

Minutes
Academic Affairs Committee
Board of Trustees
March 10, 2009

The Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees met in Room A, 18th Floor Patterson Office Tower at 10:00 a.m. on March 10. Ernie Yanarella called the meeting to order. The following members were in attendance: Penny Brown and Everett McCorvey.

Dr. Yanarella called the meeting to order and introduced Dr. Judy “JJ” Jackson, Vice President for Institutional Diversity. The UK position is the first time Dr. Jackson has had an opportunity to weave together all components of the university into a diverse portfolio. In the past we’ve been putting students of color into separate programs. Sometimes this may be appropriate, but not always. She sees opportunities to enrich our academic opportunities and ways of embracing the Top 20 plan and achieving excellence in diversity.

Dr. Yanarella also introduced Toni Thomas, Director of the Center for Academic Resources and Enrichment Services. The CARES program provides a comprehensive support system that includes academic, social and personal support programs and activities that enhance the retention and graduation of African American, Hispanic, Native American and Rural/Appalachian students. Ms. Thomas described the programs and activities that are designed to assist students in achieving their academic excellence.

Dr. Jackson stated she would like to take the best of what is going on in places like CARES and incorporate the activities across campus in other programs. We need to make sure the university emulates the world that our students will move into when they graduate.

Dr. Yanarella distributed the minutes of the December 9, 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 Everett McCorvey. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR 1: 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 Everett McCorvey to approve the recommendation and seconded by Penny Brown. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR 2: Change in Name of An Educational Unit – Resolution requesting approval to change the name of the College of Medicine’s Department of Diagnostic Radiology to Department of Radiology. A motion was made by Penny Brown to approve the recommendation and seconded by Everett McCorvey. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR 3: Change in Name of An Educational Unit – Resolution requesting approval to change the name of the College of Education’s Department of Educational and Counseling Psychology

to Department of Educational, School, and Counseling Psychology. A motion was made by Everett McCorvey to approve the recommendation and seconded by Penny Brown. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR 4: Academic Degree Recommendation – Resolution requesting approval to establish a Bachelor of Science in Equine Science and Management degree with a major in Equine Science and Management (CIP Code 01.0307, PROG = AG BSESM ESMA) in the College of Agriculture. A motion was made by Everett McCorvey to approve the recommendation and seconded by Penny Brown. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Mike Mullen, Associate Dean in the College of Agriculture, told the committee the program has been in the making for several years. The equine initiative was started in May of 2005 with discussions about how the college could serve the equine industry throughout the Commonwealth. One clear message from the listening sessions with students and the industry was the need for a comprehensive BS program in Equine Sciences. The college has offered this program through the individualized degree program in Agriculture this past year and already has approximately 120 students in the program.

AACR 5: Change in Name of Degrees – Resolution requesting approval to change the name of the Bachelor of Arts in Education with a major in Kinesiology to Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in Kinesiology and change the name of the Bachelor of Arts in Education with a major in Health Promotion to Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in Health Promotion. A motion was made by Penny Brown to approve the recommendation and seconded by Everett McCorvey. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest Yanarella
Academic Affairs Committee