

Minutes
Academic Affairs Committee
Board of Trustees
April 24, 2007

The Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees met in Room A, 18th Floor Patterson Office Tower at 8:45 a.m. on April 24. Myra Tobin, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, called the meeting to order. The following members were in attendance: Penny Brown, Ernie Yanarella and Barbara Young.

AACR 1: Candidates for Degrees – Resolution requesting authorization for the President to confer degrees to each individual identified on the attached list, upon certification that the requirements for those degrees have been satisfactorily completed. A motion was made by Barbara Young to approve the recommendation and seconded by Ernie Yanarella. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR 2: Candidates for Degrees Bluegrass Community and Technical College – Resolution requesting authorization for the President to confer degrees to each individual identified on the attached list, upon certification by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System Board and the University of Kentucky Registrar that the requirements for those degrees have been satisfactorily completed. A motion was made by Ernie Yanarella to approve the recommendation and seconded by Penny Brown. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR 3: Conditions of Merit for Honorary Degrees – The proposed Conditions of Merit for Honorary Degrees are to be used by the Honorary Degree Committee and the Faculty Senators in determination of candidates, as well as by the Board in final approval of recipients of the Honorary Doctor Degrees. A motion was made by Penny Brown to approve the recommendation and seconded by Barbara Young. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Subbaswamy introduced Dr. William Balke, Senior Associate Dean for Research in the College of Medicine, Director of the Center for Translational Science, and Associate Provost for Clinical and Translational Sciences. Dr. Balke greeted the committee and began his presentation by describing clinical and translational research. Translational research is the new definition used to bridge the gap between basic science research and clinical practice in the way we treat patients.

The Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS) application was submitted in January and is currently being reviewed. Fifteen colleges have come together to build the CCTS concept. The entire campus will benefit because it is a university wide initiative, not just a medical campus initiative. Over 260 individuals are working together on this initiative to promote the health and welfare of the Commonwealth.

Dr. Balke told the committee the Center for Clinical and Translational Science is one of most exciting things he has seen an institution undertake. It is unique and will serve the University of Kentucky well.

After general questions, Ms. Tobin thanked Dr. Balke for his report and overview. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Myra Tobin, Chair
Academic Affairs Committee