

Minutes  
Academic and Student Affairs Committee  
Board of Trustees  
December 17, 2013

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 December 17. 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

Mr. Gannon distributed the minutes of the June 11, 2013 Student Affairs Committee meeting and asked for any corrections or additions. There being no changes, a motion was made by John Wilson to accept the minutes as distributed and seconded by Kelly Holland. The motion was unanimously approved. The minutes of the September 10, 2013 Academic and Student Affairs Committee were also distributed. A motion was made by Roshan Palli 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 degrees upon each individual identified on the attached list, upon certification that the requirements for those degrees have been satisfactorily completed. Since the University will hold the December commencement ceremonies immediately following the completion of examinations, it is not possible for the university registrar to certify satisfactory completion of requirements prior to the ceremonies for those candidates who complete the requirements in December. A motion was made by Barbara Young to approve the recommendation and seconded by Kelly Holland. The motion was unanimously approved.

ASACR 2: Academic Degree Recommendation: College of Communication and Information – Resolution requesting approval to establish a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science with a major in Information Communication Technology degree in the School of Library and Information Science within the College of Communication and Information, effective in the Spring 2014 Semester. Dr. Dan O’Hair, Dean of the College of Communication and Information, said the proposed program focuses on providing students with the knowledge and skills needed to effectively apply, use, and manage technology when solving problems specifically related to information and communication. The objectives of the program include educating and preparing students for a successful career in the ICT field in a global economy ever more dependent upon technology. A motion was made by Roshan Palli to approve the recommendation and seconded by Barbara Young. The motion was unanimously approved.

ASACR 3: Academic Degree Transfer Recommendation – Resolution requesting approval to transfer the Master of Science in Radiological Medical Physics (RMP) with a major in Radiation Science degree from the Department of Clinical Sciences in the College of Health Sciences to the Department of Radiation Medicine in the College of Medicine, effective January 1, 2014. Dr. Sharon Stewart, Interim Dean of the College of Health Sciences, said the program has been offered by the College of Health Sciences in collaboration with the College of Medicine since its inception. Over the years, the leadership, resources and responsibility of the program have transitioned to the College of Medicine. It is anticipated that the program transfer will have no

adverse effect on the RMP degree program, faculty, staff or students. A motion was made by David Hawpe to approve the recommendation and seconded by Barbara Young. The motion was unanimously approved.

ASACR 4: Change in Name of an Educational Unit: College of Public Health – Resolution requesting approval to change the name of the Department of Health Services Management to Department of Health Management and Policy, in the College of Public Health, effective immediately. Dr. Steve Wyatt, Dean of the College of Public Health, said the faculty and administrators are assessing the organizational structure of the College to build on strengths and forge new directions that are consistent with the changing environment of higher education and public health/healthcare administration education. The addition of the term “policy” to the name is in recognition of the importance of health policy to public health education and research. A motion was made by Angela Edwards to approve the recommendation and seconded by Kelli Holland. The motion was unanimously approved.

Roshan Pailli, Student Government Association President, gave a quick report on the Fall Semester. There are 485 registered student organizations. Through the Center for Community Outreach, students participate in Hunger & Homelessness Week, Alternative Spring Break, help the needy in the community with Thanksgiving baskets and Circle of Love gifts for children, and the upcoming Dance Blue. The Common Reading Experience was a success again this year. Student Activities Board has organized and hosted 60+ events including Crunch Brunch for 2200 students, the Lumineers and Ben Sollee concerts, and the inaugural SpeakBlue Distinguished Speaker Anderson Cooper. Student Government has sponsored many activities this year including, Cats Cab giving over 5000 rides; the recent Safety Walk; the All-Student Tailgate, and the Fall Survey with over 1300 respondents.

Robert Mock, Vice President for Student Affairs, announced that the Center for Community Outreach UK Alternative Spring Breaks (UKASB) program has been selected as the Program of the Year for the Commission for Student Involvement through the American College of Personnel Association (ACPA) for 2013-14. The students will attend the award presentation in Indianapolis at the national ACPA convention in March 2014. We are proud of the student leadership and their tireless efforts to produce this program. Crunch Brunch was last night at Memorial Coliseum. Faculty, staff and students served approximately 1,000 free late night meals to over 4,000 students from 9:00 p.m. to midnight.

Provost Riordan introduced Ben Withers, Interim Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education, and Bethany Miller, Retention Coordinator. Dr. Miller gave a summary of the immediate actions to improve student retention that are being focused on this academic year:

- \* Obtain input on recommendations from a wider audience
- \* Conduct focus group regarding student success
- \* Implement individualized retention plans
- \* Administer UK Mobile micro-survey
- \* Implement an Exit Process for Withdrawing Students
- \* Move residence hall inquiries regarding intent to return from December to October
- \* Continue and strengthen calling system for non-returning students
- \* Administer an Attrition Survey

- \* Comprehensive assessment of bottleneck courses
- \* Analyze the impact of financial aid on upper class student retention and graduation

Dr. Withers stated that retention is everyone's business. We need to have strategies tailored for different students. First year students require different assistance than upper class students. We are taking things we've done and making them better and using technology to send targeted messages to students. The University of Kentucky is a national leader in attacking retention problems. We have a good history, but we can't be satisfied.

Dr. Mock reported that on May 2, 2013 President Capilouto announced the creation of the Workgroup on Student Health and Safety. The Workgroup's charge included: Assess individual and environmental factors that contribute to the misuse of alcohol by University of Kentucky students on- and off-campus; Assess current campus practice and policies designed to promote responsible use of alcohol and prevention of alcohol abuse with reduction of associated harms; Review and evaluate new evidence and best practices available to the University and community to prevent alcohol abuse and reduce its associated harm on- and off-campus; and Provide summary evaluations about alternative strategies at the individual, campus, and community level designed to prevent alcohol abuse and its associated harms on- and off-campus and mechanisms for assessing the effectiveness of such strategies for the purpose of continuous quality improvement. A report with recommendations is due to the President before the end of the calendar year.

Dana Walton Macaulay, Office of Student Responsibility and Community Advocacy, gave a brief report on the Community of Concern process and caseload. Many different offices collaborate to proactively address the issues of concern involving our students and/or employees to maintain the safety of all members of the University community.

Dr. Gannon adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Gannon  
Academic and Student Affairs Committee