

Minutes
Academic Affairs Committee
Board of Trustees
October 27, 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 October 27. Penny Brown called the meeting to order. The following members were in attendance: Everett McCorvey, Billy Joe Miles, Ernie Yanarella and Barbara Young.

Ms. Brown distributed the minutes of the September 15, 2009 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 Everett McCorvey. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR 1: Academic Degree Recommendation – Resolution requesting approval to establish a Master of Science in Epidemiology degree with a major in Epidemiology (CIP Code 26.1309, PROG = GS MSEP EPID) in the College of Public Health. A motion was made by Ernie Yanarella to approve the recommendation and seconded by Barbara Young. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Subbaswamy introduced Dr. Susan Carvalho, Associate Provost for International Programs, who is responsible for leading and coordinating the University's internationalization efforts and managing the Office of International Affairs. Dr. Carvalho described how the internationalization efforts of the University of Kentucky benefit from Education Abroad as we strive to educate students as global citizens. Beyond the UK community, the knowledge gained abroad often develops into ideas that can affect other communities and institutions.

Dr. Janet Roccanova, Director of Education Abroad, told of the recent name change from Study Abroad to Education Abroad because UK students are engaging in many international activities beyond a traditional study abroad program. Students are receiving academic credit for completing internships, independent academic study and research, and international service-learning. In addition, many students engage in valuable cultural and international experiences through non-academic teaching and volunteer opportunities. All UK students who are in good academic standing and who satisfy the minimum eligibility requirements may participate in Education Abroad. Last year 590 UK students participated in Education Abroad programs. Six UK students have been named as Education Abroad Student Ambassadors to work with their peers and share their own abroad experiences with others.

Ms. Brown thanked Dr. Carvalho and Dr. Roccanova for their presentation. From personal experience she said travel abroad is the best experience and it does change you. She thanked the members of the Academic Affairs Committee and adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Penelope A. Brown
Academic Affairs Committee