

Minutes
Academic Affairs Committee
Board of Trustees
September 9, 2008

The Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees met in Room A, 18th Floor Patterson Office Tower at 9:30 a.m. on September 9. Ernie Yanarella called the meeting to order. The following members were in attendance: Penny Brown and Sandy Patterson.

Dr. Yanarella distributed the minutes of the June 17, 2008 meeting and asked for any corrections or additions. There being no changes, a motion was made by Penny Brown to accept the minutes as distributed and seconded by Sandy Patterson. 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 Penny Brown. 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 Penny Brown to approve the recommendation and seconded by Sandy Patterson. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR 3: Termination of the Center for Historic Architecture Preservation – Resolution requesting approval to terminate the Center for Historic Architecture Preservation which was approved by the Board of Trustees on December 12, 2000. The Center aspired to be self-supporting through grants and contracts, but was unable to meet that objective. A motion was made by Sandy Patterson to approve the recommendation and seconded by Penny Brown. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Yanarella asked Dr. Subbaswamy if he would provide the committee with an update on beginning of the semester activities. Dr. Subbaswamy stated we're off to a really good start with enrollment numbers looking strong, a retention rate of approximately 81% for first year students, a record number of African American students, and the quality factors are up again this year. Heidi Anderson, Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs, informed the committee that the faculty hires numbers are still unofficial, but our records indicate that since January 2008 we have hired 186 new faculty of which 14 are African American. This past year we had 102 resignations, of which 42 were retirements. Dr. Subbaswamy stated that last year we added 60 new faculty lines and we lost 45 positions to the budget cut.

Dr. Yanarella thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest Yanarella
Academic Affairs Committee