

Minutes
Academic Affairs Committee
Board of Trustees
January 29, 2013

The Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees met in Room A, 18th Floor Patterson Office Tower at 9:00 a.m. on January 29. Keith Gannon called the meeting to order. The following members were in attendance: C. B. Akins, William Britton, Mark Bryant, John Wilson, and Barbara Young.

Mr. Gannon distributed the minutes of the December 11, 2012 meeting and asked for any corrections or additions. There being no changes, a motion was made by Barbara Young to accept the minutes as distributed and seconded by C. B. Akins. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR 1: Change of Name for the Center for Health Services Management and Research - Resolution requesting approval to change the name of the Center for Health Services Management and Research to the Center for Health Services Research, in the Office of the Provost, effective immediately. Interim Provost Tracy reported that the Center was established over ten years ago and has not been active. The renewed focus nationally on health services/systems research created by the Affordable Care Act, has resulted in substantial funding opportunities for UK faculty, and has increased the need for an active interdisciplinary research center to catalyze campus research in these areas. The goal of the Center will be to accelerate the discovery of new knowledge concerning clinical effectiveness and cost effectiveness of health care delivery innovations, particularly for rural and limited-resource settings. A motion was made by C. B. Akins to approve the recommendation and seconded by William Britton. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR 2: Candidate for Degrees - Resolution requesting authorization for the President to confer upon the individual whose name appears on the attached list the degree to which he is entitled, upon certification by the university registrar that he has satisfactorily completed all requirements for the degree which application has been made and as approved by the elected faculty of the University Senate and the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees. The individual completed the work leading toward the degree at the close of the 2012 Fall Semester. Due to an administrative error his name was not previously submitted. A motion was made by William Britton to approve the recommendation and seconded by C. B. Akins. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Gannon introduced Dr. Dan O'Hair, Dean of the College of Communication and Information and Interim Senior Vice Provost for Student Success. Dr. O'Hair said that earlier this year Dr. Tracy appointed a high profile Task Force comprised of deans, faculty, staff and most importantly students. The Taskforce was charged with providing an overview of best practices to improve academic performance, retention, and graduation. We are now thinking about student success as a continuum beginning with

an early investment, clear pathways, academic achievement, meaningful engagement, persistence and progression, and post-college performance. We are pursuing the needs of students and staff alike in order to reach our goals in recruiting, retention and the overall university experience.

We are looking at data and other factors to determine where we need to put our resources to affect student success. Student Success has also developed a strategic communication network to reach students to help them succeed.

Mr. Gannon thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Gannon
Academic Affairs Committee