

Minutes
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
Board of Trustees
December 9, 2014

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees met in the Board Room, 18th Floor Patterson Office Tower at 10:00 a.m. on December 9. Angela Edwards called the meeting to order and thanked Chair Gannon for the opportunity to serve as Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. The following members were in attendance: Cammie Grant, Robert Grossman, David Hawpe, Kelly Holland, Jake Ingram, John Wilson and Barbara Young.

Ms. Edwards stated the minutes of the September 5, 2014 Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting were distributed earlier 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 Robert Grossman. The motion was unanimously approved.

ASACR 1: Candidates for Degree: December 2014 – 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: Candidates for Degree: May 2014 – Resolution requesting authorization for the the President to rescind the double major degree and confer dual degrees upon the individual whose name appears on the attached list, upon certification by the University Registrar that the individual has satisfactorily completed all requirements for the 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 of the Board of Trustees. The individual graduated in May 2014 with a single degree with a double major. Prior to graduation, the advisor did not point out the difference between a double major and dual degrees. The student thought he was on the path for dual degrees, based on the number of credits he had completed, as well as an assumption that a “double major” meant “dual degrees.” The student has completed the requirements for both degrees. A motion was made by John Wilson to approve the recommendation and seconded by Barbara Young. The motion was unanimously approved.

ASACR 3: Candidates for Degree: August 2014 – 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 for which application has been made and as approved by the elected faculty of the University Senate and the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees. The individual whose name appears on the attached list completed the work leading toward the degree for which application was made. Due to an administrative error, the name was not previously submitted. A motion was made by Robert Grossman to approve the recommendation and seconded by Cammie Grant. The motion was unanimously approved.

ASACR 4: Academic Degree Recommendation: College of Arts and Sciences (Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in Modern and Classical Languages, Literatures and Cultures) -

Resolution requesting approval to establish a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science with a major in Modern and Classical Languages, Literatures and Cultures degree in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages, Literatures and Cultures, in the College of Arts and Sciences, effective January 1, 2015. Dr. Mark Kornbluh, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said the proposal represents the desire of the faculty to 1) improve the global literacy of students, regardless of their field of concentration; 2) capitalize on the strengths of working as a team within faculty areas of expertise, regardless of the language studied; and 3) maintain standards for student proficiency in the language and culture of their field of concentration. He said the faculty and students are excited about the new degree. A motion was made by John Wilson to approve the recommendation and seconded by Kelly Holland. The motion was unanimously approved.

ASACR 5: Change in Name and Organization Structure of the Graduate Center for Toxicology

– Resolution requesting approval to change the name and organizational structure of the Graduate Center for Toxicology to the Department of Toxicology and Cancer Biology, in the College of Medicine, effective January 1, 2015. Dr. Mary Vore, Chair of the Graduate Center for Toxicology, said the Center’s primary focus has been on graduate education and has grown from five to 23 faculty in recent years. The proposed change takes advantage of the unique education and research strengths of the faculty in the Center that has recently expanded into two areas: (1) cancer research, together with the remarkable increased research and educational strengths of the Markey Cancer Center that has occurred over the last three years; and (2) mechanisms underlying disease caused by environmental toxicants that is the focus of a recently created Center for Research on Environmental Disease. A motion was made by Robert Grossman to approve the recommendation and seconded by John Wilson. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jake Ingram, Student Government Association President gave presentations on LiveSafe and Cats Cab. LiveSafe is a two-way communication tool to help students put safety at their fingertips. It lowers barriers for people to participate in community safety, is relevant to the way students live and expect information, and empowers students to look out for one another. Last year in SGA, the number one concern heard from students was off-campus safety. Students asked about putting “blue light towers” in the surrounding neighborhoods. SGA researched benchmark universities and found that many had success with personal safety smartphone applications. LiveSafe will serve as a compliment to the blue light phones around campus. The Request for Proposals was released in June, proposals were reviewed, vendor demonstrations and student focus groups were held, and a vendor was selected in September. LiveSafe will be launched in February 2015 and will be available to all students, faculty and staff.

The Cats Cab Program is a service provided by the Student Government Association and operated by Bluegrass Cabs. It aims to enhance student wellness by providing them with a safe ride home on the weekends. Cats Cab provides safe ride programs for UK students with a student ID and is available Thursday – Saturday nights from 10:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. Pickup must be inside of New Circle Road and destinations must be a residential address. There are discounted rates for destinations outside of New Circle Road. The program is currently paid for entirely by the Student Government. Since the inception of the program in the Fall Semester of 2013 it has given 8,003 rides, served 16,520 riders and averaged 408 rides per weekend. Based

upon results from a trial period this fall using additional vehicles, the program will be expanded with sponsorships to allow for the addition of two ADA compliant vehicles this spring.

Dr. Robert Mock, Vice President for Student Affairs, gave an update on the Health and Safety Task and Implementation Committee. The committee membership includes faculty, staff and students from all areas of the University, Bluegrass Community and Technical College, the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government, and neighborhood representatives. Dr. Mock has met with many others to get feedback from groups that might not have direct representation on the committee. We will have a public reporting link that will allow feedback from anywhere. Next steps include updating the Student Code and the Alcohol Policy, with the goal of providing a safe environment for our community.

Ms. Edwards thanked those in attendance and adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Edwards
Academic and Student Affairs Committee