

Minutes
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
Board of Trustees
December 13, 2016

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees met in the Board Room, 18th Floor Patterson Office Tower on December 13, 2016. Trustee Angela Edwards called the meeting to order at 10:07am. The following members were in attendance: Angela Edwards, Lee Blonder, Mike Christian, Cammie Grant, Bob Grossman, Kelly Holland, Rowan Reid, and Barbara Young.

Chair Edwards stated that first item for consideration is to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2016 meeting that are included in the members' materials and that she would entertain a motion to approve the minutes. Bob Grossman moved approval of the minutes and it was seconded by Barbara Young. Asking if there was any discussion and finding none, Angela Edwards called for a vote and the motion passed without dissent.

Provost Tim Tracy said he will keep his report brief today as there will be two speakers today. He said that we are winding down another successful semester, it is finals week, and graduation will be on Friday; he hopes all can join the ceremonies. He said that we are looking forward to the new semester and classes begin on 1/11/17. Provost Tracy mentioned that the SWAT team that meets every Friday morning at 8am to work through student issues has been very successful and a member of that team will present today on one of the issues that is monitored every week: Academic & Behavioral Alerts. He said that we are making it a tradition during these meetings to have presentations from the academic side of the house and the Student Affairs/Student & Academic Life side of the house.

Chair Edwards said there will be two presentations, the first by Dr. Jeff Clymer, Chair of the Department of English to present on research productivity in the Department of English. The second presenter will be Mr. Nick Kehrwald, Interim Dean of Students, to present on Academic & Behavioral Alerts.

Dr. Jeff Clymer said it is a privilege and a pleasure to be invited to talk about research productivity in the English Department. He presented on the research vision and aim of the English Department; on how research is funded; and on national rankings of the department. He spoke about past and current faculty from the department who have been recognized in the field and who have received prestigious awards. He said that top presses are publishing books by UK English faculty and mentioned several recent book publications by current faculty. Finally, Dr. Clymer discussed how the department works to connect research with undergraduate students and student participation in an undergraduate research showcase at the end of the academic year.

Mr. Nick Kehrwald, Interim Dean of Students, presented on Academic & Behavioral Alerts. He stated that he became Interim Dean of Students on August 1, 2016 and that UK is 4 months into what will be a several year process. His talk focused on four items: the institutional data that is being used to make decisions; the project approach; the pilot of the new alert system; and the

plans/work for going forward. He discussed the impact of early alerts and the intersection of Academic alerts & Behavioral alerts on student retention and long term success at UK.

ASACR 1: Candidates for Degrees: December 2016 – Recommendation: that the President be authorized to confer upon each individual whose name appears on the attached list the degree to which he or she is 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. Background: Since the University of Kentucky will hold the December Commencement ceremonies immediately following completion of examinations, it is not possible for the University Registrar to certify satisfactory completion of requirements prior to the ceremonies for those candidates who complete their requirements in December. Trustee Bob Grossman moved approval; Trustee Mike Christian seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed without dissent.

ASACR 2: Candidates for In Memoriam Degrees: December 2016 – Chair Edwards stated that the recommendation is that the President be authorized to confer upon the individuals whose names appear on the attached list an *In Memoriam Posthumous Degree*. The degrees for which application has been made have been 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: An *In Memoriam Posthumous Degree* allows for recognition of a connection to the University of Kentucky for undergraduate, graduate and professional students who were registered in a degree program and were in good academic standing at the time of their death, but did not complete degree requirements. Trustee Bob Grossman moved approval and Trustee Barbara Young seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed without dissent.

ASACR 3: Change in Name of an Educational Unit: College of Medicine – Chair Edwards stated that the recommendation is that the Board of Trustees approve a change in the name of the Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology to the Department of Neuroscience, in the College of Medicine, effective January 1, 2017. By way of background: This name change provides an opportunity to emphasize the Department's key strengths in neuroscience that align with the University's educational and health care missions. Given a national priority to develop neuroscience, as well as the Department's current research and teaching emphasis in this area, a clear definition of the research focus and vision in the Department, exemplified by its name as the Department of Neuroscience, would prime it for further growth. This name change will better reflect the activities in the Department and allow for more accurate recognition of its research work and funding by agencies and national rankings entities. Aligning the Department with the educational focus on neuroscience nationally will enhance the Department's ability to recruit top quality graduate and professional trainees. Also, the name change will allow direct association and comparison with peer units nationally, improving the profile of the Department, the College, and the University as a whole. The faculty and staff assignments and the organization of the Department will not be impacted by this name change. The proposed change has been approved by the faculty of the Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology, the College of Medicine Faculty Council, and the faculty of the College of Medicine; reviewed and recommended by the Senate Academic Organization and Structure Committee and the Senate Council; and endorsed by the University Senate. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Dean Robert DiPaola of the College of Medicine was present for questions. Finding no questions, Trustee Bob Grossman moved approval, which was seconded by Trustee Lee Blonder. There was no discussion, and ASACR 3 passed without dissent.

SGA President and Trustee Rowan Reid presented an update on what SGA has been doing over the past year. She said they have been very productive and she praised her good team. The programs she discussed are:

- WildCab: SGA has partnered with PTS to provide free safe rides to students from 10pm-3am (Thursday through Saturday) using a rider app. The drivers are students who have received training from PTS and UK Police. Currently average 500 student riders per weekend; they currently operate 4 cars and one bus but would like to expand in the future.
- Wildcat Wardrobe: hoping to launch in March 2017 to provide free professional clothing for students who are job hunting or starting a job.
- Yearly SGA budget breakdown: Rowan stated that they try to put the student fee monies back into student services, like student organizations who are requesting funding and also for programs and services that directly benefit students like WildCab.
- Partnership with Office of Student Conduct to provide student advisors to help other students who are going through the conduct process; to have a peer to confide in and guide them through the process of a conduct hearing.
- Higher Education Lobbying is a big focus of her team. The student body presidents of all KY public institutions have written a letter asking Governor Bevin to fulfill the Powerball Promise; Higher Education Rally on 2/13/17 at the capital with all student body presidents; Commonwealth Leadership Reception is a UK Student Government event—state legislators come to talk to our student senators and executive team and talk about issues pertinent to students and they plan to lobby for higher education funding.
- Input being gathered via all-student survey to find out how students are feeling about campus issues, SGA initiatives, etc. Rowan will update the board on the results at a future date.

Finding no further business to come before the committee, Chair Edwards entertained a motion to adjourn. Trustee Bob Grossman moved adjournment, it was seconded by Trustee Mike Christian and the meeting adjourned at 11:20am.

Respectfully submitted,

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Academic and Student Affairs Committee

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