

Minutes
Academic Affairs Committee
Board of Trustees
May 14, 2013

The Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees met in Room H, 18th Floor Patterson Office Tower at 10:30 a.m. on May 14. Keith Gannon called the meeting to order. The following members were in attendance: C. B. Akins, William Britton, and Barbara Young.

Mr. Gannon distributed the minutes of the March 19, 2013 meeting and asked for any corrections or additions. There being no changes, a motion was made by Bill Britton to accept the minutes as distributed and seconded by C. B. Akins. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Gannon welcomed the new Provost, Dr. Christine Riordan, who will be joining us later this summer.

AACR 1: Candidate for Degrees: December 2012 - 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 C. B. Akins to approve the recommendation and seconded by Bill Britton. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR 2: Candidates for Degrees: May 2013 - Resolution requesting approval that the President be authorized to confer upon the individuals whose names appear on the attached list the degree to which he or she is entitled. Since commencement exercises are held immediately following completion of examinations, it is not possible for the university registrar to certify satisfactory completion of requirements prior to commencement exercises for those candidates who complete their requirements in May. A motion was made by Barbara Young to approve the recommendation and seconded by Bill Britton. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR3: Academic Degree Recommendation: College of Arts and Sciences – Resolution requesting approval to establish a Master of Arts with a major in Teaching English as a Second Language degree (CIP Code: 13.1401, PROG: GS MA TESL) in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages, Literature, and Cultures within the College of Arts and Sciences, effective in the Fall 2013 Semester. A motion was made by C. B. Akins to approve the recommendation and seconded by Bill Britton. Anna Bosch, Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said that with the growing demand for English, there is a commensurate need for English language educational programs and qualified teachers. The University of Kentucky has the faculty expertise to

help expand the pool of trained ESL teachers and establishing the program is the first step toward creating a TESL program with the option of a public school ESL certification. The motion was unanimously approved.

Continuing the discussion of topics for further consideration, Mr. Gannon asked Dr. Tracy to share the topics he proposed for discussion next year. Dr. Tracy identified five topics he thought would be of interest to the committee: 1) Role of e-learning in a residential university; 2) Use of social media and technology in increasing student success; 3) Overall strategies to improve retention and graduation; 4) Role of Academic Enrichment Programs (Honors, Gaines, Study Abroad, Undergraduate Research) in learning enhancement; and 5) Expansion and enhancement of Living Learning Communities. Mr. Gannon asked Dr. Tracy to provide him with a short paragraph about each topic that he could share with the committee prior to the next meeting.

Dr. Tracy also shared plans for the next three months and beyond. 1) Continued focus on student success. We plan to increase Honors to 1000 students over the next three years; increase participation in Living Learning Communities (LLC) with the goal being greater than 90% in an LLC within five years; and technology-assisted monitoring of student progress. 2) Expansion of e-learning into the residential campus. 3) Internationalization by expanding study abroad opportunities and unique partnerships with foreign universities.

Dr. Gannon thanked Dr. Tracy for all his work and said it has been amazing how much he has accomplished in the short time he has been Interim Provost. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Gannon
Academic Affairs Committee