

Minutes
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
Board of Trustees
December 15, 2015

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees met in the Board Room, 18th Floor Patterson Office Tower, at 10:00 a.m. on December 15. Angela Edwards called the meeting to order. The following members were in attendance: C. B. Akins, Cammie Grant, Bob Grossman, David Hawpe, John Wilson and Barbara Young.

Ms. Edwards stated that the minutes of the September 11, 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 Barbara Young. The motion was unanimously approved.

Provost Tim Tracy reported that the Fall semester was winding down and campus would be getting quieter for a few weeks.

Having just returned from China with Huajing Maske, the Confucius Institute Director and Executive Director of the Office of China Initiatives, Provost Tracy talked briefly about the international recognition that the UK Confucius Institute has received since it was established in 2010--Confucius Institute of the Year award in 2012 and 2014 and Dr. Huajing Maske received Director of the Year in 2013. Provost Tracy asked Susan Carvalho, Associate Provost for Internationalization, to provide some additional information about the Confucius Institute.

Dr. Carvalho said the Confucius Institute is the jewel in the crown of our international work. The University Senate appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Confucius Institute last year. The review was positive and found there was no evidence of external influence.

The Confucius Institute creates opportunities for UK students to study in China, creates opportunities for UK faculty to teach and do research in China, and supports academic seminars and symposia brought to campus to enhance China-related studies. The Confucius Institute also supports Chinese language and cultural programs in the K-12 schools and works with UK Extension offices in 120 counties to deepen and diversify UK's community outreach.

ASACR 1: Candidates for Degrees: December 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. 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. A motion was made by C. B. Akins to approve the recommendation and seconded by David Hawpe. The motion was unanimously approved.

ASACR 2: Candidate for Degree: August 2009 – Resolution requesting authorization for the President to rescind the Master of Arts degree with a major in Music Theory and confer upon the individual whose name appears on the attached list a Master of Music degree with a major in Music Performance, 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. The individual whose name appears on the attached list graduated in August 2009. Due to an administrative error, the degree granted was incorrect. A motion was made by John Wilson to approve the recommendation and seconded by Barbara Young. The motion was unanimously approved.

ASACR 3: Candidate for Degree: May 2014 – Resolution requesting authorization for the President to rescind a May 2014 degree and confer upon the individual whose name appears on the attached list the degrees to which she is entitled, upon certification by the University Registrar that she has satisfactorily completed all requirements for the degrees 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. The individual whose name appears on the attached list graduated in May 2014 with a single degree with a double major. Due to an administrative error, she did not received the two degrees requested. A motion was made by Cammie Grant to approve the recommendation and seconded by David Hawpe. The motion was unanimously approved.

ASACR 4: Candidate for Degree: May 2015 – 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. 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 Spring Semester. Due to administrative errors, the name was not previously submitted. A motion was made by David Hawpe to approve the recommendation and seconded by Cammie Grant. The motion was unanimously approved.

ASACR 5: Candidate for Degree: August 2015 – Resolution requesting authorization for the President to rescind an August 2015 degree and confer upon the individual whose name appears on the attached list the degree to which he is entitled, upon certification by the University Registrar that he 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. 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 Summer Semester. Due to administrative errors, an incorrect degree was awarded. A motion was made by David Hawpe to approve the recommendation and seconded by C. B. Akins. The motion was unanimously approved.

Provost Tracy said over the next several meetings we will present different initiatives that have been put in place to enhance student success. The Early Alert Referral System is an early

intervention tool that allows faculty and designated university personnel to submit information regarding student academic issues that usually present obstacles to student success. The academic alerts can be submitted at any point in the semester, but it is recommended that alerts be submitted within the first six weeks of the semester to provide additional time for students to recover. The alert information is shared regularly with academic colleges, Residence Life, and other UK student support areas to facilitate outreach and intervention to students receiving alerts.

The early alerts are a signal to students that academic expectations are high, reinforces the standards of individual instructors, and helps identify and direct resources to students at risk. The early alerts should be seen as supplements to, not replacements for, communication from the faculty to the student about expectations and issues with class performance. They are vital links between faculty and staff, communicating to student's advisors or residence hall directors what is happening in the classroom. The alerts enable advisors and other support staff to reinforce the instructor's message to students, allow faculty and advisors to create conversations and initiate interventions that connect students with appropriate university resources, and allow advisors to see patterns that an individual instructor would not be able to see if working with the student in isolation.

Ms. Edwards thanked those in attendance and adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Edwards
Academic and Student Affairs Committee