

Minutes  
Academic and Student Affairs Committee  
Board of Trustees  
September 11, 2015

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees met in the First Federal Center Convocation Hall on the campus of Hazard Community and Technical College, at 10:00 a.m. on September 11. Angela Edwards called the meeting to order. The following members were in attendance: Cammie Grant, David Hawpe, Kelly Holland, John Wilson and Austin Mullen.

Ms. Edwards stated that the minutes of the June 19, 2015 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 David Hawpe to accept the minutes as distributed and seconded by Cammie Grant. The motion was unanimously approved.

Provost Tim Tracy reported that the school year was off to a great start and it is an exciting time with the opening of the new dorms and The 90 and with all the students back on campus.

ASACR 1: Candidates for Degrees: August 2015 – Resolution requesting authorization for the President 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. 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 2015 Summer Session. A motion was made by Cammie Grant to approve the recommendation and seconded by David Hawpe. The motion was unanimously approved.

ASACR 2: Candidate for Degree: May 2014 – Resolution requesting authorization for the President to confer upon the individual whose name appears on the attached list the degree to which 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. At its May 2015 meeting, the Board approved the rescinding of a degree with a double major and approved the awarding of two degrees in December 2014 for the individual. Due to an administrative error, the degree conferral should have been May 2014. A motion was made by Kelly Holland to approve the recommendation and seconded by David Hawpe. The motion was unanimously approved.

Austin Mullen gave his first update as Student Government Association President. He talked about his decision to appoint a Diversity and Inclusion Taskforce for student leaders across campus to come together to talk about issues. The structure and goals of the taskforce will be determined at their upcoming retreat. The Cats Cab program is in its third year. Last spring two additional cabs were added, decreasing the cost per ride and wait time for students. LiveSafe was launched in the spring semester and there have been 3,700 downloads. In conclusion, Austin thanked Dr. Robert Mock for all he has done for students at the University of Kentucky and for his service to UK.

Ms. Edwards also thanked Vice President Mock for his work with the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and wished him well in his new position as President of the Charlotte Campus of Johnson and Wales University.

Mr. Hawpe is a member of the Appalachian Renaissance Commission. He told Board members that the work that is going on between UK and the Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative (KVEC) is equally impressive as the work in healthcare. The KVEC is a consortium of public school districts in the Kentucky Valley region, providing professional learning and other coordinated support services to eighteen districts in the heart of Appalachia. The educational performance in eastern Kentucky is leading the nation and providing innovation that others want to copy. Mr. Hawpe introduced Dr. Jeff Hawkins, KVEC Executive Director, to give an overview of the Appalachian Renaissance Initiative (ARI) which provides \$30,000,000 to support improving educational outcomes for students in the KVEC districts of eastern Kentucky, some of the poorest school districts in the nation.

The National Race to the Top program supports bold, locally directed innovations in learning and teaching that will directly improve student achievement. Key focus areas include: Personalized Learning, Next Generation Classrooms, Accessible Data Systems, Effective Teachers and Leaders, College and Career Success, and Readiness and Wellness.

Cameron Wright, ARI Yale Intern, and Stacie Keegen, Hazard High School Student Senate Member, highlighted student involvement activities in the region. Kelli Thompson, ARI Student Agency Lead, described the Promising Practice Summit coming up in October and the Action Research Summit in the spring. More information can be found at <http://www.theholler.org>.

Vivian Carter, Hazard Independent Innovation Coordinator, described the role of Innovation Coordinators in identifying teaching and learning innovations and disseminating the information. Dr. Hawkins addressed the college and career readiness for the KVEC region. The graduation rates in the past three years have increased from 80 to 92%. The college and career readiness rates have also increased substantially (67% for the region and 62% for the state). Bryan Auxier, Innovation Coordinator for Paintsville Independent, talked about connecting education innovation to economic development.

Dr. Lu Young, Department of Educational Leadership Studies, told Board members the College of Education is a proud partner in ARI. The University of Kentucky will provide professional development for 400 leaders and teachers through the Next Generation Leadership Academy designed specifically for the KVEC districts. Our job is coordinating efforts and finding ways for UK and the College of Education to partner with these wonderful opportunities that impact children all over the region and the nation. We are living the mission of a land grant university.

Ms. Edwards said the trip to Hazard has been remarkable and thanked all that participated in the presentation. We look forward to hearing updates going forward as to how this work progresses. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Edwards  
Academic and Student Affairs Committee