

Minutes  
Academic Affairs Committee  
Board of Trustees  
May 4, 2004

The Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees met in Room C, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor Patterson Office Tower at 10:00 a.m. on May 4, 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, Elissa Plattner, and Barbara Young.

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

AACR 1 Candidates for Degrees - University System – 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. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Barbara Young to approve the recommendation. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR 2 Establishment of a Center for Visualization and Virtual Environments – Resolution requesting the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of the Center for Visualization and Virtual Environments in the College of Engineering. The Center will encompass core research in visualization technologies, sensor technologies, and vision science as well as collaborative research in applications area. Initial funding for the center has been committed to this and other related New Economy projects from the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority. After a general discussion, Michael Kennedy moved to approve the recommendation. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR 3 Creation of a College of Public Health – Resolution requesting the Board of Trustees approve the creation of the College of Public Health, effective May 4, 2004. The College will consist of the Department of Behavioral Health, Department of Biostatistics, Department of Epidemiology, Department of Health Services Management, Department of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health, the Graduate Center for Gerontology (including the transfer of primary appointments for faculty currently funded by the Graduate Program in Gerontology), and their associated academic programs.

Dr. Nietzel introduced Dr. Tom Samuel, Director of the School of Public Health. The Board of Trustees approved the creation of the Kentucky School of Public Health in the College of Medicine in 1998. The departments that comprise the proposed college are already in existence and have been for some time. An accredited College of Public Health will allow us to compete for grant opportunities and give our students access to training and internship opportunities that we are currently not eligible to receive.

After a general discussion concerning funding of the college and the importance a College of Public Health will be to the Commonwealth in strengthening and enhancing the public health

infrastructure by providing a trained workforce to address problems, Barbara Young moved to approve the recommendation. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Jeff Dembo informed the committee that his term as Chair of the Senate Council ends on May 31. He introduced Dr. Ernie Yanarella as the next Chair of the Senate Council.

Dr. Davy Jones' term as the Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees ends on June 30 and Dr. Roy Moore will be the new Faculty Representative. Ms. Sparks thanked Dr. Jones for his service and welcomed Dr. Moore.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Sparks, Chair  
Academic Affairs Committee