

Minutes
Academic Affairs Committee
Board of Trustees
April 22, 2008

The Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees met in Room A, 18th Floor Patterson Office Tower at 10:00 a.m. on April 22, 2008. Myra Tobin, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, called the meeting to order. The following members were in attendance: Penny Brown, Sandy Patterson, Nick Phelps and Ernie Yanarella.

Ms. Tobin distributed the minutes of the March 4, 2008 meeting and asked for any corrections or additions. There being no changes, a motion was made by Sandy Patterson to accept the minutes as distributed and seconded by Penny Brown. The motion was unanimously approved.

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 Ernie Yanarella to approve the recommendation and seconded by Nick Phelps. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR2: Change in Name of a Degree – College of Communications and Information Studies

Resolution requesting approval to change the name of the Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science degree with a Major in Journalism – General Editorial to Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science with a Major in Journalism, effective in the spring 2008 semester. Ms. Tobin stated the proposed change is a more appropriate descriptor of Journalism majors in this field of study and the old designation is left over from a number of years ago when both news writing and advertising options were offered under the Journalism heading. A motion was made by Sandy Patterson to approve the recommendation and seconded by Penny Brown. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR3: Change in Name of a Degree – College of Education

Resolution requesting approval to change the name of the Doctor of Education degree with a major in Special Education to Doctor of Philosophy with a major in Special Education, effective in the spring 2008 semester. The primary rationale for this proposed change is to strengthen the research requirements within the Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling doctoral program and to reflect the program's emphasis on research. A motion was made by Nick Phelps to approve the recommendation and seconded by Ernie Yanarella. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Tobin introduced Mr. Bob Wiseman, Vice President for Facilities Management. Mr. Wiseman told the committee the campus is 814 acres, has 15 million gross square feet of buildings, 115 parking lots with 29,679 spaces; 7.2 miles of roadways and 56 miles of sidewalks.

Our housing and residence halls accommodate 6,000 undergraduate beds and 656 graduate beds, with 24 percent of students living on campus.

Mr. Wiseman gave a brief overview of our major building projects and our existing buildings. Of our existing buildings, two thirds are over 40 years old. The buildings were rated as fair in a recent study, but we must continually consider repair and replacement costs. The university uses matching funds for renovations; however matching constraints are difficult with budget cuts. The university is addressing future needs in key buildings. Examples include: upgrading the Chemistry Physics Building, 4th floor fit-up of the BBSRB Building; fit up of space in the Health Sciences Building, and renovating the 3rd floor of the Lucille Little Library.

Ms. Tobin thanked Mr. Wiseman for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Myra Tobin, Chair
Academic Affairs Committee