Minutes
Academic Affairs Committee
Board of Trustees
October 25, 2011

The Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees met in Room A, 18th Floor Patterson Office Tower at 10:15 a.m. on October 25. Keith Gannon called the meeting to order. The following members were in attendance: C. B. Akins, William Britton, Joe Peek, and Barbara Young.

Mr. Gannon distributed the minutes of the September 13, 2011 meeting and asked for any corrections or additions. There being no changes, a motion was made by Barbara Young to accept the minutes as distributed and seconded by C. B. Akins. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR 1: Academic Degree Recommendation – Resolution requesting approval to establish a Master of Music with a major in Music Therapy degree (CIP Code: 51.2305, PROG: GS MM MUTR) in the College of Fine Arts, effective in the spring 2012 semester. A motion was made by Barbara Young to approve the recommendation and seconded by William Britton. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Gannon announced that the agenda for meetings this year will include specific overview topics to update the committee. Today’s topic is “Distance Learning and Technology in the Classroom” and Jeannine Blackwell, Dean of the Graduate School and Associate Provost for Academic Administration; Vince Kellen, Chief Information Officer; and Mark Kornbluh, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, have been invited to share their expertise.

The Distance Learning Programs office provides services to assist faculty in course design; works with the Center for Enhancement of Learning and Teaching (UK CELT) on innovations in technology, demos, and workshops for faculty; works with UKIT Academic Technology on using Blackboard, Adobe Connect Pro, and Echo 360; manages reporting on Distance Learning to the Council on Postsecondary Education; handles compliance and reporting issues with federal regulations; handles online student course evaluations of Distance Learning courses; assists students with disabilities by providing just-in-time accessibility, and provides equipment and some services for ITV classrooms.

Distance Learning courses are all charged tuition at the in-state rate. During the summer 2012 a pilot program will charge out-of-state tuition for undergraduate courses only. Distance Learning courses are charged a $10 per credit hour fee which covers course development, some staff costs, and equipment purchases.
A survey of student ownership of technology was done in the Fall 2011 and it was found that 45% of our students own three devices (95% own a laptop, 90% own a smartphone, 59% own a gaming console, 45% own a desktop computer, and 16% own a pad/tablet. UKIT has developed and deployed critical mobile solutions to support student recruiting and student success. “UKmobile” was created and deployed in October 2010, with 14,743 users and 207,158 app runs to date. UKIT purchased Blackboard Mobile Learn solutions which enables wireless access to the Blackboard courses information from iPads and smart phones.

Mr. Gannon thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Gannon
Academic Affairs Committee