

Minutes
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
Board of Trustees
January 31, 2014

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees met in the Board Room, 18th Floor Patterson Office Tower at 10:30 a.m. on January 31. Keith Gannon called the meeting to order. The following members were in attendance: Angela Edwards, David Hawpe, Kelly Holland, Roshan Palli, John Wilson and Barbara Young

Dr. Gannon distributed the minutes of the December 17, 2013 Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting and asked for any corrections or additions. There being no changes, a motion was made by David Hawpe to accept the minutes as distributed and seconded by Barbara Young. The motion was unanimously approved.

ASACR 1: Candidates for Degree: December 2013 – Resolution requesting authorization for the President to confer upon each individual whose name appears on the attached list the degree to which she is entitled, upon certification by the University Registrar that she 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 and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees. The individuals completed the work leading toward the degree at the close of the 2013 Fall Semester. Due to administrative errors the names were not previously submitted. A motion was made by John Wilson to approve the recommendation and seconded by Angela Edwards. The motion was unanimously approved.

ASACR 2: Merger of Educational Units: College of Medicine – Resolution requesting approval to merge the Department of Molecular and Biomedical Pharmacology and the Graduate Center for Nutritional Sciences into the Department of Pharmacology and Nutritional Sciences, in the College of Medicine, effective immediately. Dr. Lisa Cassis, Chair of the Department of Molecular and Biomedical Pharmacology said the merger has been faculty driven. The Department of Molecular and Biomedical Pharmacology and the Graduate Center for Nutritional Sciences are basic science departments in the College of Medicine. The merger is already creating new synergies for research and graduate education and efficiencies are being identified. Faculty and staff are excited about the new opportunities and the new collaborations that are emerging. A motion was made by Angela Edwards to approve the recommendation and seconded by John Wilson. The motion was unanimously approved.

Roshan Pailli, Student Government Association President, gave an update on student activities. DanceBlue, the annual fundraising effort to fight childhood cancer is February 22. This year there are 18 game watch parties hosted by UK Alumni Clubs around the nation. The Student Government Association (SGA) has a \$140,000 budget and has distributed \$85,000 to support student activities. The remainder will be distributed later this semester. SGA will be hosting a campus safety walk later this semester to provide a safer environment for students, faculty and staff. SGA is pushing to get students to Frankfort for this year's Rally for Higher Education. The Rally gives Kentucky students the opportunity to demonstrate their support of higher education. The Student Activities Board is sponsoring a multitude of events this semester

including comedian Aziz Ansari. The Center for Community Outreach has six trips scheduled during spring break. It's early, but it is already proving to be an exciting semester.

Robert Mock, Vice President for Student Affairs, introduced Mary Chandler Bolin, Director and Felito Aldarondo, Associate Director of the UK Counseling Center. Dr. Bolin stated that all counseling services are offered to fee-paying students who are enrolled for at least six credit hours in undergraduate, graduate or professional programs. The Counseling Center offers short term counseling and therapy to support students and assist with mental health, academic and/or other personal concerns that might interfere with academic performance or a sense of personal well-being while at UK. Counseling services that are offered include: individual, couple, group and workshops, major/career counseling and outreach programming. Dr. Bolin briefly described the Counseling Center highlights from 2012-13 and discussed service statistics and recent trends.

Provost Riordan gave a brief overview of Faculty Employment Trends. She stated the University of Kentucky is deeply committed to attracting and retaining our top faculty. Several programs and initiatives have been put in place to invest in our faculty. In FY 2014, a 5% merit pool for employees was the largest in 22 years. As a result of the Research Challenge Trust Fund "Bucks for Brains" endowments, 219 faculty held a chair or professorship at the end of FY 2013. These are the highest honor a faculty member can hold. The Provost's Faculty Retention Fund provides funding for the colleges to use in order to retain faculty. From FY 2006 to FY 2013, the number of full-time faculty grew from 2,058 to 2,452. The largest number of full-time faculty work in the Colleges of Medicine and Arts and Sciences. The number of women faculty employed at UK increased 37.2% from FY 2006 to FY 2013, while the number of men on the faculty increased 10.2%. In the arena of racial and ethnic diversity, the number of African American faculty increased by 27.8% from 2006 through 2013, while the number of Hispanic faculty increased by 117.9%.

Dr. Gannon thanked the presenters and those in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Gannon
Academic and Student Affairs Committee