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MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2013 COMMITTEE MEETING

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

**IOWA MEMORIAL UNION, NEBRASKA ROOM 235
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY, IOWA**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Regent Katie Mulholland
Vice Chair Regent Ruth Harkin
Board of Regents Chief Academic Officer Diana Gonzalez
University of Iowa Provost Barry Butler
University of Northern Iowa Provost Gloria Gibson
Iowa State University Provost Jonathan Wickert

Chair Mulholland called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2013 EDUCATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

- MOVED by BUTLER, SECONDED by GIBSON, to recommend approval of the minutes as presented. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

FALL 2013 ENROLLMENT REPORT

Dr. Gonzalez pointed out that the Fall 2013 headcount enrollment includes a 2.2% increase from the prior year and is at an all-time high. Approximately 66% of all undergraduate students are residents of Iowa – at the University of Iowa, it is 54.7%; at Iowa State University, it is 65.1%; and at the University of Northern Iowa, it is 90.7%. The number of new freshmen at the public universities increased by more than 6% and includes an increase of approximately 7% in the number of new freshmen applicants. The enrollment of students in STEM-related programs increased by approximately 20% from the prior year.

- The Committee recommended receiving the presentation.

**REQUEST TO CREATE A NEW CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA:
CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL TRANSFORMATION**

The overarching goals for the Center include four areas – research, practice, policy, and innovation. Research activities will include a blend of long-term solutions and opportunities to quickly address issues and disseminate best practices across the state. The center will respond to the legislative mandate for UNI to continue to lead education reform efforts for the state through research and development. A grant from the Roy J. Carver Trust was obtained to support the implementation of the center. It will provide \$1 million per year for the first two years. Research efforts will focus on literacy, teacher and student preparation, STEM, and technology.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to create a new center: Center for Educational Transformation.

STATUS REPORT OF PLANNING FOR A PILOT REGIONAL PROGRAM TO SERVE STUDENTS WITH SENSORY IMPAIRMENTS

Superintendent Clancy provided information about ongoing activities related to developing the pilot program which will include one regional program. The superintendent has been meeting with the management team and working to collaborate with a host district.

- The Committee recommended receiving the status report.

REQUEST FOR A PROGRAM NAME CHANGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA: FROM REACH PROGRAM TO UI REACH PROGRAM

Provost Butler explained that the name change will distinguish the University of Iowa's program from others created with the same name and will clarify the university's program to prospective students and their families.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by the University of Iowa for a program name change from REACH Program to UI REACH Program.

REQUEST TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED REVISIONS FOR THE IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY 2013-2014 GENERAL CATALOG

Provost Wickert explained that, with few exceptions, new courses are offered experimentally to determine if a department or program is able to staff them and if sufficient interest exists to justify adding them to the Catalog. Courses in the 2012-2013 Catalog that have not been taught in some time will be dropped. The proposed revisions include an addition of 126 new courses and the elimination of 103 courses for a net increase of 23 courses.

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by Iowa State University to implement the proposed revisions to the 2013-2014 General Catalog.

REQUEST BY IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY TO AWARD AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE TO DR. PEGGY A. WHITSON AT FALL 2013 COMMENCEMENT

Iowa State University wishes to recognize Dr. Whitson for her many contributions to the United States and international space programs, for her exemplary service involving young people, and as a leader and role model encouraging young people, especially young women, to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

- The Committee recommended approval to the Board of the request by Iowa State University to award an Honorary Doctor of Science Degree to Dr. Peggy A. Whitson at Fall 2013 Commencement.

PRESENTATION BY THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA: "CHANGES IN THE HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION ACCREDITATION PROCESS"

University of Iowa Associate Provost Beth Ingram described the basic features of the new "Pathways" accreditation process, which includes an assurance review that replaces the self-study; a quality improvement project; and a comprehensive review by a team of external evaluators in Years 4 and 10. Iowa State University Associate Provost Dave Holger described the quality improvement project that ISU has undertaken. University of Northern Iowa Associate

Provost Mike Licari described the benefits of the new process. The committee requested an update from Iowa State University in Summer 2014 on its quality improvement project.

- The Committee recommended receiving the presentation.

PRESENTATION BY THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA: “EARLY COLLEGE ENTRANCE OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS”

University of Iowa College of Education Dean Nick Colangelo discussed early entrance opportunities for high school students in Iowa and across the country. One example is the AP Online Program offered by the Belin Blank Center at the University of Iowa. The course pass rate for students enrolled in the online program is 93-100% and the exam pass rate is 69.7%, both of which are substantially higher than the national averages. Another opportunity for Iowa high school juniors who qualify is the University of Iowa’s early entrance program. Students are admitted to the university’s Honors Program and reside in the Honors dormitory. Student and parent surveys have shown a high level of satisfaction with the early entrance program.

- The Committee recommended receiving the presentation.

UPDATE ON COLLABORATION WITH IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Dr. Diana Gonzalez provided information about the joint meeting between the university provosts and the community college chief academic officers on Wednesday morning. The group discussed the academic disciplines for which faculty meetings will be scheduled in February 2014. They also discussed the transition guides being developed; the Chemistry Transition Guide is in the process of being completed. The Committee discussed the value of the articulation agreements which define the skills and knowledge required for transfer students and the value of the faculty to faculty meetings which frequently result in new articulation agreements.

- The Committee recommended receiving the presentation.

2013 EDUCATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

- Chair Mulholland asked the members to submit suggested items to Diana Gonzalez for inclusion on the work plan. Chair Mulholland requested that future accreditation reports be scheduled at a time different from the regular Education and Student Affairs Committee meeting. In particular, they should be scheduled at the submitting institution to facilitate attendance by appropriate staff representatives.
- There was discussion about the December 2013 Education and Student Affairs Committee meeting. Chair Mulholland indicated that the Committee would meet at Iowa State University prior to the start of the Board of Regents telephonic meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Mulholland adjourned the meeting at 5:00 PM.

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