

Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee  
University of Kentucky  
Friday, June 21, 2019

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee (ASAC) of the University of Kentucky (UK) met on Friday, June 21, 2019, in the Lewis Honors College.

A. Meeting Opened

Chair Angela Edwards called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m.

B. Roll Call

The following members of the ASAC answered the call of the roll: Angela Edwards, Lee Blonder, Cammie Grant, Robert Grossman, Michael Hamilton, David Hawpe, Kim McCann, Derrick Ramsey, and Sandy Shuffett. Carol Martin “Bill” Gatton and Rachel Webb were not in attendance.

C. Approval of Minutes

Chair Edwards reported that the minutes of the April 30, 2019, ASAC meeting had been distributed. Trustee Hawpe moved approval of the minutes and Trustee Shuffett seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, Chair Edwards called for a vote and the motion passed without dissent.

D. ASACR 1: Candidate for Degrees: December 2017

The recommendation is that the President be authorized to rescind a December 2017 degree and confer upon the individual whose name appears on the attached list the degrees to which the individual is entitled, upon certification by the University Registrar that the individual has satisfactorily completed all requirements for the degrees for which application has been made and as approved by the elected faculty of the University Senate and the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees. By way of background, the individual whose name appears on the attached list completed the work leading toward the degrees shown on the attached list. Initial paperwork was completed incorrectly, which led to conferral of one Bachelor of Arts degree rather than two. This has since been corrected, and the College of Arts & Sciences supports the conferring of two separate Bachelor of Arts degrees. Trustee Blonder moved approval, which was seconded by Trustee Grant. Finding no further discussion, Chair Edwards called for a vote and the motion passed without dissent.

E. ASACR 2: Candidates for Degrees: August 2019

The recommendation is that the President be authorized to confer upon the individuals whose names appear on the attached list the degree to which they are entitled, upon certification by the University Registrar that the individual has satisfactorily completed all requirements for the degree for which application has been made and as approved by the elected faculty of the

University Senate and the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees. By way of background, the individuals whose names appear on the attached list completed the work leading toward the degree for which application was made at the close of the 2019 Spring Semester. Due to administrative error, the names were not previously submitted. Trustee Grossman moved approval, which was seconded by Trustee Ramsey. Finding no further discussion, Chair Edwards called for a vote and the motion passed without dissent.

F. ASACR 3: Academic Degree Recommendation: College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment

The recommendation is that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Consumer Economics and Family Financial Counseling, within the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment, beginning in the Fall 2019 Semester. By way of background, the proposed program will provide students with the knowledge and skills to positively impact economic and financial decision-making of individuals and families. The course work in consumer economics, personal finance, and financial counseling will provide students with a broad skill-set to assist consumers in making sound financial decisions and ultimately improving a family's overall economic well-being and financial security. Students in the program may select coursework that would allow them to sit for the Accredited Financial Counselor exam. Graduates of such programs pursue careers in financial counseling; consumer journalism; public and nonprofit educational program development and delivery; and entrepreneurship. Anticipated enrollment is 10 students with potential growth to 50 enrolled students. The program has the approval of the appropriate councils and the University Senate, and has completed the 30 day review process of the Council on Postsecondary Education. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

In attendance to answer any questions were Dr. Larry Grabau, Associate Dean for Instruction; and Dr. Claudia Heath, Professor of Family Sciences. Trustee Hawpe inquired if this degree is available at any other public university in the state. Dr. Heath indicated that in the state, this program will be unique to UK.

Trustee Shuffett moved approval, which was seconded by Trustee Ramsey. Finding no further discussion, Chair Edwards called for a vote and the motion passed without dissent.

G. ASACR 4: Deletion of Degree: College of Arts & Sciences

The recommendation is that the Board of Trustees approve the suspension of admissions and closure of the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Latin American Studies, within the College of Arts & Sciences, effective in the Fall 2019 semester. By way of background, the stand-alone degree in Latin American Studies became the Latin American Studies track within the International Studies degree in 2008. The process to suspend the Latin American Studies degree was begun after that time. However, the College asked to delay suspension until a review of the International Studies Program was completed. Inadvertently, the process to suspend the Latin American Studies degree was not resumed until recently. No students have enrolled in the major since 2008. As there are currently no students in the major, the deletion of the degree will not affect any faculty, staff, or students. This proposal has the approval of the College of Arts &

Sciences and the University Senate. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

In attendance to answer any questions was Dr. Mark Kornbluh, Dean. Trustee Hamilton inquired about the outcome of the review of the International Studies Program. Dr. Kornbluh indicated that the Latin American Studies track in the International Studies program received a positive review and is successful. The College has completed a cluster hire in Latinx Studies. It is possible that a certificate or degree in Latinx studies could be proposed in the future.

Trustee Blonder moved approval, which was seconded by Trustee Grant. Finding no further discussion, Chair Edwards called for a vote and the motion passed without dissent.

#### H. ASACR 5: Deletion of Degree: College of Health Sciences

The recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve the suspension of admissions and closure of the Bachelor of Health Science in Physician Assistant Studies, within the College of Health Sciences, effective in the Fall 2019 semester. By way of background, admission for this degree program has been suspended for more than five years. There are no current students in the major and as such the deletion will not affect any faculty, staff, or students. Formal deletion of this degree program is the last step in removing the program from the list of the College of Health Sciences curricular offerings. This proposal has the approval of the College of Health Sciences and the University Senate. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

In attendance to answer any questions was Dr. Scott Black, Program Director of Physician Assistant Studies. Trustee Christian inquired about the current, official name of the Physician Assistant degree. Dr. Black indicated it is a Master of Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies.

Trustee Shuffett moved approval, which was seconded by Trustee Grant. Finding no further discussion, Chair Edwards called for a vote and the motion passed without dissent.

#### I. Student Government Association (SGA) Update

SGA President and Trustee, Michael Hamilton, provided an update regarding recent SGA activity including:

- The 2019-2020 SGA Leadership Team has been hired and work has begun.
- The Director of Inclusion and Outreach will increase focus on the position's outreach component.
- There will be an increased focus on meeting student basic needs through budgeting and other established processes.
- A Quick Response (QR) code will be included on all student IDs. This QR code will link students to a comprehensive list of available campus services (e.g., Counseling Center).
- A gubernatorial debate for Democratic candidates was held prior to the primary election. There will be a second debate for all candidates on October 15, 2019. There will also be a debate for Lieutenant Governor candidates on October 1, 2019.

- Representatives of UK SGA will travel to the Southeastern Conference (SEC) Exchange Conference in July 2019.

SGA President Hamilton thanked the Board of Trustees for making his first year as a Trustee a great experience. He looks forward to serving a second year as Trustee.

Trustee Grant inquired about the Director of Inclusion and Outreach, requesting additional details about the job description and expectations. SGA President Hamilton indicated the position has existed for several years. The position has helped SGA make progress in diversifying its membership and updating policies to support a diverse membership. However, the outreach component has not been addressed as comprehensively. Even though SGA meetings are open and part of the public record, that does not mean that students will always voluntarily engage with the organization. Therefore, this year, this position will re-focus to ensure SGA is meeting students where they are. In addition, all director-level positions and Senators will be required to log a portion of their office hours on campus, outside of SGA's dedicated office space.

Chair Edwards indicated that this is the first time since she has been a Trustee that an SGA President has served a second term. She congratulated SGA President Hamilton on past accomplishments and indicated there is more great work to come. Trustee Ramsey commended SGA President Hamilton on the group's intentional approach to inclusion. Trustee Hawpe indicated in the future, he would be pleased to see an individual who is not a member of a fraternity or a sorority in the position of SGA President.

#### J. Provost Report

Provost David Blackwell provided an update regarding recently completed dean searches:

- College of Communication and Information: Jennifer Greer was hired with a start date of August 1, 2019.
- College of Education: Julian Vasquez Heilig was hired with a start date of July 1, 2019.
- College of Law: Mary Davis was hired as Interim Dean with a start date of July 1, 2019.
- College of Social Work: Justin "Jay" Miller was hired with a start date of July 1, 2019.
- Libraries: Doug Way was hired with a start date of July 15, 2019.

Chair Edwards commended the Provost for his intentional focus on diversity and inclusion in these searches. Trustee Ramsey also commended the Provost for his focus in this area, indicating that diverse hires offer relatable examples of future career paths to diverse students. Trustee Hawpe indicated that some dean hires have an immediate impact on areas of public policy. The Provost indicated all deans are cognizant of the way they represent UK to the community, Commonwealth, and beyond. Trustee Christian commended the Provost for the sense of urgency and importance given to these searches.

Provost Blackwell thanked the following interim deans whose appointments are ending:

- College of Communication and Information: Derek Lane
- College of Education: Rosetta Sandidge

- College of Social Work: Ann Vail
- Libraries: Deirdre Scaggs

Provost Blackwell thanked the following interim deans who are continuing in their appointments:

- College of Dentistry: Larry Holloway
- Graduate School: Brian Jackson

Provost Blackwell announced that Associate Provost for Student and Academic Life, Greg Heileman, has taken a position at the University of Arizona and thanked him for his service. Since this departure was announced, the Provost has met with various stakeholder groups to gather input regarding next steps for leadership of Student and Academic Life (SAL). Based on this input, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs Kirsten Turner has been named Associate Provost for Academic and Student Affairs effective July 1, 2019. Trustee Grossman asked for clarification regarding the SAL leadership transition. Provost Blackwell indicated that several years ago, Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs were merged to create SAL. When SAL was created, the Associate Provost of Student and Academic Life position was created as well. In Associate Provost Turner's current role, she oversees areas that are academic in nature, such as retention. Oversight of SAL will be added to her portfolio. SAL will undertake a strategic planning process soon. Trustee Blonder asked for clarification regarding who will report to Associate Provost Turner. The Provost indicated that this group includes the leadership team of SAL (e.g., Dean of Students, Assistant Provost for Health and Wellness, etc.) as well as Academic Analytics, the Office of Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness, and Institutional Research. SGA President and Trustee Hamilton thanked Associate Provost Heileman for his support of SGA.

Provost Blackwell reported on the University Center of Southern Kentucky (UCSK), a partnership between Somerset Community College (SCC) and several public institutions of higher education in the state, including UK. UCSK will increase access to academic programs from four-year institutions. UK is in the process of identifying specific program offerings, but it is likely that several colleges will be involved. The Provost will report back to ASAC with progress in this area. Trustee Grossman inquired if there would be overlap in degrees offered by SCC's partner institutions, or if UK would focus on unique programs. Provost Blackwell indicated that determining which programs can be offered (based on accreditation requirements) will take some time, but there will be a focus on offering programs that are distinctive for UK. Trustee Grossman indicated that even though the University Senate is not required to be involved since the programs to be offered already exist, it would be valuable to have their support. Trustee McCann commended UK's participation in this innovative partnership. Trustee Blonder asked for clarification regarding the degree-issuing institution for students who graduate from this program. The Provost confirmed that students will receive their degree from the institution offering the program they are enrolled in.

#### K. William C. Parker Scholarship Report

Provost Blackwell introduced Analytics Director Todd Brann and Associate Provost for Enrollment Management Christine Harper to provide the Parker Scholarship Report. The

information provided was previously shared by President Capilouto with the Black Student Advisory Council. Director Brann indicated that when reviewing data, it is important to consider the multitude of factors UK must consider when building a class of incoming students each year.

To begin, Director Brann reported that UK awarded more bachelor's degrees to African American/Black students than any other public university in the state in 2017-18. The focus then shifted to the beginning of the student life cycle to review information regarding the pool of available high school graduates. A breakdown in the pool of available high school graduates by race and ethnicity was presented. The number of freshmen applications submitted has increased significantly in recent years. There are variations in the number of applications submitted based on race and residency status. Once a student is admitted, if they enroll, this contributes to UK's yield rate. As with application submission rates, there are variations in yield rate for student populations differentiated by race and residency status. Enrollment and awarding of scholarships and grants influence each other. The higher education marketplace is competitive, and institutional aid can be utilized to support enrollment outcomes. In recent years, the amount of institutional scholarships and grants awarded by UK has increased significantly. Total enrollment has also increased during this time period, with variation in enrollment based on race.

Associate Provost Harper provided an overview of the Parker Scholarship, including a history and the award process. It is important to note that Supreme Court cases impact enrollment management. Specifically, in 2006, due to the 2003 cases *Grutter v. Bollinger* and *Gratz v. Bollinger*, the definition of eligible recipients for the Parker Scholarship was expanded to include all individuals who could contribute to diversity at UK. Currently, the Parker Scholarship program is administered through the Office of Academic Scholarships in Enrollment Management by Director Asia Payne. There are various monetary levels of the Award that are accompanied by various requirements. Trustee Young inquired how recipients of this scholarship are made aware of the associated requirements. Associate Provost Harper indicated that when students are notified they have received the scholarship, information regarding the associated requirements is provided. To accept the scholarship, a student must sign a contract containing information about these requirements. The contract was recently reviewed and updated to increase clarity. Trustee Blonder asked for clarification regarding how Supreme Court decisions regarding the use of race as a factor in admissions decisions were transferrable to the Parker Scholarship. General Counsel Bill Thro indicated that it is recognized by higher education and legal experts that considerations of criteria regarding race for admissions and scholarships should be the same.

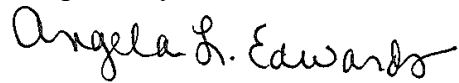
Director Brann reported data regarding the awarding of Parker Scholarships. There are variations in the number of awards given and the amount of those awards over time. Overall, unmet financial need is a key consideration in overall student success. Trustee Hawpe requested information regarding the methodology utilized in collecting and presenting data regarding the Kentucky private and public high school graduates. Trustee Ramsey requested an update regarding recruitment of minority students. Associate Provost Harper indicated that the number of minority students who confirmed their enrollment by May 1, 2019 increased from the previous year. This was the result of a high level of collaborative effort across campus.

L. Meeting Adjourned

Chair Edwards expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to serve on the ASAC during her time on the Board of Trustees.

Hearing no further business, Chair Edwards adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela L. Edwards". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and a long, sweeping underline.

Angela Edwards  
Academic and Student Affairs Committee

(ASACR 1, ASACR 2, ASACR 3, ASACR 4, and ASACR 5 are official parts of the Minutes of the meeting)

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