

Minutes
Academic Affairs Committee
Board of Trustees
June 17, 2008

The Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees met in Room A, 18th Floor Patterson Office Tower at 9:00 a.m. on June 17, 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 April 22, 2008 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 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 Sandy Patterson to approve the recommendation and seconded by Ernie Yanarella. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR2: Establishment of the Center for Muscle Biology

Resolution requesting approval to establish the Center for Muscle Biology in the College of Medicine. Dr. Subbaswamy stated the cross college interaction in the center is exciting and we have strong faculty associated with the center. A motion was made by Ernie Yanarella to approve the recommendation and seconded by Penny Brown. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR3: Deletion of Degree – College of Health Sciences

Resolution requesting approval to delete the Doctor of Science degree with a major in Clinical Sciences, effective spring 2011 semester. The decision to close the program is based on resource consolidation to allow more efficient delivery of programs and optimize faculty talents. Students currently in the program will not be negatively impacted. A motion was made by Sandy Patterson to approve the recommendation and seconded by Ernie Yanarella. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR4: Change in Name of a Degree – College of Agriculture

Resolution requesting approval to change the name of the Master of Science in Interior Design, Merchandising and Textiles with a major in Interior Design, Merchandising and Textiles to Master of Science in Merchandising, Apparel and Textiles with a major in Merchandising, Apparel and Textiles, effective in the fall 2008 semester. The current degree program in Interior Design, Merchandising and Textiles offers one option emphasizing interior design and the other option emphasizing merchandizing and apparel. The degree program is one that remains after the dissolution of the College of Human Environmental Sciences. The interior design option

belongs in the College of Design and the merchandizing and apparel option belongs in the Department of Merchandising, Apparel and Textiles in the School of Human Environmental Sciences. A motion was made by Ernie Yanarella to approve the recommendation and seconded by Penny Brown. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR5: Change in Name of a Degree – College of Design

Resolution requesting approval to change the name of the Master of Arts in Interior Design, Merchandising and Textiles with a major in Interior Design, Merchandising and Textiles to Master of Arts in Interior Design with a major in Interior Design, effective in the fall 2008 semester. The current degree program in Interior Design, Merchandising and Textiles offers one option emphasizing interior design and the other option emphasizing merchandizing and apparel. The degree program is one that remains after the dissolution of the College of Human Environmental Sciences. The interior design option belongs in the College of Design and the merchandizing and apparel option belongs in the Department of Merchandising, Apparel and Textiles in the School of Human Environmental Sciences. A motion was made by Sandy Patterson to approve the recommendation and seconded by Nick Phelps. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR6: Change in Names of Degrees – College of Education

Resolution requesting approval for the following degree changes, effective in the fall 2008 semester: 1. Change the name of the Masters in Education with a major in School Administration to Masters in Education with a major in Educational Leadership; 2. Change the name of the Specialist in Education with a major in Administration and Supervision to Specialist in Education with a major in Educational Leadership; and 3. Change the name of the Doctor of Education with a major in Administration and Supervision to Doctor of Education with a major in Educational Leadership. When the name of the Department of Educational Leadership and Studies was changed several years ago, the names of the degrees were not changed at that time. A motion was made by Nick Phelps to approve the recommendation and seconded by Penny Brown. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Tobin welcomed Phil Kraemer for an end-of-the-year update. Dr. Kraemer stated it's been a year of achievement at UK. The search for a Director of Honors Program was finalized with the appointment of Frank Ettensohn. The Gaines Center, which represents one of our true gems and is a unique program among research universities, recently appointed Robert Rabel as the John R. Gaines Endowed Chair in the Humanities and Director of the Gaines Center. The Chellgren Center has made two new professor appointments, Jonathan Golding in the Department of Psychology and Bill Raines in the Department of Statistics. We have formulated a set of design principles to assist with the general education curriculum reform. Retention is another area we have made substantial progress in. By specific actions and investments, everyone feels retention is part of their responsibility. The University is positioned well and that is a tribute to the hard working faculty and staff.

Dr. Yanarella expressed appreciation for the outstanding leadership Phil Kraemer has provided over the last nine years toward improving general education. He thanked Phil especially for his efforts to move general education reform forward.

Dr. Subbaswamy announced that Dr. Kraemer is stepping down to return to the faculty. He announced plans to appoint a task force to look at the structure of an undergraduate college, and introduced Jeannine Blackwell, who has agreed to give oversight to this area while discussions are going on as to how we restructure.

Ms. Tobin thanked everyone for their updates and for attending the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Myra Tobin, Chair
Academic Affairs Committee