The Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, December 14, 2004 at 2:30 PM. Committee members present were: Marianne Smith Edge, Chair; Phillip Patton, Rachel Watts, and Russ Williams. Committee member absent was: Steven Reed. Other Board members present were: Mira S. Ball, Ann Brand Haney, Myra Tobin, JoEtta Y. Wickliffe, and Barbara Young. Student Affairs staff present were: Patricia Terrell, Vice President for Student Affairs; Victor Hazard, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students; Jim Wims, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Director of Residence Life; Mary Bolin-Reece, Director of Counseling and Testing; John Herbst, Director of the Student Center; Rhonda Strouse, Director of Student Activities, Leadership and Involvement; Betsy Mahoney, Director of Student Affairs Administration; and Anne Coke, Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs. Present from the University were: Barbara Jones, University Counsel; Dan Adkins, Public Relations, and Linda Jacobs, Budget Office.

Chair Marianne Smith Edge welcomed those present and asked everyone to introduce themselves. She read the following charge to the Student Affairs Committee:

Shall accept and review recommendations from students, faculty, and administrators regarding revisions of the Code of Student Conduct.
Shall review recommendations concerning the general welfare of students and the adoption of rules, procedures, rights, and responsibilities governing non academic relationships between the University and its students. [Governing Regulations Page II-6]

Vice President Terrell presented an overview of Student Affairs. She provided a brief history of Student Affairs noting that the first student affairs “dean” at UK was President Patterson and the first dean of women was hired in 1908 followed in 1912 by the first dean of men. The current organizational structure of a vice president, dean of students and associate deans was initiated in 1967.

She shared information on the vision, mission and values of Student Affairs and distributed a copy of the organizational chart (see attachment). Student Affairs has a $34 million dollar budget with 69% coming from auxiliary operations. Student Affairs touches the lives of most students in a meaningful way through both the services and programs provided, through residential life, and involvement in student clubs and organizations.
Rhonda Strouse shared information on the types of student clubs and organizations, which currently total 352. She noted that they are required to register and have a faculty adviser. In recent years, there has been an increase in the number of religious and special purpose organizations. John Herbst said that there has also been an increase in the number of academic clubs.

The Student Code of Conduct is currently under review, and it is anticipated that proposed revisions will be sent to the President by the Student Code Committee, composed of faculty, staff, and students in the early spring. Following the President’s approval, the draft code will be reviewed by the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees for a recommendation to the full board.

A schedule of current student fees was distributed and discussed. It was noted that Lexington Community College students will not be required to pay student fees beginning July 1, 2006. Preliminary discussions between the Provost, Vice President for Student Affairs, and the Student Government Association President have been held to discuss various proposals to recoup the income that will be lost, which is about 23% of current income.

Rachel Watts discussed the possibility of indexing student fee increases to tuition noting that students will have the same level of expectation for services and programs even though income will be significantly reduced. Other board members including Phillip Patton, Russ Williams, JoEtta Wickliffe, and Barbara Young offered support for this idea. Board members urged Rachel to consider bringing her idea to fruition. [However, it was discovered after the meeting that FCR 17 from the September 16, 2003 BOT meeting already addresses this issue. http://www.uky.edu/Trustees/minutes/200309/fcr17.pdf ]

Chair Smith Edge asked Dr. Terrell to speak briefly about the Student Affairs facilities listed on the capital projects list.

Dr. Terrell shared that the firm of BSA Life Structures prepared a program review for a new University Health Service facility. Currently, University Health Services has about 14,000 square feet. UK has the lowest percentage of square footage per student in its health facility than any of our benchmarks. A new facility totaling approximately 65,000 square feet is needed, which would cost about $24 million. The Student Health Advisory Committee is supportive of increasing the Student Health Plan Fee to cover the cost of design and construction. In addition, Student Affairs conducted a food services and dining needs assessment last year with students, faculty, and staff. As a result, renovations of the Blazer Café, Commons Market, K-Lair Grill, and the Student Center Food Court are needed to enhance both the quality and variety of food services. Students have indicated that they are interested in extended hours, healthier options, more variety, and grab and go meals. In order to provide these options, facilities need to be renovated and new equipment purchased.
John Herbst reported that Perkins and Will have been contracted to prepare a program review for a new Student Center. UK has the oldest student center in the state.

Chair Smith Edge proposed a field trip to a Student Affairs facility/program for the next committee meeting and will determine whether a meeting will be held in January.

Russ Williams moved to adjourn the meeting, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:40 PM.