

Minutes
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
Board of Trustees
June 16, 2017

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees met in the Board Room, 18th Floor Patterson Office Tower, on June 16, 2017. Trustee Angela Edwards called the meeting to order at 10:26 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 on the agenda is the approval of the minutes of the May 2, 2017 ASAC meeting that are included in the members' materials. Mike Christian moved approval of the minutes which was seconded by Bob Grossman. Finding no discussion, Chair Edwards called for a vote and the motion passed without dissent.

Provost Tim Tracy stated that he wanted to let the committee know that a fifth candidate for the Dean of the Lewis Honor College will be interviewed on campus on 6/26/17 and 6/27/17.

Mr. Jim Wims, Senior Advisor to the Associate Provost for Student and Academic Life, gave a presentation on the Office of Residence Life entitled "Residence Life and Support of Student Success." Mr. Wims introduced two of his colleagues also in attendance: Mr. Tony Ralph, Director of Residence Life and Dr. Justin Blevins, who does the assessment work in the office. The mission is to create inclusive communities that promote student learning and personal growth. He discussed the type of training that the staff undergoes and the topics that are addressed in the training. He discussed retention and academic success as it relates to students living on campus; Living Learning Programs (LLPs) and academic success; and other means the staff uses to support academic success. He also discussed interventions and referrals; inclusion and belonging; and student engagement. Mr. Wims then answered questions.

ASACR 1: Candidate For Degree: May 2017—The recommendation is that the President be authorized to rescind a May 2017 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 Senate Council Chair on behalf of the elected faculty of the Senate Council and 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 Spring Semester. Due to administrative errors, an incorrect degree was awarded. Trustee Bob Grossman moved approval, which was seconded by Trustee Cammie Grant. There was no discussion and the motion passed without dissent.

ASACR 2: Candidates For Degrees: May 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 Senate Council Chair on behalf of the elected faculty of the Senate Council and University Senate; and the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees. By way of background, the individuals whose names appear on the attached list completed the work leading toward the degree for which an application was made at the close of the 2017 Spring Semester. Due to administrative errors, the names were not previously submitted. Trustee Bob Grossman moved approval, which was seconded by Trustee Mike Christian. There was no discussion and the motion passed without dissent.

ASACR 3: Change in Name of an Educational Unit: College of Agriculture, Food and Environment-- The recommendation is that the Board of Trustees approve the change in the name of the Department of Forestry to the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, effective July 1, 2017. By way of background, the impetus for this name change is primarily to better reflect the breadth of activities in the Department and more accurately reflect the wide range of subject matter currently covered in the Department's research, teaching, and extension enterprises. It also will aid in recruitment of students and faculty, and more accurately describe the expertise in the Department on research collaborations and proposals. Research and mentorship of graduate students by the Department's faculty body represents a breadth of topics including forest health and ecological restoration; forest hydrology and watershed management; landscape and spatial ecology; natural resources policy and economics; silviculture and forest operations; urban ecology; wildlife ecology; and conservation biology. The proposed change has been approved by the faculty of the Department of Forestry; reviewed and recommended by the Senate Academic Organization and Structure Committee and the Senate Council; and endorsed by the University Senate. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation. Interim Chair of the Department of Forestry, Dr. Jeff Stringer and Associate Dean for Academic Programs in CAFE, Dr. Larry Grabau, were present for questions. Dr. Stringer stated that the motion clearly indicates the need for this change, one that they have been working on for several years, and he believes they are in a good position to move this forward. Trustee Rowan Reid moved approval, which was seconded by Trustee Mike Christian. There was no discussion and the motion passed without dissent.

ASACR 4: Deletion of Degree: College of Education-- The recommendation is that the Board of Trustees approve the deletion of the Bachelor of Arts in Education: Secondary Education – Mathematics Education, in the Department of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education, within the College of Education, effective July 1, 2017. By way of background, at its May 2012 meeting, the Board approved the establishment of a Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in STEM Education and an approved content area (e.g. Mathematics, Physics) degree. Students receive this degree with secondary teaching certification (grades 8-12) in one or more state-certifiable STEM subjects. This degree was established as an alternative to the Bachelor of Arts in Education: Secondary Education—Mathematics Education, which does not lead to certification. As there are currently no students in the major, the deletion of the degree will not affect any faculty, staff, or students. This proposal has the approval of the Department of STEM Education, the College of Education Courses and Curricula Committee, and the University Senate. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation. Trustee Kelly Holland moved approval, which was seconded by Trustee Cammie Grant. Dr. Rosetta Sandidge, Senior Associate Dean, Office for Academic Programs, Accreditation and Planning in the College of Education pointed out that when the new BS program was approved in 2012 most

of the BA students transferred to that program. The last student in the BA program completed in December 2015, so all students are out of the program and they request that the program be deleted. She mentioned that the new program gives options, including teacher certification at the Bachelor's level. With no further discussion, the motion passed without dissent.

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

- Wildcat Wardrobe: The store opened mid-March and clothing has been given out to about 20 different students. There was an increased interest towards the end of the academic year. They appreciate the donations they have received so far and continue to take donations.
- DC Internship program for Summer 2017: 6 students (over \$10,000 total) were funded. Helps students pay living expenses as they are unpaid interns. They are hoping to work with the administration this year on streamlining the internship program and realign their focus on giving students this experience in DC.
- Student Senate allocated \$223,000 to student organizations this year.
- \$50,000 in child care grants (record number of requests) were distributed this year.
- WildCab Program: In Fall 2016 semester, provided almost 3000 safe rides home to students, and served a total of 7477 students. They are hoping to expand this program.
- Working with the University Senate, they passed a change to the excused absence policy, allowing full time employment opportunities after college to be excused.
- Student Conduct Advisors Program: number of advisors had to be increased from 2 to 12 over the course of the year due to the popularity of the program.
- Safety: facilitated an off-campus safety walk; SGA continues support of "It's On Us" initiative and Live Safe safety app.
- As a result of the most recent election, SGA is more representative of the student body than ever before. Rowan looks forward to seeing how SGA grows this next year under the leadership of Ben Childress.

Trustee Grossman commented that he is impressed by SGA's commitment to helping students who need help, either financially or for emotional support. He commends them for their commitment to social justice. Trustee Grant likes the idea of the Wildcat Wardrobe and asked Rowan to elaborate a bit further. Rowan said they have a lot more men's clothing than women's clothing, so that is a need they have. They operate about 2 hours per week and by appointment.

Chair Edwards thanked President Reid for her commitment to the University and to the students and wishes her well.

Finding no further business to come before the committee, Chair Edwards adjourned the meeting at 11:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Edwards
Academic and Student Affairs Committee

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