

Minutes
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
Board of Trustees
February 17, 2017

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees met in the Board Room, 18th Floor Patterson Office Tower, on February 17, 2017. Trustee Angela Edwards called the meeting to order at 10:59 am. The following members were in attendance: Angela Edwards, Lee Blonder, Mike Christian, Cammie Grant, Bob Grossman, Kelly Holland, Rowan Reid, and Barbara Young.

Chair Edwards stated that the first item of business was to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2016 ASAC meeting that were included in the members' materials. Bob Grossman moved approval of the minutes which was seconded by Mike Christian. Finding no discussion, Chair Edwards called for a vote and the motion passed without dissent.

Provost Tim Tracy began by commenting on FCR 7 and FCR 8 that will be presented at the Finance Committee meeting later that day dealing with approval of ground leases for a fraternity and a sorority. He wanted to highlight the reason these are important to UK and reminded the committee that one of the four pillars of student success is Belonging and Engagement. These organizations--affinity groups--have higher GPAs, retention, and graduation rates and he encouraged the trustees to support these FCRs because it is part of the strategy of addressing one of the four pillars of student success. He also mentioned FCR 2--a gift from Stanley Pigman for a need-based scholarship for College of Engineering students, which fits with the UK LEADS strategy of increasing the amount of need-based aid. This gift again highlights efforts to address one of the four pillars of student success, Financial Stability.

Todd Brann, Interim Director of Analytics, Assessment, and Decision Support for Academic Excellence student service units, gave a presentation entitled "Student Success: One-Time Grant Pilot Project." He discussed the effect of unmet financial aid on retention and the need to try to find ways to move from more merit-based aid to need-based aid and ways to help students succeed both academically and financially at UK. Within the UK LEADS initiative, a pilot was developed focusing on the Fall 2016 freshman cohort. Strategies were identified to allocate some need-based one-time grants, aimed at reducing the students' unmet financial need in an effort to improve retention. The pilot project will provide preliminary data on how addressing unmet need impacts student retention. Mr. Brann discussed how they examined the data descriptively, built the regression model, and then developed strategies for determining who should receive the additional funds. Two-hundred students who were predicted to benefit the most were selected, with awards being distributed in September 2016/early October 2016. They are encouraged so far by the 1st Spring retention results and they will continue to track retention.

Dr. Kim Anderson, Associate Dean for Administration and Academic Affairs and Professor of Chemical Engineering, gave a presentation entitled "First-Year Engineering Program". This program is a major initiative in the college and they are excited about the successes of it. She discussed what a first-year engineering program is, the benefits of such a program, and the process of how they created the comprehensive first-year program at UK. The program was

implemented for the first time at UK in Fall 2016. She discussed the faculty who are dedicated solely to the program, the courses that are part of the program, the Living Learning Program classrooms, and preliminary retention results. They are encouraged by the preliminary results so far, especially within underrepresented populations. Dr. Anderson also talked about planning for growth, the program vision, and other success initiatives within the college.

ASACR 1: Academic Degree Recommendation: College of Medicine –The recommendation is that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Doctor of Philosophy degree with a major in Radiation and Radiological Sciences (CIP 51.2205-Health/Medical Physics) in the Department of Radiation Medicine within the College of Medicine, effective in the Fall 2017 semester. By way of background: The Department of Radiation Medicine is establishing a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Radiation and Radiological Sciences in order to provide additional training for students who desire to enter a clinical or academic career. This degree will be particularly attractive to students who want to acquire the additional skills and credentials that accompany a Ph.D., primarily students seeking to enter residency programs in Medical Physics. Medical Physicists provide support services primarily in Radiation Therapy and Diagnostic Radiology settings. In addition to a graduate degree, entrance into the clinical certification process (administered by the American Board of Radiology) requires graduation from an accredited Medical Physics residency program. This degree also will provide students with a competitive advantage as Medical Physics residency programs are limited in number and selective in their admission process. This program has the approval of the appropriate councils and the University Senate and has completed the 45 day review process of the Council on Postsecondary Education. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Dean Robert DiPaola of the College of Medicine was present for questions and comments. Dean DiPaola added that the current Master's Program (M.S.) allows students to enter into a Medical Physics residency program but these programs have become very competitive as there are not enough programs around the country. He stated that this degree will make these trainees more competitive to get into these programs.

Mike Christian moved approval, which was seconded by Bob Grossman. There were questions and discussions with regards to ASACR 1: Bob Grossman asked if students would still be getting a M.S. *en passant* on the way to receiving the Ph.D. Dean DiPaola responded that that will be one of the three routes that a student can take on the way to the Ph.D. Trustee Grossman then asked how many additional years will be required for the Ph.D. The Dean responded that it will be approximately 2 years more and a research project is required, creating opportunities which could cut across campus with research opportunities in such areas as Biomedical Engineering and Computer Science. The Dean was asked if the M.S.'s are being hired by radiation oncologist's to manage and help with the implementation of care or if a Ph.D. is required to go into these jobs out of the marketplace. Dean DiPaola responded that in order to have clinical activity, they must be certified by the American Board of Radiology, which now requires that they go through a residency program. They can get into such a program with either a M.S. or a Ph.D., but since there are a limited number of residency programs, the Ph.D. makes them more competitive for the residency opportunities, as well as other opportunities such as teaching research, and academic careers.

Finding no further questions or discussions, Chair Edwards called for a vote and the motion passed without dissent.

ASACR 2: Candidate For Degree: December 2014 – The recommendation is that the President be authorized to rescind an August 2016 degree and 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 she 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 2014 Fall Semester. Due to administrative errors, the degree was awarded in the incorrect academic term. Trustee Bob Grossman moved approval, which was seconded by Trustee Cammie Grant. There was no discussion and the motion passed without dissent.

SGA President and Trustee Rowan Reid presented the Student Government update. The programs she discussed are:

- Wildcat Wardrobe: provides free professional clothing for students who are job hunting or starting a job. The store opens the 2nd week of March and donations are still being accepted.
- SGA elections will take place the 1st week of March and Rowan will be able to provide results at the next BOT meeting. The transition takes place the end of April. Senate elections are also going on for 42 Senators. The ticket system has been eliminated so every Senator has to run on his or her own merit in the hope this will provide a better representation of all students who make up the student population.
- Higher Education Rally at the State House was on 2/13/17 and focused mainly on the fulfillment of the Powerball Process.
- Student issues with the Executive Order on Immigration: Senate passed a resolution to stand in solidarity with affected students and anything that may come their way as a result of this order.

Finding no further business to come before the committee, Chair Edwards entertained a motion to adjourn. Trustee Mike Christian moved adjournment, it was seconded by Trustee Kelly Holland and the meeting adjourned at 11:58am.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Edwards
Academic and Student Affairs Committee

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