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**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2015 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 Provost Jim Wohlpart  
Iowa State University Provost Jonathan Wickert

Chair Mulholland called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

**REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2015 ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING**

- MOVED BY BUTLER, SECONDED BY WICKERT, TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PRESENTATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA: “FIRST-YEAR SEMINARS – CONNECTING FACULTY AND STUDENTS AND BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS”**

The presentation showcased first-year seminars which are taught primarily by tenure-track faculty and senior administrators on a variety of topics. With an average class size of 16, participation in a first-year seminar has been linked to increased persistence, particularly for at-risk students.

- THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED RECEIVING THE REPORT.

**EDUCATION STRATEGY GROUP PRESENTATION: “ALIGNMENT STRATEGIES IN IOWA”**

The presentation focused on the role that higher education can play in leveraging the assessments of K-12 standards to improve college readiness, smooth student transitions into credit bearing, non-remedial college courses, and shorten students’ time to degree.

- THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED RECEIVING THE REPORT.

**FALL 2015 ENROLLMENT REPORT**

The Fall 2015 enrollment for the three universities is 80,132 students, which is a 2.7% increase from the prior year and an all-time high enrollment. Approximately 65% of all undergraduate students are residents of Iowa. The number of new freshmen increased by approximately 7% from the prior year. The number of minority students increased by 9% from the prior year.

- THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED RECEIVING THE REPORT.

**REQUEST TO CREATE NEW CENTER AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY: CENTER FOR STATISTICS AND APPLICATION IN FORENSIC EVIDENCE (CSAFE)**

The proposed center is a National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) sponsored national center of excellence for research, outreach, and education in statistical and probabilistic methods for the forensic sciences. ISU is the lead university with three institutional partners – Carnegie Mellon University, University of Virginia, and University of California at Irvine. NIST has committed funds of approximately \$18 million for the first five years of the center's operation.

- THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL TO THE BOARD OF THE REQUEST BY IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY TO CREATE A NEW CENTER: CENTER FOR STATISTICS AND APPLICATION IN FORENSIC EVIDENCE (CSAFE).

**REGIONAL STUDY CENTERS FUNDING ALLOCATION REQUEST FOR 2015-2016**

The proposed funding allocations, developed by the State Extension, Continuing, and Distance Education Council, describe the anticipated efforts and benefits from each of the centers. The total state allocation was \$283,848 to be applied by the Board of Regents. The proposed allocations are \$182,734 for the Southwest Iowa Regents Resource Center, \$96,114 for the Northwest Iowa Regents Resource Center, and \$5,000 for the Quad Cities Graduate Center.

- THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL TO THE BOARD OF THE REGIONAL STUDY CENTERS FUNDING ALLOCATION REQUEST FOR 2015-2016.

**IOWA LAKESIDE LABORATORY REGENTS RESOURCE CENTER 2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2015-2016 BUDGET**

The Center provided outreach and public programs, summer college courses, and research projects, including the longest continuous lake water monitoring project in Iowa. The total budget is \$818,592, which includes \$592,061 of Regent university allocations.

- THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED RECEIVING THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2014-2015 AND RECOMMENDED APPROVAL TO THE BOARD OF THE 2015-2016 IOWA LAKESIDE LABORATORY REGENTS RESOURCE CENTER BUDGET.

**REQUEST TO CREATE NEW CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA:  
ARCTIC, REMOTE, AND COLD TERRITORIES INTERDISCIPLINARY CENTER**

UNI has secured funding from the National Science Foundation through 2021 to transform the Arctic Social and Environmental Systems Research Lab at UNI to the proposed center to serve as a hub for Arctic social and sustainability science research. The total cost of the proposed center for years 1-6 will be \$1,439,456. External funds will provide \$1,350,000 and reallocations from existing sources will be \$200,349.

- THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL TO THE BOARD OF THE REQUEST BY THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA TO CREATE A NEW CENTER: ARCTIC, REMOTE, AND COLD TERRITORIES INTERDISCIPLINARY CENTER.

**UPDATE ON PROGRAM OFFERINGS AT THE REGENTS REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTER**

During 2015-2016, a comprehensive plan of program offerings for the Center will be developed by the three universities and the Board Office. A Request for Proposals has been issued and a consultant will be engaged to conduct a higher education needs assessment in the Des Moines metropolitan area. As a transition to the needs assessment recommendations, the University of Iowa will offer four undergraduate programs at the Center in Fall 2015 – Sport and Recreation Management, Political Science, Social Work, and Enterprise Leadership.

- THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED RECEIVING THE REPORT.

**REQUEST TO ADOPT A NEW PEER GROUP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA**

The university conducted an analysis of universities that are most closely aligned with UNI in mission, size, selectivity, operating budget, and other characteristics.

- THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL TO THE BOARD OF THE REQUEST BY THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA TO ADOPT A NEW PEER GROUP.

**PRESENTATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA: “GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT FINANCIAL RETENTION INCENTIVE”**

The graduate and professional student governments at the three universities developed a financial retention initiative proposal which was presented to Governor Terry Branstad and Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds and includes a 50% income tax break for all Iowa-educated graduate and professional students who remain employed in Iowa after graduation for five years. The incentive would include a 75% income tax break for graduates who locate in rural Iowa.

- THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED RECEIVING THE REPORT.

**2015 BIENNIAL FACULTY ACTIVITIES REPORT**

The format which was revised in 2013 allows the universities to gather more detailed information about the breadth and scope of faculty responsibilities.

- THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED RECEIVING THE REPORT.

**2015 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.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL TO THE BOARD OF THE REQUEST TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE EDUCATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.
- THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL TO THE BOARD OF THE REQUEST TO MODIFY THE CHARGE OF THE CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY SUB-COMMITTEE TO INCLUDE AN EMPHASIS ON COMPLIANCE AND OVERSIGHT.
- THE COMMITTEE RECEIVED THE DISCUSSION ON THE ROLE OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REGARDING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE BOARD OF REGENTS. THE COMMITTEE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING AN ANNUAL PLAN FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING ARTICLES, PRESENTATIONS, WEBINARS, CONFERENCES, AND WORKSHOPS.

Chair Mulholland adjourned the meeting at 3:30 PM.

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