

Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee
University of Kentucky
Friday, June 16, 2023

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee (ASAC) of the University of Kentucky (UK) Board of Trustees met on Friday, April 28, 2023, in the Harris Ballroom of the Gatton Student Center.

A. Meeting Opened

Chair Rachel Webb called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

B. Roll Call

The following members of the ASAC answered the call of the roll: Cathy Black, Aaron Cramer, Brenda Gosney, Andrew Laws, Paula Leach Pope, Derrick K. Ramsey and Rachel Watts Webb. Lance Lucas was absent.

C. Approval of Minutes

Chair Webb reported that the minutes of the April 28, 2023, ASAC meeting had been distributed. Trustee Black moved approval of the minutes and Trustee Gosney seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, Chair Webb called for a vote and the motion passed without dissent.

D. Vice President for Student Success Report

Vice President for Student Success Kirsten Turner introduced Dean of Students Trisha Clement-Montgomery to provide updates on the revisions to the Administrative Regulation 4:10 Student Code of Conduct. Four committees comprised of faculty, staff and students were created to review the current code and make recommendations for revisions. Those committees were as follows: Best Practice, Philosophical, Cultural and Legal. Their respective lenses were to review via national standards per the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education, alignment with the UK strategic plan and institutional values and compliance with both federal and state mandates. Recommended revisions were shared with the UK Regulations Committee. The Board's approval was sought for four changes regarding the amnesty policy with respect to a student seeking medical assistance for an incident related to alcohol and drug use, campus due process protection act changing the procedural timeline, cross examination process and updated definitions and titles.

E. ASACR 1: Candidates for Degrees: December 2022

The recommendation was that the President be authorized to confer upon the individuals whose names appeared on an attached list the degree to which they were

entitled, upon certification by the University Registrar that the individuals had satisfactorily completed all requirements for the degree for which application had 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 individuals completed the work leading toward the degree for which application was made at the close of the 2022 Fall Session. Due to administrative error, their names were not previously submitted.

Trustee Cramer moved approval, which was seconded by Trustee Pope. Hearing no discussion, Chair Webb called for a vote and the motion passed without dissent.

F. ASACR 2: Candidates for Degrees: May 2023

The recommendation was that the President be authorized to confer upon the individuals whose names appeared on an attached list the degree to which they were entitled, upon certification by the University Registrar that the individuals had satisfactorily completed all requirements for the degree for which application had 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 individuals completed the work leading toward the degree for which application was made at the close of the 2023 Spring Session. Due to administrative error, their names were not previously submitted.

Trustee Black moved approval, which was seconded by Trustee Gosney. Hearing no discussion, Chair Webb called for a vote and the motion passed without dissent.

G. ASACR 3: Candidates for Degrees: August 2023

The recommendation was that the President be authorized to confer upon the individuals whose names appeared on an attached list the degree to which they were entitled, upon certification by the University Registrar that the individuals had satisfactorily completed all requirements for the degree for which application had 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 individuals were scheduled to complete the work toward the degree for which application is being made at the close of the 2023 Summer Session. Due to licensure or certification requirements for students pursuing job placement or additional education, degrees must be verified as soon as possible.

Trustee Pope moved approval, which was seconded by Trustee Ramsey. Hearing no discussion, Chair Webb called for a vote and the motion passed without dissent.

H. ASACR 4: Academic Degree Recommendation: College of Arts and Sciences

The recommendation was that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Bachelor of Science degree in Statistics and Data Science, in the Department of Statistics within the College of Arts and Sciences, beginning in the 2023 Fall Semester.

By way of background, Data Scientist/Statistician is ranked as one of the best jobs by multiple career guidance websites based on criteria such as future growth, salary and work-life balance. Data scientists ranked third among 15 in a list of emerging jobs in the United States and hiring of individuals for such roles increased by 46 percent since 2019. An annual growth rate of new employment opportunities in the field is projected to be 37 percent. Much of this projected growth will result from businesses collecting an increasing amount of data from an ever-widening number of sources. In order to analyze and interpret this data, businesses and organizations will need to hire more people specifically trained in such analysis.

The program has the approval of the appropriate councils and the University Senate. The Provost of the university supports this recommendation. Pending approval by the Board of Trustees, the program will begin the review process of the Council on Postsecondary Education.

William Rayens, professor in the College of Arts and Science, was present to answer questions. There were none.

Trustee Ramsey moved approval, which was seconded by Trustee Black. Hearing no discussion, Chair Webb called for a vote and the motion passed without dissent.

I. ASACR 5: Change in Name of Educational Unit: College of Engineering

The recommendation was that the Board of Trustees approve the change in the name of the Department of Engineering Technology to the “Fujio Cho Department of Engineering Technology”, in the College of Engineering.

By way of background, Mr. Fujio Cho is the inaugural Executive Director of Toyota Motors Manufacturing Kentucky (TMMK). The proposed naming affords the university an opportunity to honor Mr. Cho’s vision for a robust collaborative partnership between Toyota and the University of Kentucky and an opportunity to recognize the economic impact of Toyota in Kentucky and nationally. The Cho name is prestigious and will bring distinction to the department, its program, graduates and collective accomplishments. It also expresses gratitude for Toyota’s longstanding material support of Engineering and more recently the creation of the Engineering Technology Department. Since 1988, Toyota has provided \$14.4 million in support for Engineering programs at UK.

The name change will not impact the department’s current structure and highlights

the importance of the university's relationship with business and industry for sustaining the economic well-being of the Commonwealth.

The proposed change has been approved by the faculty in the Department of Engineering Technology and the College of Engineering; 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.

Rudy Buchheit, dean of the College of Engineering, was present to answer questions. There were none.

Trustee Black moved approval, which was seconded by Trustee Cramer. Hearing no discussion, Chair Webb called for a vote and the motion passed without dissent.

J. ASACR 6: Revision to Code of Student Conduct

The recommendation was that the Board of Trustees approve the attached revision to the Code of Student Conduct. The Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board reviewed the proposed revision and recommends approval of the revisions to the Board of Trustees.

By way of background, the Code of Student Conduct ("Code") documents the university's rules, procedures and responsibilities related to non-academic student conduct. The Code defines expected and prohibited behavior and specifies the procedures to which students and student organizations are entitled to in the disciplinary process. The Code also specifies the sanctions that may be imposed when a student and or a student organization is found responsible for a violation.

The last complete review of the Code occurred in 2015-2016, culminating in a new Code effective July 1, 2016. Updates were made to the Code, addressing the COVID-19 pandemic, on August 14, 2020. To maintain a Code that remains current with national best practices and complies with federal and state laws, and university regulations, the Code must undergo regular and thorough review. The proposed 2023 revisions intend to:

- **Update the institution's amnesty policy**: this category of proposed updates includes adjustments to promote broader use of the policy by students, especially through the inclusion of student organizations and reporting parties as groups that are covered by the policy.
- **Update procedural timelines and procedural cross-examination per recently passed KRS 164.370**: this includes a lengthening of timelines by two to three business days for an informal meeting or any investigation from three to ten business days prior to a formal hearing. Attorneys licensed to practice in the state of Kentucky can now participate in cross-examination. In the event a student respondent engages in their own cross-examination, the student will provide questions ahead of time to the hearing board chair.

- **Grammatical corrections and title updates:** this category of proposed updates includes making terminology more consistent throughout the document, adding appropriate punctuation, and updating titles to reflect institutional shifts since the original code was written in 2016.
- **Definitions updates:** this category of proposed updates includes several definition adjustments or shifts such as, “member of the UK community”, “attorney”, “hold”, “preponderance of evidence”, “student”, “support person”, and “UK activity”. Additionally, “online activity” was added broadly across the administrative regulation.

A copy of the draft Code of Student Conduct was attached. The proposed Code was revised by a committee structure that involved faculty, staff and students, was reviewed by the Student Government Association and the University Regulations Review Committee and was supported by the President, Vice President for Student Success and General Counsel.

Kirsten Turner, vice president for student success, was present to answer questions. There were none.

Trustee Gosney moved approval, which was seconded by Trustee Pope. Hearing no discussion, Chair Webb called for a vote and the motion passed without dissent.

K. Provost Report

Provost DiPaola provided an update on the following four areas as they relate to transparency and accountability: faculty outreach and engagement, faculty promotions, searches and UK ADVANCE. Efforts to increase faculty outreach and engagement encompassed developing synergy with cross-campus collaboration through research grants and education and enhanced communication via college town halls, chairs meetings and the weekly Faculty Focus newsletter, in addition to recurring weekly meetings that include, but are not limited to, the Deans and the Senate Council Chair. The success rate for faculty promotions was at 99.4 percent, with 167 faculty promoted in 2023. Regarding searches, we were in stage three of the dean for the College of Medicine search, with six searches expected in the future. Padraic Kenney, was appointed dean of the Graduate School, and Lisa Tannock was appointed as the associate provost for Faculty Advancement.

Provost DiPaola highlighted a new initiative, UK Advancing Data utilization for Value in Academia for National and Campus-wide Excellence (ADVANCE), pertaining to the adoption of artificial intelligence (AI) to improve education and research given the frequent use of ChatGPT. UK ADVANCE consists of a team of experts to review emerging evidence and internal, local and national experiences relative to AI. The purpose of UK ADVANCE is to enable faculty to become familiar with AI and its implications and applications within the areas of assessment design and detection. The vision and mission

of UK ADVANCE were reviewed, as well as the various campus units involved and the overall goals of the group.

Chair Webb called for questions. Trustee Cramer asked about Provost DiPaola's plans to include University Senate in policy-making decisions regarding AI implications on academic policy. Provost DiPaola stated he meets regularly with the Senate Council Chair and will include the topic in future meetings. Anything that is curriculum related follows the correct Senate processes. UK ADVANCE will present regularly, including at Senate Council and appropriate groups.

Trustee Swanson asked for the consideration of forming faculty community groups to prepare for syllabi availability to students where ChatGPT needs to be referenced. Provost DiPaola stated he would follow up and mentioned a Senate subcommittee focused on syllabi.

Trustee Laws asked if the UK ADVANCE group included student representation to garner student input for the use of ChatGPT in the classroom and in studies. Provost DiPaola stated an advisory group of students would be formed with the help of the SGA President.

Trustee Shuffett mentioned taking a foundational course in AI within her specialty to gain a better understanding of how AI works. She encouraged everyone to really understand AI before purchasing vendor products.

L. SGA President Report

Student Government Association (SGA) President Andrew Laws provided updates on behalf of Trustee-elect Lizzy Hornung, who was out of the country. Since April, Trustee-elect Hornung and SGA filled the new executive branch team, followed by participation at the Kentucky Leadership Academy. This term's focus includes the promotion of UK and SGA services through strengthening communication; continual support of the student experience with respect to tradition, belonging and involvement; understanding students' voice and input and prioritizing the summer to initiate the aforementioned areas of focus.

M. Meeting Adjourned

Hearing no further business, Chair Webb adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachel", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Rachel Watts Webb
Academic and Student Affairs
Committee

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