

Board of Trustees (BOT) Student Affairs Committee
Tuesday, June 14, 2011
10:00 a.m.
Room C, 18th floor, Patterson Office Tower
Meeting Minutes

Ms. Sandy Bugie Patterson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The following members of the Student Affairs Committee were present: Penny Brown, Dermontti Dawson, and Ryan Smith.

Members of the Board of Trustees present were: Everett McCorvey.

The university staff, students, and community members were represented by Aleidra Allen, Mary Bolin, Anne Coke, Larry Crouch, Micah Fielden, John Herbst, Kathy Johnson, Joseph Quinn, Rhonda Strouse, Hollie Swanson, and Jim Wims.

Introductions. Mrs. Patterson welcomed everyone and asked that we go around the table and introduce ourselves.

Mr. Jim Wims, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, opened the meeting on the idea of featuring students in future BOT Student Affairs Committee meetings. Ms. Penny Brown brought this up after the March 2011 meeting as something that would be wonderful for the Trustees to hear about. He introduced Rhonda Strouse, Director of Student Involvement.

Ms. Strouse said that the students represent how they are helping UK achieve its goals through the strategic plan and retention. She introduced Aleidra Allen and Joseph Quinn, both May 2011 graduates of UK. They also received the 2011 Otis A. Singletary Senior Awards.

Ms. Brown asked them what brought them to UK. Ms. Allen answered that she wanted to go to college and was a Governor's Scholar. She used that scholarship to come to UK as a first generation college student. She said that UK was clearly the best option for her. Mr. Quinn said he grew up in Lexington, but explored other institutions before deciding. He came to campus and shadowed a student for the day by attending classes and activities. He went home that night and signed the papers for admission.

Mr. Dermontti Dawson asked them what their memorable moment was at UK; what did they enjoy the most. Mr. Quinn said that it was the people he enjoyed the most, especially through various involvement opportunities. Ms. Allen said it was all the opportunities of being involved, particularly the Emerging Leader Institute, Greek Life, and the Office of Student Involvement.

Mr. McCorvey asked the students what UK can do to entice pre-college students to come here and what brought you to look at UK. Mr. Quinn said that he already had the influence due to growing up in Lexington. He was a junior in high school when he started receiving information from UK. Ms. Allen was first exposed when her sister started to attend. Later she was invited to attend an event, Apollo, by Mr. Buzz Burnam, and to attend "Come See For Yourself" recruitment experience.

Ms. Brown asked both of them how students can be successful at college. Ms. Allen said that going to all the KWeek events sparked her interest. In addition, students should go to the Center for Student Involvement and meet the peer resource students in the Center. Mr. Quinn also talked about the Center for Student Involvement as a great place to find student organizations to be involved with and that student need to be proactive.

Ms. Patterson asked them what their first involvement was as a student. Ms. Allen said that it was the volunteer fair through the Center for Community Outreach. Mr. Quinn said it was Greek Life and the Relay for Life that shaped and influenced his life and involvement.

Mr. Ryan Smith spoke on this being a bittersweet time for him as he concludes his year as President of Student Government and as a member of the Board of Trustees. He introduced Micah Fielden, the incoming President of Student Government. Mr. Fielden has been involved with Student Government for several years and will be a good advocate for the students. Mr. Fielden is from Lexington and is a majoring in Biotechnology and Agricultural Engineering. He is looking forward to his time on the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.