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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING — NOVEMBER 2020

Meetings. The Iowa Board of Regents held a virtual Academic Affairs Committee meeting on November 10, 2020. The Committee received the following requests and reports:

- [Iowa State University \(ISU\) Center Termination Request — Iowa Community Vitality Center \(CVC\)](#). The Committee approved the closing of the CVC.
- University of Northern Iowa (UNI) Program Termination Requests:
 - [Professional Science Master's in Biotechnology](#). The Committee approved the request.
 - [Professional Science Master's in Ecosystem Management](#). The Committee approved the request.
- UNI Program Name Change Requests:
 - [Criminology to Criminology and Criminal Justice](#). The Committee approved the request.
 - [Public Health and Education to Public Health](#). The Committee approved the request.
- [FY 2020 Professional Development Assignment Reports](#). Each year, the Board of Regents is asked to approve faculty professional development assignments. In November 2018, the Board approved 135 professional development assignments for FY 2020. For a variety of reasons, eight approved professional development assignments were canceled and seven were deferred to a future term. Board policy directs the institutions to submit a yearly report of the completed professional development assignments.
- [FY 2022 Professional Development Assignment Requests](#). The Committee approved the requests and authorized 43 professional development assignments for the University of Iowa (UI) and 29 for ISU. Due to budgetary constraints, UNI is requesting no faculty professional development assignments for FY 2022.
- [Annual Academic Program Review Report](#). Board policy requires review of all academic programs on a seven-year cycle. The Office of the Provost at each institution leads this process and annually reports enrollment, completions, placement, and planned program changes to the Board office for each reviewed program. Based upon these reviews and any other information available, the Board office can periodically select programs for on-site audits to assess the need for future Board reviews or actions.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Committee will be February 24, 2021.

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