

Minutes  
Academic Affairs Committee  
Board of Trustees  
December 2, 2004

The Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees met in the Board Room, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor Patterson Office Tower at 9:30 a.m. on December 2, 2004. Alice Sparks, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, called the meeting to order. The following members of the Committee were in attendance: Michael Kennedy, Roy Moore, Elaine Wilson and Barbara Young.

Ms. Sparks distributed the minutes of the October 26, 2004 meeting and asked for any corrections or additions. There being no changes, a motion was made by Michael Kennedy to accept the minutes as distributed. The motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Sparks announced that Barbara Young will give the Academic Affairs Committee report at the Board of Trustees meeting on December 14 in her absence.

Dr. Michael Nietzel, Provost, discussed a preliminary analysis he and Vice President Connie Ray had conducted about the effects of enrollment growth on class size, student satisfaction, various learning outcomes, grades, and first-year retention with the Committee. Based on the data available to the University, Dr. Nietzel stated that the innovations departments have introduced and the hard work of faculty have allowed the University to handle the recent growth in enrollment effectively. In addition, he stressed the improved academic credentials of recent entering classes as another factor that contributed to the overall success of the University in addressing undergraduate enrollment growth. Dr. Philipp Kraemer, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies, commented that some of the large classes in Memorial Hall have the highest teacher ratings. Committee members expressed their appreciation of the data analysis and were pleased with the outcome considering the current budget situation. Ms. Young recommended the information should be shared with counselors in the high schools and the presentation should be made to the full Board at one of its next meetings.

Ms. Sparks informed the committee that Lynda George, Student Services Director, was unavailable to make the financial aid presentation, but it will be included on the agenda at the next Academic Affairs Committee meeting.

Copies of PR6, "Waiver of Administrative Regulation Pertaining to Retirement" were distributed to the Committee. Dr. Nietzel briefly provided the background and rationale for why he was requesting the waiver of the Administrative Regulation. The Academic Affairs discussed the regulation and situation and indicated their endorsement of the request.

Ms. Sparks introduced the following resolution, which will be presented for approval at the Board of Trustee meeting:

AACR 1 Candidates for Degrees - Resolution requesting that the degrees specified on an attached list be awarded to the persons named, upon certification that the requirements for those

degrees have been satisfactorily completed. A motion was made by Barbara Young to approve the recommendation. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR 2 Change in Name of an Interdisciplinary Program – Resolution requesting the Board of Trustees approve a change in the name of the College of Arts and Sciences' Program in American Culture to American Studies, effective in the spring 2005 semester. A motion was made by Barbara Young to approve the recommendation. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR 3 Change in Name of an Educational Unit – Resolution requesting the Board of Trustees approve a change in the name of the College of Education's Department of Administration and Supervision (EDA) to the Department of Educational Leadership Studies (EDL), effective in the spring 2005 semester. A motion was made by Barbara Young to approve the recommendation. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR 4 Change in Name of an Educational Unit – Resolution requesting the Board of Trustees approve a change in the name of the College of Agriculture's Department of Agronomy to the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, effective in the spring 2005 semester. A motion was made by Roy Moore to approve the recommendation. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR 5 Change in Name of an Educational Unit – Resolution requesting the Board of Trustees approve a change in the name of the College of Agriculture's Department of Animal Science to the Department of Animal and Food Sciences, effective in the spring 2005 semester. A motion was made by Michael Kennedy to approve the recommendation. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR 6 Change in Name of Degree – Resolution requesting the Board of Trustees approve a change in the name of the Bachelor of Science in Plant and Soil Science to Bachelor of Science in Horticulture, Plant and Soil Sciences, effective in the spring 2005 semester. A motion was made by Barbara Young to approve the recommendation. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR 7 Change in Name of an Educational Unit – Resolution requesting the Board of Trustees approve a change in the name of the Center for Micro-Magnetic and Electronic Devices (CMMED) to the Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CeNSE), effective in the spring 2005 semester. A motion was made by Roy Moore to approve the recommendation. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Sparks, Chair  
Academic Affairs Committee