MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2020
CAMPUS & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

VIRTUAL MEETING
BOARD OF REGENTS OFFICE
URBANDALE, IOWA

SEPTEMBER 17, 2020
10:30 a.m.*

Committee Members in Attendance
Jim Lindenmayer (Chair)
Zack Leist (Co-Chair)
Sarah Hansen (SUI VPSL)
Toyia Younger (ISU VPSA)
Paula Knudson (UNI VPSA)
Jason Pontius (BOR)

Others in Attendance:
Regents Richards, Dunkel, Boettger, Barker, Bates, Dakovich, and Cownie

Agenda Items
Chair Lindenmayer called meeting to order at 10:34 am

A. Minutes of June 4, 2020 CSA Committee Meeting
   Approved by general consent

B. Changes to Title IX Regulations Presentation (DiCarlo, Foreman, Gutknecht)

After the presentation, Regent Lindenmayer asked if there were any questions or comments:

Regent Barker: Are other universities doing things differently? Are they outsourcing their Title IX investigations?
   Gutknecht: We are seeing all things, and we are not an outlier. This is particularly difficult for smaller schools.
   DiCarlo: Iowa will likely use external adjudicators.
   Gutknecht: UNI will also use external adjudicators.
   Foreman: We are talking to Drake to find qualified advisors. One school in Oregon is outsourcing all of it due to the litigious nature of the process.

Regent Bates: Does this change how students are educated about complaints?
DiCarlo: Additional training is important and education for students of all the possible options will be made available. We are paying attention to outreach and all of us have mandatory education in place and we are looking at ways of making changes to that education.

Foreman: We are really concerned that the new policies will chill students’ ability to bring forward a complaint. We are trying to find a way to help encourage reporting.

Regent Cownie: Are you making specific efforts to help students be aware of these extensive changes and helping to educate them prior to anything happening?

DiCarlo: We are contacting students, we have an online program, workshops, programs through Greek life, housing, other student organizations. We are trying to encourage them to engage in policy changes

Regent Lindenmayer: Are you confident that there is a fair continuity across the three universities?

Gutknecht: We are. We are probably more in alignment than in the past.

C. Update on Campus and Student Life during COVID-19 (Hansen, Knudson, Younger, Cool)

After the presentation, Regent Lindenmayer asked if there were any questions or comments:

Regent Lindenmayer. I wanted to convey the thanks on behalf of the Regents for this. Social piece is reminiscent of the 1960s, and the pandemic and economic situation makes this unprecedented.

Regent Boettger: Thanks to all the efforts. Zack, can you tell me about the student perspective?

Regent Zack Leist: most students want to be on campus and the message has gotten out on what behavior is necessary to stay on campus. Commend the universities for the services that they are provided. I think everyone is on page knowing what they need to stay.

Regent Boettger: Are students interesting in being responsible?

Regent Leist: Yes, I think for the most part, they know the rules and are doing a good job. Originally, many students came in with the wrong mindset, but that has changed. Also worried about the opening of the bars.

Regent Boettger: Students have the ability to go online?

VPSAs: Yes

Regent Barker: 80% at UNI are in person or hybrid. University of Iowa and ISU are about 75% online. As far as we know, there has been no transmission in classes so can we start going to more in-person classes?
President Nook: More in person is still difficult due to social distancing and the limitations of our classroom spaces available.

President Harreld: We need more testing before we can do this. We need to get to 5% positivity or lower before we start pushing more in person classes. Currently we are at 12.6%. We have a lot of unused capacity. We would rather let people choose how they want delivery of their classes.

VP Younger: I agree with President Harreld and we are cautiously optimistic, but we don’t want to jump into anything that will lead to mass spread.

President Harreld: We don’t currently have enough data to show that more students want classes taught in person. I’m currently teaching a class of 30 students and so far the most I have had in person is 5. Not always the same students.

VP Hansen: We have had 500 requests for faculty to teach from home. 482 requests, 469 approval, 12 pending, 1 withdrawn. None denied. All student requests for alternative accommodations have been approved.

Regent Dunkel: I can’t say thanks enough for all your work and efforts. We appreciate all that you do.

Chair Lindenmayer adjourned the meeting order at 11:43 am

*Time is Approximate*