The Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees met in Room H, 18th Floor Patterson Office Tower at 9:30 a.m. on March 19. Keith Gannon called the meeting to order. The following members were in attendance: C. B. Akins, William Britton, John Wilson, and Barbara Young.

Mr. Gannon distributed the minutes of the January 29, 2013 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: Candidate for Degrees - Resolution requesting authorization for the President to confer upon the individual whose name appears on the attached list the degree to which he is entitled, upon certification by the university registrar that he 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 Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees. The individual completed the work leading toward the degree at the close of the 2012 Fall Semester. Due to an administrative error his name was not previously submitted. A motion was made by John Wilson to approve the recommendation and seconded by C. B. Akins. The motion was unanimously approved.

AACR 2: Change of Organizational Structure of the Center on Trauma and Children - Resolution requesting approval to transfer the administrative oversight of the Center on Trauma and Children from the College of Social Work to the College of Medicine. The Center on Trauma and Children (formerly the Center for the Study of Violence Against Children) was established by the Board of Trustees at its meeting on September 11, 2007 and is dedicated to the enhancement of the health and well-being of children and their families through research, service and dissemination of information about child abuse and trauma. The Center’s primary mission is to develop, assimilate, and disseminate knowledge and best practices that will contribute to reducing and ending violence against children and the effects of that violence across the life cycle. From its inception, the Center on Trauma and Children has operated as a collaborative undertaking by the colleges of Social Work and Medicine, with faculty from both colleges participating in the educational activities of the Center. The direction of the Center has been reassessed and is being realigned with the College of Medicine as the primary college. A motion was made by Barbara Young to approve the recommendation and seconded by Bill Britton. The motion was unanimously approved.

As Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee for two years, Mr. Gannon said he has worked with others to identify topics for discussion. He asked for comments and suggestions from other committee members as to what the approach should be for future topics to be brought before the committee. All members and others in attendance
commented on the value the topics add to the meetings. The discussions increase the knowledge and awareness of current and evolving academic affairs issues. With the pending appointment of a new Provost and the consolidating of the Academic Affairs Committee and Student Affairs Committee, committee members would like additional information on a wide variety of issues so that they can be proactive instead of reactive to issues. Mr. Gannon will work with the Interim Provost to develop a plan for future meetings.

Mr. Gannon thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Gannon
Academic Affairs Committee