Chair Boettger called the meeting to order at 2:07pm

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

Amendments: None offered

Approved as presented.

**UNI Program Termination Request: Master of Arts in Education in Professional Development of Teachers**

No questions or issues were brought forward. Approved as presented and moved to full Board.

**Iowa Lakeside Lab Annual Report**

Mary Skopec provided highlights from her report on how Lakeside Lab was able to adapt to COVID-19 and their efforts to provide services remotely. Social media reach across the entire state expanded significantly over the past year. Lakeside Labs also experimented with a creative writing laboratory that was well received. The year also saw robust student research and a new program called Scientist in Residence, an externally funded post-doc position. The labs continued their past work of community technical outreach, examples include assessing the success of a wetland restoration in Estherville, and a research buoy on Okoboji that transmits data to researchers worldwide. The Lab was able to run a budget surplus this year with the additional funds applied toward deferred maintenance.

Regent Barker commented that it is great that Lakeside Lab is doing so much online, and inquired about what they might be losing in the process of going online. Mary Skopec responded that the purpose of Lakeside is to do hands on research and when one can’t be in the field, she thinks one loses the holistic view of the interconnectedness of different fields. Online was a must, but they don’t want to lose the in person-experience and opportunity to explore.

**Annual Accreditation Report**

Jason provided a brief update of the report.

No questions or issues were brought forward. Approved as presented and moved to full Board.

Meeting adjourned at 2:18.