council Bluffs. The statewide Campus Safety and Security Summit will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2016, at Iowa State University. Diana explained that the theme of the Summit is “Building Bridges with Partners;” there are four tracks – Diversity and Inclusion; Threat Assessment; Mental Health; and Violence Prevention and Response. Diana encouraged wide participation at this major event.

Chair Mulholland adjourned the meeting at 3:40 PM.

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