

Minutes  
Academic Affairs Committee  
Board of Trustees  
April 21, 2009

The Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees met in Room A, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor Patterson Office Tower at 10:30 a.m. on April 21. Ernie Yanarella called the meeting to order. The following members were in attendance: Penny Brown, Everett McCorvey, Billy Joe Miles and Tyler Montell

Dr. Yanarella distributed the minutes of the March 10, 2009 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 Tyler Montell. 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 Tyler Montell to approve the recommendation and seconded by Penny Brown. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR 2: Candidate for Degree 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 Tyler Montell. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR 3: Academic Degree Recommendation – Resolution requesting approval to establish a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Gender and Women's Studies (CIP Code 05.0299, PROG = AS BA GWST) in the College of Arts and Sciences. A motion was made by Tyler Montell to approve the recommendation and seconded by Penny Brown. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR4: Change of Name and Organizational Structure of the Tracy Farmer Institute for Sustainability and the Environment – Resolution requesting approval to change the name of the Tracy Farmer Center for the Environment to Tracy Farmer Institute for Sustainability and the Environment and transfer the administrative oversight from the Dean of the College of Agriculture to the Vice President for Research effective July 1, 2009. A motion was made by Penny Brown to approve the recommendation and seconded by Tyler Montell. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Yanarella invited Provost Subbaswamy and the Dr. Jim Tracy, Vice President for Research, to make comments. Dr. Subbaswamy said for the last two years we have been talking about how to integrate and coordinate all the environmental efforts at the University. The decision to expand the center to become a portal for all environmental programs and activities has created a

lot of excitement. Dr. Tracy told the committee that over seventy faculty have been involved in the discussions and the proposed change will allow us to serve multiple interests.

Mr. Miles asked Dr. Subbaswamy to give us an update on the impact of the economy on the academic programs at UK. Dr. Subbaswamy said two years ago we were able to start a number of initiatives in undergraduate studies and research that has kept us moving forward. If we have another year of budget cuts and we can't increase revenues, there will be consequences. Otherwise, we're still making progress.

This year we have conducted five dean searches, two were held over from last year due to the budget cuts and three were to fill resignations this year. If all goes well we will have hired our top candidates for all five searches.

Dr. Yanarella thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest Yanarella  
Academic Affairs Committee