

Minutes
Academic Affairs Committee
Board of Trustees
January 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 January 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 reported the Academic Affairs Committee met on December 10, 2007; however a quorum was not available to transact business. She distributed the minutes of the September 11, 2007 meeting and asked for any corrections or additions. There being no changes, a motion was made by Ernie Yanarella to accept the minutes as distributed and seconded by Sandy Patterson. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR 1: Change in Name of Degree – Resolution requesting approval to change the name of the Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Science to Bachelor of Science in Family Science, effective in the spring 2008 semester. The proposed change eliminates the ongoing confusion between whether students are majoring in FCS education or FCS (non-teaching option). The proposed title reflects the home department's name, the faculty expertise, and the research and teaching mission of the department. A motion was made by Penny Brown to approve the recommendation and seconded by Ernie Yanarella. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Tobin welcomed Dr. Scott Smith, Dean of the College of Agriculture, and Dr. Ann Vail, Director of the School of Human Environmental Sciences. Dr. Vail reported that it's been two years since she last met with the Academic Affairs Committee and she is pleased to report that HES is alive and well. The School of Human Environmental Sciences unites four units -- Family and Consumer Sciences Extension; Family Studies; Nutrition and Food Science; and Merchandising, Apparel, and Textiles. Enrollment continues to be a challenge because HES keeps growing! They continue to work on diversity and this year they are currently at 16 percent, graduate enrollment is steady, student credit hour generation is high, extramural funding is increasing, and the extension program is strong.

In December an All-School Conference was held with 190 Human Environmental Sciences faculty and professional staff, Family & Consumer Sciences Extension State Staff, County Extension Agents for Family & Consumer Sciences and college administrators in attendance. The main purpose of the meeting was to launch the new school plan, "School of Human Environmental Sciences Positioning for the Future: 2007-2012". The Vision of the School is to be a leader in improving the quality of life of individuals and families in Kentucky, the region, and the nation through rigorous academic programs, state-of-the-art research, community-driven extension, and engagement opportunities. The Mission of the School is four-fold: Provide quality undergraduate and graduate education to prepare students for professional positions serving the growing needs of individuals and families; Engage in research and discovery creating knowledge for improved quality of life for individuals and families; Enhance life-long learning

for the citizens of Kentucky to equip them with the knowledge and skills to improve the quality of life for themselves, their families, and their communities; and Expand engagement by the School of Human Environmental Sciences in improving Kentucky families, schools, communities, farms, and businesses.

Dean Smith complemented Dr. Vail on turning the corner after a challenging reorganization of the School. He said Dr. Vail has done a great job of bringing the school together. The new school plan is exceptional and appropriately timed.

Ms. Tobin asked Dean Smith to give a brief update on changing the name of the college. He reported that after the reorganization of the colleges an exhaustive discussion was undertaken on changing the name of the College of Agriculture. A proposal was submitted through the appropriate channels, but was stopped by the Academic Affairs Committee. After a brief discussion, Ms. Tobin suggested that Dean Smith and Provost Subbaswamy discuss the merits of making a change and proceed accordingly.

Ms. Tobin thanked Dr. Vail and Dean Smith for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Myra Tobin, Chair
Academic Affairs Committee