

Minutes
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
Board of Trustees
September 9, 2016

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees met in the Augenstein Alumni Center on the campus of Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY on September 9, 2016. Trustee Angela Edwards called the meeting to order at 10:43am. The following members were in attendance: C.B. Akins, Sr., Angela Edwards, Cammie Grant, Bob Grossman, and Barbara Young. David Hawpe was absent during roll call but joined the meeting shortly thereafter.

Chair Edwards stated that the members should have a copy of the minutes of the June 24, 2016 meeting in their packets and that she would entertain a motion to approve the minutes. Bob Grossman moved approval of the minutes and it was seconded by Barbara Young. Asking if there was any discussion and finding none, Angela Edwards called for a vote and the motion passed without dissent.

Provost Tim Tracy said it was a pleasure to be in Bowling Green and that he will defer most of his report to the next meeting because of an exciting presentation by the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment. Provost Tracy said we have a very strong extension program throughout the state, particularly in Warren County. He asked Dean Nancy Cox of CAFE to come up for the presentation and to introduce her team with her today.

Dean Nancy Cox said she appreciates the privilege to present a snapshot of a very important UK program in Warren County. She said it is important to note that CAFE is organized into 3 mission areas: teaching, research, and extension. UK has agents in 120 counties and like to think of themselves as hardwired out into the state with programs, offices, and personnel that extend the University. Dean Cox said that Warren County is a great example because of its vibrant, growing city and vibrant agricultural economy and some powerful programs. She introduced Joanna Coles, Warren County Ag Agent who, with her team, is here to give an overview of some of the programs they have.

Joanna welcomed the BOT to Warren County and began her presentation, entitled *We Grow Warren County*.

A program supported by UK Extension is the Local Food Project—permanent marketplace for local farmers to market their goods. There was a capital investment of \$1.69 million dollars into the Local Food Project that included building a permanent downtown Farmer's Market pavilion and a Culinary Incubator Kitchen. They are currently renovating the first African American church in Warren County, right beside the Farmer's Market pavilion, into a kitchen for teaching; they are also partnering with WKU and culinary program at the local technical college in the hopes of developing food entrepreneurs. The goal is to break down barriers to food access and to teach about food prep, nutritional value, and how to reduce food waste.

Joanna concluded by stating that she heard President Capilouto say that “our mission is sacred”. Warren County Extension service believes that and lives it in the work that they do. They bring the teaching, the research, and the knowledge to the local community to improve the quality of life. She looks at extension agents as the University’s sales team that brings knowledge that can change lives and they serve as the front door to the University. They reach over 8000 youth through their extension programs, which is sometimes their first experience with UK.

This was followed by a presentation by Elizabeth Chaney Lunsford, Class of 2011, to talk about Living the Mission. She gave a presentation entitled *Extension: A Foundation for Growth*. A UK Ag Econ alum, she stated that she is a product of the cooperative extension service. She believes that Extension gives individuals avenues to be leaders and that it helps build leadership—for a farmer, student, or child.

ASACR 1: Candidates for Degrees: August 2016 – Chair Edwards stated the Recommendation will be 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 Senate Council on behalf of the elected faculty of the University Senate and the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees. She continued that by way of background, 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 2016 Summer Session. Trustee Cammie Grant moved for approval and Trustee C.B Akins, Sr. seconded. Seeing no further discussion, the motion passed without dissent.

ASACR 2: Candidates for Degrees: May 2016 – Chair Edwards said the Recommendation be that the President be authorized to bestow upon the individuals whose names appear 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 Senate Council on behalf of the elected faculty of the University Senate and the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees. She continued that by way of background, the individuals whose names appear on the attached list completed the work leading toward the degree for which an application was made. Due to administrative error, the names were not previously submitted. Trustee Bob Grossman moved approval and Trustee Barbara Young seconded. There was no discussion and the motion was passed without dissent.

ASACR 3: Deletion of Degrees: College of Arts and Sciences – Chair Edwards stated that the Recommendation is that the Board of Trustees approve the deletion of the Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Classics; Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Japanese Language and Literature; Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Russian; Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science degree with a major in French; Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science degree with a major in German; and the Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Chinese Language and Literature, in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages, Literatures and Cultures, within the College of Arts and Sciences, beginning in the Fall 2016 Semester. By way of background, in December 2014, the Board approved the establishment of a unified Modern and Classical Languages,

Literatures and Cultures major (with seven tracks) to improve the global literacy of students, regardless of their field of concentration; capitalize on the strengths of working as a team within faculty areas of expertise, regardless of the language studied; and maintain standards for student proficiency in the language and culture of their field of concentration. Students have not been admitted to the stand-alone majors since August 2015. All existing students declaring a new major that would have previously been in one of the stand-alone degrees are being required to complete the new requirements. Students currently enrolled in the programs (prior to August 2015) will be allowed to complete degree programs. The deletion of the degrees will not affect the employment of faculty or staff. This proposal has the approval of the Undergraduate Council, Senate Council, and University Senate. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Dr. Anna Bosch was available in Lexington via video conference.

Chair Edwards stated that she would entertain a motion with respect to ASACR 3 to get it on the floor. Trustee C.B. Aikens, Sr. moved approval for the motion, seconded by Trustee Bob Grossman.

Chair Edwards asked if there was any discussion/any questions for Dr. Bosch and asked Dr. Bosch to feel free to comment about ASACR 3 and to add whatever she likes with respect to ASACR3. Dr. Bosch stated that the Department of Modern and Classical Languages, Literatures and Cultures are delighted with the implementation of the new combined program with separate tracks and the deletion of the degrees is a house-keeping issue to make sure that there are not two degrees that track the student in the same direction.

Finding no questions for Dr. Bosch, Chair Edwards called for a vote on ASACR 3 and it passed with no dissent.

Chair Edwards thanked Trustee Reed for tabling Student Government Report until the next meeting in the interest of time so the committee meetings could get back on schedule.

Finding no further business to come before the committee, Chair Edwards entertained a motion to adjourn. Trustee Grossman moved adjournment and the meeting adjourned at 11:21am.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Edwards
Academic and Student Affairs Committee

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