

Minutes
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
Board of Trustees
December 12, 2017

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees met in the Board Room, 18th Floor Patterson Office Tower, on December 12, 2017. Trustee Angela Edwards called the meeting to order at 10:30am. 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 September 15, 2017 ASAC meeting which are included in the members' materials. Trustee Barbara Young 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.

Provost Tim Tracy gave a presentation entitled "Assessment of: Ranking Methodologies." He stated that there are many ranking systems and each use different criteria to rank universities based on what they feel is valuable in terms of the student and the student's experience. He specifically discussed the US News & World Report criteria [(UK ranked at 133 (63 among publics))] and the Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education (UK ranked at 360) criteria. He discussed the criteria used to come up with those rankings. UK Vice President for Research Lisa Cassis spoke on the NSF Survey of Research and Development expenditures (NSF HERD) which maintains a survey of R&D expenditures across all sources. From 2015-2016, UK went from 69 to 64 overall, and as a public institution from 44 to 41 (the first time in several years that our ranking has increased). Provost Tracy then displayed UK's ranking over time, which has been relatively stable over the last few years. He believes what we are doing in the Strategic Plan will continue to lead to increases in these rankings.

Nick Kehrwald, Dean of Students, gave a presentation entitled "Student Organization Orientation and Discipline." Given the landscape (four student deaths this year nationally), Mr. Kehrwald focused on Sorority and Fraternity life and UK's educational efforts related to Hazing Awareness and Alcohol Awareness. There are sessions for parents, new members, advisors, and alumni. He discussed the program efficacy, member experience, and future educational efforts in both hazing (hazing prevention workgroup recently reconvened; UK policy revision) and alcohol awareness (Alcohol Skills Training Program (ASTP) with facilitators across campus; ScreenU). He discussed the importance of taking a holistic picture of how to best support these organizations and how to create a structure to be successful.

ASACR 1: Candidates For Degrees: December 2017-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 the University of

Kentucky will hold the December Commencement ceremonies immediately following completion of examinations, it is not possible for the University Registrar to certify satisfactory completion of requirements prior to the ceremonies for those candidates who complete their requirements in December. Trustee Barbara Young moved approval of ASACR 1, which was seconded by Trustee David Hawpe. There was no discussion and the motion passed without dissent.

ASACR 2: Candidates For Degrees: December 2015-The recommendation is that the President be authorized 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. 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 2015 Fall Semester. Due to administrative errors, the name was not previously submitted. Trustee Bob Grossman moved approval of ASACR 2, which was seconded by Trustee Derrick Ramsey. There was no discussion and the motion passed without dissent.

Student Government Association (SGA) President and Trustee Ben Childress presented the SGA update. The SGA Senate Academic & Student Affairs Committee recently allocated \$22,500 to 40 students to help pay for childcare costs for those students. The SGA Appropriations and Revenues Committee has allocated \$70,000 to 55 Student Organizations for programs, conferences, etc. to enhance the student experience and learning. SGA has been partnering with several organizations on the following programming:

- Constitution Day—voter registration
- Multicultural Thanksgiving Dinner for International Students
- SeeBlue Event
- Minority Professional Banquet, attended by approximately 100 students, where students learned professional dinner etiquette and connected with business professionals
- WildCab program this semester: 4780 rides; 12,334 passengers
- Wildcat Wardrobe program: still looking for a permanent home and to grow this program
- Working on partnering with UK Law Legal Clinic to provide further legal representation free of charge to UK students to enhance what they already offer to students

Trustee Childress also gave an update on the Syllabus Bank which he discussed with the ASAC at a previous meeting. They discovered that there are faculty working on the same thing and some action has gone to the Senate Council recently. In terms of Fall Break, there is a proposal drafted and he hopes it will go before the Senate Council soon. He reminded the Board of the upcoming DanceBlue event from February 17 to February 18, 2018 and invited the Trustees to try to attend.

Chair Edwards thanked Provost Tracy and Amy Hisel, as this is their final Board meeting, and wished them the best in their next endeavors.

Finding no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Edwards
Academic and Student Affairs Committee

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