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UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA FACULTY SENATE
Agenda for Meeting of April 26, 2010
3:15 P.M. Seminar Room, Towers Center

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the April 12, 2010 meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Call for Press Identification
2. Comments from Provost Gibson
3. Comments from Faculty Chair, Jesse Swan
4. Comments from Chair Wurtz

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR ITEMS FOR DOCKETING

1043/941 Proposal for Department Name Change - Department of Design, Textiles, Gerontology and Family Studies
(request to docket and discuss at 4/26/10 meeting)

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Faculty Senate Officers

ONGOING BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF DOCKETED ITEMS

- 932 Creation of Task Force to Review Recent UNI Actions Regarding Merger of Academic Units - College of Humanities and Fine Arts Senate (tabled from 3/22/10 meeting - for discussion after 5/07/10 Faculty Senate Retreat)
- 933 Creation of a Standing UNI Faculty Budget Committee - College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (tabled from 4/12/10 meeting - for discussion after 5/07/10 Faculty Senate Retreat)

- 935 Emeritus Status Request, James Kelly, Department of Teaching, effective 12/09
- 936 Revised Honorary Degree Policy - Sue Joseph/Honorary Degree Selection Committee
- 937 NISG Resolution on Distribution of Syllabi
- 938 NISG Resolution on Diversity Training and Development for Faculty
- 939 Educational Policies Commission Recommendations on Attendance and Make Up Work
- 940 Request to change 200:030 Dynamics of Human Development from Category 5B of the LAC to Category 5C - Liberal Arts Core Committee

OTHER DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

REMINDER: There will be a UNI Faculty Senate Retreat on Friday, May 7, 2010 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Oak Room, Maucker Union. This will included UNI Faculty Senators for 2009-2010 as well those newly elected Senators for 2010-2011. Agenda will be announced.

GREEN SHEET

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA FACULTY SENATE

Calendar Item 1043

Docket Number _____

Title: Proposal for Department Name Change - Department of
Design, Textiles, Gerontology and Family Studies

Standard Motions

1. Place at head of docket, out of regular order.
 2. Docket in regular order.
 3. Docket because of special circumstances for _____
_____ and notify sender(s).
 4. Refer to (standing committee) _____
 5. Refer to (administrative officer) _____
 6. Refer to (ad hoc committee) _____
 7. Return to petitioner with request for a more specific proposal.
 8. Return to petitioner with request for additional information and documentation.
 9. Return to petitioner because of decision not to docket at this time.
 10. Other procedural disposition _____
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NOTES

FORM G
BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE OF IOWA
PROPOSAL FOR PROGRAM/DEPARTMENT NAME CHANGE
April 6, 2010

Institution: University of Northern Iowa

Current Title of Department/Program: Design, Textiles, Gerontology, & Family Studies

Proposed Title of Department/Program: School of Applied Human Sciences

CIP Discipline Specialty Title: Family Studies, Textiles and Apparel, Gerontology, Interior Design

CIP Discipline Specialty Number (six digits): 19.0707 , 19.0901, 30.1101, 50.0408

Level: B M D FP

Degree Abbreviation (e.g., B.S., B.A., M.A.): BA

Approximate date to change name: Month July 1 Year 2010

Contact person: (name, telephone, and e-mail) Dr. Howard Barnes, 319-273-2358, howard.barnes@uni.edu

1. Provide a brief description of the department/program.

Four BA degrees are currently offered in Interior Design, Textiles and Apparel, Gerontology, and Family Services by the department. The department is already heavily interdisciplinary in its curriculum and research efforts. All four of these applied programs share a social science orientation.

2. Describe reasons (justification) for the proposed name change. Include information about the value of the name change to the department, program, the discipline, college, and/or the university.

The department requests this name change to reflect the interdisciplinary nature of the current and future academic programs, as well as to acknowledge the applied focus of these programs and their foundation in the social sciences. The new school will provide an academic base for the addition of other applied programs (currently in other academic units on campus) in the future. The intent is to establish a foundation or core of faculty members and academic programs focused on applied human sciences to stimulate synergy among faculty members from across the campus to transcend traditional disciplinary boundaries, to foster cooperation, and inspire more collaborative research. It is anticipated faculty members throughout the campus may choose to hold an affiliated appointment with the school, even if their academic department is not formally a unit within the School of Applied Human Sciences.

3. If this is a department name change, describe how the proposed name is consistent with the mission of the college.

The School will remain an integral part of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and provide a focal point for many college faculty members interested in applied research with interdisciplinary interests. The mission of the new school will be consistent with the mission of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, which states: "the mission of the College

of Social and Behavioral Sciences is to increase understanding of people in individual, social, cultural and historical contexts...."

4. Will the proposed name change be consistent with other institutions? Identify other institutions that have the same or similar name to the proposed name.

Iowa State University has a College of Human Sciences that resulted from the merger of the Colleges of Family and Consumer Sciences and Education and includes some of the same array of disciplines in the proposed school.

5. Is the proposed name consistent with association/accreditation designations?

Yes. Nationally the Board on Human Sciences is the title of one of the professional organizations working on behalf of programs like this.

6. Describe program configuration changes that will result from the proposed name change, e.g., change in number of credit hours required, etc.

No program configuration changes are anticipated at this time.

7. Describe how current students will be affected by the proposed department/program name change.

Students will experience minimal impact. Degree names and requirements will remain the same. As the School develops, it is anticipated there will be more opportunities for course sharing across some of the majors, but all current degrees will continue to be available to students.

8. What costs will be incurred by the proposed name change? Identify new resources that will be needed in connection with the proposed name change, e.g., facilities, faculty, funds, etc.

The new organizational structure of the school will not require additional resources. Recent budget cuts have eliminated several faculty lines in the associated programs. As enrollments remain high, it is hoped when the budget improves additional faculty lines to be available to replenish teaching resources. Obviously there are some minor costs associated with printing new letterhead and business cards, changing directories, and sending out announcements.