

Minutes  
Academic Affairs Committee  
Board of Trustees  
September 15, 2009

The Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees met in Room A, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor Patterson Office Tower at 9:00 a.m. on September 15. Ernie Yanarella called the meeting to order. The following members were in attendance: Penny Brown, Everett McCorvey and Billy Joe Miles.

Dr. Yanarella distributed the minutes of the June 9, 2009 meeting and asked for any corrections or additions. There being no changes, a motion was made by Everett McCorvey 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 Everett McCorvey to approve the recommendation contingent upon final review by Ernie Yanarella of a revised list of degree candidates prior to the Board of Trustees meeting 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 Billy Joe Miles to approve the recommendation and seconded by Everett McCorvey. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR3: Proposed Revision to Governing Regulation: University Organization – Chairs of Departments – The proposed revision of the Governing Regulation relates to mandatory consultation by an educational unit administrator with the appropriate faculty members of his or her educational unit in faculty personnel matters and redefines with whom an administrator must consult. Dr. Yanarella reminded the committee that this is the second reading of the proposed revision. A motion was made by Penny Brown to approve the revision and seconded by Everett McCorvey. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR5: Change in Degree – College of Engineering  
Resolution requesting approval to change the name of the Bachelor of Science in Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering with a major in Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering to Bachelor of Science in Biosystems Engineering with a major in Biosystems Engineering, effective in the fall 2009 semester. Dr. Yanarella stated the proposed revision of the degree name is due to recent changes in the accreditation criteria of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). A motion was made by Billy Joe Miles to approve the recommendation and seconded by Penny Brown. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Yanarella welcomed and introduced Michael D. Mullen, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education, to the Academic Affairs Committee. Dr. Mullen thanked Dr. Yanarella and said that undergraduate education has been the cornerstone of his career. He views the Associate Provost position as an aggregator for programs that serve undergraduate education and transcend colleges. The Office of Undergraduate Education will be a campus-

wide advocate for undergraduate education at UK. This will be facilitated through programs that enhance the student experience across colleges and by promoting excellence in teaching and learning in our classrooms.

Being new in the position, he is still learning about the office but sees four general areas of responsibility: 1) Advising function—This includes Central Advising, Robinson Scholars, Student Support Services, CATS, Advising Network, AMSSTEM and CARES. 2) Student Success—Retention and student success initiatives, Writing Center, academic enhancement, social network initiatives and Stuckert Career Center. 3) Accelerated Educational Opportunities—Honors Program, Gaines Center, Discovery Seminar Series, Chellgren Center for Undergraduate Excellence, eureka and National Student Exchange. 4) Governance—Undergraduate Council and USP Exceptions Committee.

Dr. Mullen told the committee he has been involved with the General Education Reform and Assessment Committee from the very beginning. It is now his number one priority to see that the General Education curriculum changes are successfully implemented in the Fall Semester 2011. Dr. David Randall, Chair of the University Senate, stated that other schools are watching very carefully what UK is doing with General Education Reform. As we shift into the new curriculum, he said it is politically important that we pay attention to the issue of transferability.

In closing, Dr. Yanarella reviewed the highlights recently communicated by Don Witt concerning undergraduate enrollments records for the fall 2009.

1. Record number of freshmen applications at 12,195 = 10% increase
2. Average ACT rose from 24.4 to 24.7
3. Record ACT composite mid50 at 22-28 (was 22-27)
4. Record number of 375 students with a 31-36 ACT composite (28% higher than last year)
5. Record number of Governor Scholar and Governor School for the Arts = 404 (last year 389)
6. Record African-American freshmen enrollment at 404 = 17% increase over last year
7. Record undergraduate African-American enrollment at 1382 = 12% increase over last year
8. Overall UK African-American enrollment at 1774 = 9% over last year
9. International freshmen at 44 = 38% increase over last year
10. Record Hispanic freshmen at 78 = 26% over last year
11. Undergraduate Hispanic enrollment at 293 = 21% increase over last year
12. New Transfer enrollment at 1041 = 7% increase over last year
13. KCTCS transfers at 416 = 15% increase over last year
14. BCTCS transfers at 243 = 10% increase over last year

This is a very impressive set of statistics. The pursuit of Top 20 is not only focused on the goal, but also on the journey. Despite economic issues, we are moving forward. Dr. Yanarella thanked the members of the Academic Affairs Committee and adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest Yanarella  
Academic Affairs Committee