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**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MEETING**

**Academic Affairs Committee Members**

Nancy Boettger (Chair)	Kevin Kregel, University of Iowa
Sherry Bates (Vice Chair)	Jonathan Wickert, Iowa State University
Rachel Boon, Board staff	Jose Herrera, University of Northern Iowa

Guests: Nancy Dunkel, Jim Lindenmayer, David Barker, Greta Rouse, Abby Crow, Milt Dakovich

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Chair Boettger called the meeting to order at 1:00pm

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

Approved as presented.

**ISU Center Termination Requests**

Provost Wickert noted that these four closures are requested based on general changes to funding streams or changes in faculty/personnel. These closures all are essentially housekeeping steps to keep the center and institute list on campus up to date.

Center for International Agricultural Finance  
Food and Agricultural Policy Research Center  
Center for Arthropod Management Technologies  
Center for Nanotechnology in Cementitious Systems

Approved as presented and moved to full Board.

**SUI New Program Request: Master of Midwifery**

Dean Amanda Thien presented that goal of this program designed to help provide training to nurses to help meet the needs of rural and underserved parts of Iowa in serving maternal health needs. This is part of a project in partnership with the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Department of Health and Human Services which is provided funding support for the first five years. This program will articulate with the midwifery program in the Carver College of Medicine. The program will take five semesters on-site, though some courses could be moved online. No other similar programs exist in Iowa or in several surrounding states. There is ample need for this in the workforce. Anticipated enrollment in the master's program is eight, but there is greater enrollment in the midwifery education program in the Carver College of Medicine.

Approved as presented and moved to full Board.

**UNI New Program Request Request: Bachelor of Arts in Management: Business Administration**

Provost Herrera shared that this is an extension of the existing on campus program to the online modality.

Approved as presented and moved to the full Board.

**UNI Program Suspension Request: Master of Business Administration (Hong Kong program)**

Provost Herrera noted that the saturated market has led to this request to suspend the program.

Approved as presented and moved to full Board.

**Annual Accreditation Report**

Rachel Boon noted one correction for the listing of UNI on page one of the report where the Department of Theatre was inadvertently left out of the listing. They are included on page two where they were listed as having received ongoing accreditation approval. All programs for all three institutions did receive ongoing accreditation and are in compliance with all additional reporting requested of them.

**University presentation: Covid-Related Lessons Learned**

Associate Provosts VanDerZanden, Pease and Uden-Holman shared information on what sort of changes and adaptations were needed to advance and for academic continuity. The institutions learned things that helped identify and address equity gaps, as well as new ways of providing student support services. Technology infrastructure, hardware, software and mobile availability was a critical investment, and various policy issues that needed to be reviewed or changed to be responsive to student needs. Experiential learning provided a great challenge as many sites would not accept students. Creating virtual and hybrid internships has been a great innovation in this space that is likely to continue.

For incoming students some adjustments were needed as well in regards to standardized testing and summer “bootcamps” to help them begin the term prepared.

Regent Crow asked about potential future plans for winter sessions. The range of courses will continue to be refined and each institution will use the data to find what will best serve students.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm.