

Minutes  
Academic and Student Affairs Committee  
Board of Trustees  
June 10, 2014

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees met in the Board Room, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor Patterson Office Tower at 10:00 a.m. on June 10. Keith Gannon called the meeting to order. The following members were in attendance: William Britton, Angela Edwards, David Hawpe, Kelly Holland, Roshan Palli, John Wilson and Barbara Young

Dr. Gannon distributed the minutes of the April 1, 2014 Academic and Student Affairs Committee 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 John Wilson. The motion was unanimously approved.

ASACR 1: Candidates for Degrees: May 2014 - Resolution requesting approval that the President be authorized 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 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. Due to an administrative error, the names were not previously submitted. A motion was made by Barbara Young to approve the recommendation and seconded by Kelly Holland. The motion was unanimously approved.

ASACR 2: Candidates for Degrees: August 2014 – Resolution requesting authorization for the President 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 those 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. Each individual whose name appears on the attached list is scheduled to complete the work leading toward the degree for which application is being made at the close of the 2014 Summer Session. Due to licensure or certification requirements, degrees must be verified as soon as possible and the next Board of Trustees meeting is not scheduled until September 5, 2014. A motion was made by William Britton to approve the recommendation and seconded by Barbara Young. The motion was unanimously approved.

ASACR 3: Academic Degree Recommendation: College of Arts and Sciences – Resolution requesting approval to establish a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Health, Society and Populations degree within the College of Arts and Sciences, effective in the Fall 2014 Semester. Mark Kornbluh, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said the College has been working in conjunction with the College of Public Health. This program complements current undergraduate health-related programs by providing students an opportunity to pursue their health-related interests through the social sciences. The program draws on the expertise of numerous faculty members and coursework from across a number of colleges at the University. A motion was made by John Wilson to approve the recommendation and seconded by Kelly Holland. The motion was unanimously approved.

ASACR 4: Academic Degree Recommendation: College of Communication and Information – Resolution requesting approval to establish a Master of Science with a major in Information

Communication Technology degree in the School of Library and Information Sciences, within the College of Communication and Information, effective in the Fall 2014 Semester. Dan O’Hair, Dean of the College of Communication and Information, said the graduate program will build on and extend the skills and content covered in the undergraduate program approved in February. Many leadership positions require a master’s degree and this program will prepare students for a successful career in the ICT field. A motion was made by John Wilson to approve the recommendation and seconded by Barbara Young. The motion was unanimously approved.

ASACR 5: Academic Degree Recommendation: College of Public Health – Resolution requesting approval to establish a Bachelor of Public Health degree within the College of Public Health, effective in the Fall 2014 Semester. Steve Wyatt, Dean of the College of Public Health, said discussions about the need for a public health undergraduate degree started about two years ago with the College of Arts and Sciences. The program is more science oriented and courses can be taken across colleges. A motion was made by Barbara Young to approve the recommendation and seconded by John Wilson. The motion was unanimously approved.

ASACR 5: Academic Degree Transfer Recommendation: College of Engineering – Resolution requesting approval to transfer the Master of Science in Manufacturing Systems Engineering from the College of Engineering to the Department of Mechanical Engineering, within the College of Engineering, effective in the Fall 2014 Semester. John Walz, Dean of the College of Engineering, said changing the reporting of the interdisciplinary program from the College to the Department of Mechanical Engineering strengthens the commitment to manufacturing which is critical to the University and the Commonwealth. There are no changes to the courses or the program, just the administrative oversight. A motion was made by Bill Britton to approve the recommendation and seconded by Barbara Young. The motion was unanimously approved.

ASACR 7: Change in Name of An Educational Unit: College of Fine Arts – Resolution requesting approval to change the name of the Department of Theatre to the Department of Theatre and Dance, in the College of Fine Arts, effective July 1, 2014. Michael Tick, Dean of the College of Fine Arts, said changing the name of the unit to include Theatre and Dance will better communicate the scope of the programs and benefit recruitment efforts both on and off campus. A motion was made by Angela Edwards to approve the recommendation and seconded by Kelly Holland. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Gannon welcomed Incoming Student Government President Jake Ingram. Jake is a Mechanical Engineering major from Nicholasville. He engaged in campus activities immediately upon his arrival to campus. His involvement spans student organizations of all sizes and missions, including the Wrap Up America non-profit, DanceBlue, RUF campus ministry, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Sigma Chi Fraternity, Interfraternity Council, and Student Government. He has also participated in undergraduate research and has worked as a Visitors Center tour guide.

Roshan Palli, Student Government Association President, gave an update on student activities. It was a busy academic year and summer is already going strong with orientation programs. SGA decided to decrease student fees by \$1.00 to let students know that we are being good stewards of our resources. CatsCab finished the year with over 10,000 rides and we hope to expand services next year. We are working on a smart phone safety app for students which will extend safety services into neighborhoods. The Student Government Association and Student Activities Board have submitted a proposal to host a debate between Kentucky’s candidates,

Mitch McConnell and Alison Lundergan Grimes, for the 2014 US Senate race. Dr. Gatton thanked Roshan for his outstanding service and leadership.

Provost Riordan said it has been a pleasure working with the talented deans and other administrators to improve student success. Several initiatives have been started this semester and she will give a quick update on each.

A growth operations team has been created to determine the needs associated with our growing student population. We have conducted marketing and admission initiatives to help meet our target of 4,800 undergraduates, designed an integrated admissions and housing calendar, and are implementing a deposit system for Academic Year 2014-15.

During the past semester we have gone through an extensive review of the undergraduate scholarship structure and appointed a Task Force on Graduate Scholarship, Stipends and Fellowships. The Office of External Scholarships continues to provide valuable resources for students competing for nationally competitive awards.

The Living Learning Program Task Force was convened to examine the LLP landscape on the UK campus and to investigate best practices from well-established and highly regard LLPs at other campuses. With the expansion of additional beds, we can expand programs into the upper classes.

The Campus Retention Advisory Committee was established to advise campus leadership in the design, implementation, and assessment of strategies and programs to improve student academic success, retention and graduation. Two major achievements to date include the development of the retention prediction model and the creation of enrollment and retention dashboards.

UK students are participating in education abroad opportunities for academic credit in greater numbers than ever before. The increases are largely due to cooperation between Education Abroad and the academic departments by formally integrating international education options into degree programs. The Office of China Initiatives was launched to support faculty and college partnerships with China. The office will focus on curricular and co-curricular enhancements related to China, 2+2, and other recruitment focused partnerships with Chinese universities.

Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) is an online course provided at no charge to a very large number of people. UK partnered with Coursera to deliver an advanced chemistry course. There were 13,603 students enrolled and 415 completed the course.

The Office of the Provost partnered with UK Analytics and Technologies and the Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching to launch the eLearning Innovation Initiative (eLII), awarding nearly \$1 million in internal awards for faculty development. Forty-one faculty members were admitted to the first faculty cohort.

The Academic Ombud provides a confidential and neutral setting for students to ask questions, discuss problems, and seek assistance with academic-related conflicts and disputes. During 2013-14 the Office handled 472 issues including non-academic offense issues, academic offense issues, and appeals sent to the University Appeals Board.

The Honors Program set a third year of record breaking recruiting. There was 18% growth in applications for Fall 2014 and the average ACT grew from 30 to 32, and unweighted high school GPA increased from 3.81 to 3.9.

The University of Kentucky hosted the 29th Annual National Conference on Undergraduate Research in April 2014. NCUR showcased research and creative activities of over 4,000 students from 47 states and 9 countries.

An application was submitted to the Carnegie Foundation to renew our Community Engagement Classification. The reclassification process occurs every five years and is required for the institution to maintain its Carnegie Foundation status as a community engaged institution.

The Office for Faculty Advancement & Institutional Effectiveness organized and/or facilitated a total of 32 workshops on topics of importance to faculty and chairs.

The Office of the Provost continues to provide leadership in dean searches. Two searches this year have culminated in the appointment of Dr. Nancy Cox as Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment and Dr. Janie Heath as Dean of the College of Nursing. Searches are in progress for the Colleges of Design, Health Science, and the Graduate School and searches have recently been announced for the Colleges of Dentistry and Public Health.

The Women's Leadership and Career Development Task Force began its work in earnest this semester to help identify career and development opportunities for women faculty and executive staff; to help promote the visibility and acknowledgment of women's contributions on campus and to help create an understanding of the status of women on campus.

In October a group of brand managers across the campus was convened to discuss how to enhance UK's academic brand.

To help serve the thousands of UK community members who travel abroad, the International Travel Risk Management Taskforce was charged with reviewing UK's policies, processes, and risk coverage for all forms of international travel.

A long and engaged "listening" tour about the financial model came to a close this semester. Based upon the feedback, an intensive phase of analysis to review and propose formula changes is currently under way.

Dr. Riordan said it has been a great year of learning as she has launched an Open Office Hours series and regularly meets with UK students, faculty and staff.

Dr. Gannon thanked everyone and said he is always impressed with the scope of activities in the Provost area. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Gannon  
Academic and Student Affairs Committee