

Minutes  
Academic and Student Affairs Committee  
Board of Trustees  
September 5, 2014

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 September 5. Keith Gannon called the meeting to order. The following members were in attendance: William Britton, Angela Edwards, David Hawpe, Kelly Holland, Jake Ingram, John Wilson and Barbara Young

Dr. Gannon distributed the minutes of the June 10, 2014 Academic and 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 David Hawpe. The motion was unanimously approved.

ASACR 1: Candidates for Degrees: August 2014 - Resolution requesting approval that the President be authorized to confer upon each individual whose name appears on the attached list the degree to which he or she is entitled, upon certification by the University Registrar that the individual 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. Each individual whose name appears on the attached list completed the work leading toward the degree for which application was made at the close of the 2014 Summer Session. A motion was made by Angela Edwards to approve the recommendation and seconded by Kelly Holland. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jake Ingram, Student Government Association President, distributed the schedule of events and activities associated with K Week. This year students could download the K Week app on their phone to have the schedule easily accessible. All first year students are reading *A Long Way Gone* by Ishmael Beah as part of the Common Reading Experience. FUSION was a success again this year. It is the largest one-day event in the state where students team up with agencies to complete service projects. The Martin Luther King Center will be hosting Soup and Substance events during 2014-15. The first event will focus on police injustice, brutality and discrimination. SGA has worked all summer getting ready for Cats Cab. The free cab service provides students with a free and safe ride anywhere within New Circle Road. We are also looking for a vendor for a smart phone safety app which will extend safety services into neighborhoods.

Provost Riordan reminded everyone that it takes an entire team working together to achieve our successes. We have just had an incredible year of progress with strategic enrollment growth; the largest, most diverse, and most academically prepared first-year class in history; and a massive campus revitalization. Today's overview of academic initiatives for 2014-15 will briefly highlight a few items in each area.

#### Undergraduate Education

- \* Expand and promote the quality of the Living Learning Program
- \* Improve retention rates
- \* Adjust enrollment marketing and admission strategies

#### Graduate and Professional Education

- \* Work with colleges to develop and promote new programs and improve admissions
- \* Analyze and distribute data and benchmarking information
- \* Clarify stipends, scholarships, and fellowships within the new budget model

#### Centers/Research

- \* Informatics Initiative
- \* Center for Interprofessional HealthCare Education, Research and Practice Review

#### Internationalization

- \* Continue development of China-focused initiatives and strategy
- \* Improve the tracking of Education Abroad participation
- \* Implement improved software system for immigration and international student services

#### Faculty Advancement

- \* Focus on faculty development
- \* Implement a faculty support team and build supporting partnerships
- \* Complete dean searches

#### Finance/Facilities/Analytics

- \* Implement Financial Model
- \* Promote online learning
- \* Develop college productivity dashboards

Dr. Gannon thanked the presenters and those in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Gannon  
Academic and Student Affairs Committee