

Minutes
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
Board of Trustees
May 1, 2018

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees met in Woodward Hall, Gatton College of Business and Economics, on May 1, 2018. Trustee Angela Edwards called the meeting to order at 10:02am. The following members were in attendance: Angela Edwards, Lee Blonder, Ben Childress, Bob Grossman, David Hawpe, Derrick Ramsey, Sandy Shuffett, and Barbara Young.

Chair Edwards stated that the first item of business is the approval of the minutes of the February 23, 2018 Academic and Student Affairs Committee (ASAC) meeting which are included in the members' materials. Trustee Bob Grossman moved approval of the minutes which was seconded by Trustee David Hawpe. Finding no discussion, Chair Edwards called for a vote and the motion passed without dissent.

ASACR 1: Candidate For Degree: December 2017-The recommendation is that the President be authorized to confer upon the individual whose name appears on the attached list the degree to which the individual 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 of the Board of Trustees. By way of background, the individual whose name appears on the attached list completed the work leading toward the degree for which an application was made at the close of the 2017 Fall Semester. Due to an administrative error, the name was not previously submitted. Trustee Bob Grossman moved approval, which was seconded by Trustee David Hawpe. There was no discussion and the motion passed without dissent.

ASACR 2: Candidates For Degrees: May 2018-The recommendation is 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 of the Board of Trustees. By way of background, since Commencement exercises are held immediately following completion of examinations, it is not possible for the University Registrar to certify satisfactory completion of requirements prior to Commencement exercises for those candidates who complete their requirements in May. Trustee Barbara Young moved approval, which was seconded by Trustee Lee Blonder. The Trustees pointed out that Trustee Ben Childress is on this commencement list and Chair Edwards congratulated Trustee Childress. There was no discussion and the motion passed without dissent.

ASACR 3: Candidates For Degrees: August 2018-The recommendation is 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 of the Board of Trustees. By way of background, each individual whose name appears on the attached list is

scheduled to complete the work toward the degree for which application is being made at the close of the 2018 Summer Session. Due to licensure or certification requirements for students pursuing job placement or additional education, degrees must be verified as soon as possible. Trustee Sandy Shuffett moved approval, which was seconded by Trustee Derrick Ramsey. There was no discussion and the motion passed without dissent.

ASACR 4: Candidates For In Memoriam Degrees: May 2018-The recommendation is that the President be authorized to confer upon each individual whose name appears on the attached list an *In Memoriam Posthumous Degree*. The degree for which application has been made has been approved by the elected faculty of the University Senate and the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees. By way of background, an *In Memoriam Posthumous Degree* allows for recognition of a connection to the University of Kentucky for undergraduate, graduate, and professional students who were registered in a degree program and were in good academic standing at the time of their death, but did not complete degree requirements. Trustee Bob Grossman moved approval, which was seconded by Trustee Ben Childress. There was no discussion and the motion passed without dissent.

ASACR 5: Academic Degree Recommendation: College of Fine Arts-The recommendation is that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) degree in Curatorial Studies, in the School of Arts and Visual Studies, within the College of Fine Arts, beginning in the Fall 2018 Semester. By way of background, the proposed MFA in Curatorial Studies is a three-year, hybrid online and residency program. It is a practice-based degree that prepares students for curatorial positions in a wide variety of community and arts organizations. The Curatorial Studies degree differs from a Museum Studies degree, in that the latter prepares students to work in museums. In contrast, the Curatorial Studies degree involves working with contemporary art and artists, and with community art groups and organizations. In addition, the proposed MFA degree will prepare graduates for teaching in postsecondary institutions. The unique character of the Program and its relatively low cost will attract high quality students nationwide and even internationally. Currently, there are few such programs offered in the United States and internationally. The Program has the approval of the appropriate councils and the University Senate. It has completed the 30-day review process of the Council on Postsecondary Education. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation. Present at the meeting from the College of Fine Arts were Dean Mark Shanda, Professor Anna Bryzski, and Professor Miriam Kienle. Finding no questions, Trustee Lee Blonder moved approval, which was seconded by Trustee Derrick Ramsey. With no discussion, the motion passed without dissent.

ASACR 6: Academic Degree Recommendation: College of Design- The recommendation is that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Master of Science (MS) degree in Urban and Environmental Design (UED), within the College of Design, beginning in the Fall 2018 Semester. By way of background, Urban Design is a growing field dedicated to the analysis and design of tangible features within cities and towns. Currently, there are no Urban Design programs in Kentucky, and while University of Louisville offers a graduate degree in Urban Planning, the two fields are complementary but distinct. As such, the proposed MS in Urban and Environmental Design program will prepare students for positions in city planning departments and design firms. Both the cities of Louisville and Lexington have expressed interest in the creation of the UED program. Design firms specializing in architecture and landscape architecture continue to pursue projects at the urban scale, and many professional offices in Kentucky have supported the idea of the UED program in order to expand the knowledge and training of employees. UED graduates with additional requisite work experience will be

eligible to sit for the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) exam and the AICP Certified Urban Design (AICPCUD) exam. This program has the approval of the appropriate councils and the University Senate and has completed the 30-day review process of the Council on Postsecondary Education. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation. Present at the meeting from the College of Design were Dean Mitzi Vernon and Professor Brett Sturlaugson. Finding no questions, Trustee David Hawpe moved approval, which was seconded by Trustee Derrick Ramsey. Trustee Hawpe discussed how Urban Design has transformed his own community and other communities in Kentucky and beyond. He feels this is an important area and he is enthusiastic about this degree. With no further discussion, the motion passed without dissent.

ASACR 7: Academic Degree Recommendation: College of Arts and Sciences-The recommendation is that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in United States Culture and Business Practices, within the College of Arts and Sciences, beginning in the Fall 2018 Semester. By way of background, the proposed Program will allow students to complete an interdisciplinary degree that draws together significant training in business with a rich background in the history, politics, arts, and culture of the United States. The proposed coursework will be split between classes in the College of Arts and Sciences Humanities and Social Science departments and classes in the Gatton College of Business and Economics. Through program coursework, students will enhance critical thinking and writing skills; develop communication and other "soft skills" and hone problem-solving strategies while integrating key aspects of a business degree, including management, marketing, finance, and economics. This is an innovative and collaborative cross-disciplinary Program that is not available at UK benchmark institutions, but is rising in popularity across the United States. The Program has the approval of the appropriate councils and the University Senate and has completed the 30-day review process of the Council on Postsecondary Education. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation. Present at the meeting from the College of Arts and Sciences were Dean Mark Kornbluh and Associate Dean Rich Schein; and Interim Dean Steve Skinner was present from the Gatton College of Business and Economics. Finding no questions, Trustee Bob Grossman moved approval, which was seconded by Trustee Sandy Shuffett. There was no discussion and the motion passed without dissent.

ASACR 8: Academic Degree Recommendation: College of Education-The recommendation is that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree with a major in Secondary (STEM) Education, in the Department of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education within the College of Education, beginning in the Fall 2018 Semester. By way of background, the proposed program will provide candidates interested in teaching secondary science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) disciplines with a Master of Arts (MAT) in Teaching, allowing them to teach appropriate courses in grades 8-12 in Kentucky. The required coursework includes a sequence of STEM education methods and seminar courses, as well as courses in core education areas such as educational psychology, special education, education policy, literacy, and assessment. Consistent with other teacher preparation courses at the University of Kentucky, the MAT in Secondary STEM Education will follow a clinical model with a sequence of research/industry externships, diverse field placement, and student teaching. The United States continues to face drastic shortages in STEM teachers, especially in Kentucky. A key way to address this problem is to provide multiple, flexible programs offering different pathways into STEM teaching. Traditional benchmark institutions and institutions across Kentucky all offer a MAT route to certification. The proposed MAT in Secondary STEM Education program will be the most compact program in the state (*e.g.*, can be

completed in one calendar year). The proposed Program has the approval of the appropriate councils and the University Senate and has completed the 30-day review process of the Council on Postsecondary Education. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation. Present at the meeting from the College of Education were Dean Mary John O’Hair and Dr. Brett Criswell. Trustee David Hawpe asked about the possible perception that the STEM part of the training is being diluted. Dean O’Hair answered that this is not a dilution; it is designed to give an additional pathway for career changers (i.e., Engineers) moving into teaching. Dr. Criswell explained that there is a one-year compact pathway or two-year flexible pathway. Trustee Grossman commented that this is a program for those who already have bachelor’s degrees in the sciences, so he felt it is more intensive in the math or science side than the traditional degree. Trustee Grant asked if there is a Student Teaching component; Dr. Criswell confirmed in the affirmative. Finding no additional questions, Trustee Bob Grossman moved approval, which was seconded by Trustee David Hawpe. With no further discussion, the motion passed without dissent.

ASACR 9: Academic Degree Recommendation: College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment- The recommendation is that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree with a major in Forest and Natural Resources (FNRS), in the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources within the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment, beginning in the Fall 2018 Semester. By way of background, the proposed PhD in Forest and Natural Resources is designed as an individualized yet comprehensive degree of study in the management and conservation of natural resources, and the environment. At present, there are no such PhD programs in Kentucky. As a result, Kentucky students interested in pursuing a PhD in this field must leave the State to do so. The proposed Program also seeks to attract high quality, motivated students from across the nation; as there is substantial job growth in forestry and natural resource management. Graduates of the Program will be employed in state and federal governments, and private industry. Students will be prepared to conduct research in natural resource sciences as well as teach in natural resources-related disciplines, such as forest management and conservation biology. This Program has the approval of the appropriate councils and the University Senate and has completed the 30-day review process of the Council on Postsecondary Education. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation. Present from the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment were Dean Nancy Cox and Dr. Jeff Stringer. Finding no questions, Trustee Sandy Shuffett moved approval, which was seconded by Trustee Barbara Young. There was no discussion and the motion passed without dissent.

ASACR 10: Establishment of the Center for Health Equity Transformation: College of Medicine- The recommendation is that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of the Center for Health Equity Transformation (CHET), a multidisciplinary research center, in the College of Medicine, effective July 1, 2018. By way of background, CHET’s mission will be to coordinate transdisciplinary, translational research and training efforts across UK units to address health disparities. CHET will foster and catalyze research across the translational spectrum, from improving the understanding of risk factors that contribute to health inequalities, to implementing, disseminating, and evaluating interventions, programs, and policies that remedy such disparities. In addition, CHET will enable the institution to leverage resources already dedicated to improving health equity, including the Kentucky legislature’s major investment in a health disparities research facility (RB 2, a \$265 million research building); implementation of UK’s Strategic Plan (emphasizing community engagement, transdisciplinary research, and student success); new calls from foundations and federal agencies to combat health disparities; and a critical mass of UK faculty, staff, and students with health equity-focused research.

CHET has identified initial targets for extramural research funding. The Proposal has been reviewed and recommended by the Senate Committee on Academic Organization and Structure and the Senate Council. The University Senate approved the Proposal based upon its academic merits and endorsed the resources and placement of the Center. The Vice President for Research and Provost of the University support this recommendation. Present from the College of Medicine were Dean Bob DiPaola and Dr. Nancy Schoenburg. Finding no questions, Trustee Bob Grossman moved approval, which was seconded by Trustee Derrick Ramsey. Trustee Grossman asked Dr. Schoenberg about the necessity for this center. Dr. Schoenberg answered that Kentucky is plagued by health inequalities and that our benchmark institutions have centers such as this. There are many individuals on UK's campus who would like to partner and address these inequalities and leverage the resources to compete for extramural funding for training. Trustee Grossman asked if they will address both rural and urban inequalities in Kentucky. Dr. Schoenberg indicated that it will be for all populations who suffer from health inequalities across Kentucky and the nation. They have colleagues at University of Louisville and University of Kansas who are open to partnerships with UK. Finding no further discussion, the motion passed without dissent.

Chair Edwards introduced Student Government Association (SGA) President Ben Childress for the SGA update:

- Commonwealth Leadership Reception where students and members of SGA were able to lobby.
- Rally for Higher Education in Frankfort to advocate for higher education support.
- Campus Improvements—upgraded water fountains in WT Young Library.
- Working on partnering with UK Legal Clinic to provide legal services for students.
- Continuing to work on Campus Safety—identifying areas for improvement.
- Leadership Development program for UK Freshmen. Given a \$100 challenge to make an improvement on campus.
- Fall Break proposal passed the University Senate and is scheduled to begin in Fall 2019.
- Dance Blue Update: Raised approximately \$1.8 million this year and \$13 million overall since they started. Incredible accomplishments by students at UK. This will be held at the new Student Center going forward and he is grateful for Bill Gatton's generosity in providing the space.

Trustee Christian congratulated Trustee Childress on his accomplishments as SGA President and wished him well and thanked him for his service. Trustee Childress' last meeting will be the June, 2018 meeting.

Provost Report

Provost Blackwell thanked the Committee for approving the new academic programs earlier in the meeting; they are important to "our path forward." Faculty collaborate with deans and other leaders on campus and the University Senate to pull these program proposals together to vet them to make sure they are serving a genuine academic need and meet workforce needs. The Provost expressed his appreciation to the deans, the faculty, and the University Senate for bringing these proposals. Provost Blackwell gave an update on academic leadership, focusing on the deans. Deans are CEO's of their

units, with complex roles and long hours. He asked the deans present to stand and be recognized. Out of 19 deans, there are six vacancies or pending vacancies. Rudy Buchheit has accepted the offer to join UK as the new Dean of the College of Engineering. The Dean of Libraries position will be reposted in the fall. Dean Mary John O’Hair (Education) and Dean Dan O’Hair (Communications) are stepping down, so searches will commence in the Fall. He thanked the five Interim Deans: Larry Holloway—Engineering; Deirdre Scaggs—Libraries; Brian Jackson—Graduate School; Steve Skinner—Gatton Business and Economics; and Ann Vail—Social Work. Additionally, a vacancy exists in the position of Associate Provost for Enrollment Management. That search is underway and the Provost hopes to fill the position by the end of May. It is a good time of year to be Provost—lots of events are happening to recognize great accomplishments of faculty and students. He extended thanks to Ben Childress for his service. The Provost is making a strong effort to collaborate with the University Senate and Senate Council. “For us to succeed in ‘our path forward’, the Senate, the Deans, and the Provost will need to work together to achieve the goals.” He thanked Katherine McCormick for her service as Chair of the Senate Council and introduced Jennifer Bird-Pollan who is the incoming Chair of the Senate Council.

Provost Blackwell explained that President Capilouto tasked the division of Student and Academic Life, led by Greg Heileman, to study the issue of Student Center Programming, engage the campus, and map out the initial set of programming that will go on inside the Student Center. Provost Blackwell introduced Jim Wims, Senior Assistant Provost of Student and Academic Life and Grace Hahn-Hester, Director, Office of Student Organizations and Activities to present on programming inside the Student Center. Jim Wims discussed how the idea is to create the kind of programming that is worthy of the new facility—reimagined programming that is collaborative, creative, and engages the entire UK community. He explained the background of the work, which started in Spring 2017, the charge they were given, the principles they used, and the programming strands. He explained the Student Center Challenge and how it was used to engage faculty in a design-thinking approach. Rebekah Radtke discussed the design-thinking process—how it uses empathy, iteration, and experimentation to arrive at innovative solutions, which is what was needed for the new Student Center. It integrates the needs of people, the possibilities of the new Student Center, and the requirements of the University. Grace Hahn-Hester then discussed some of the outcomes of the current process and some of the programs on the horizon. This is the foundation for how they want to continue to move forward—use the design-thinking approach to create a robust calendar. “Every student cannot come to every event but we can create an event for every student.”

Finding no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:06am.

Respectfully submitted,

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Academic and Student Affairs Committee

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