

Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee
University of Kentucky
Friday, April 28, 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 9:25 a.m.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Approval of Minutes

Chair Webb reported that the minutes of the February 17, 2023, ASAC meeting had been distributed. Trustee Pope moved approval of the minutes and Trustee Ramsey seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, Chair Webb called for a vote and the motion passed without dissent.

D. ASACR 1: Candidates for Degrees: May 2023

The recommendation was that the President be authorized to confer upon each of the individuals whose names appeared on the attached list the degree to which they are entitled, upon certification by the University Registrar that the individuals have 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 final grades are not due until the Monday following the last day of final examinations, it is not possible for the University Registrar to certify satisfactory completion of requirements prior to the degree conferral date for those candidates who complete their requirements in May.

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.

E. ASACR 2: Candidates for Degrees: August 2023

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

entitled, upon certification by the University Registrar that the individuals have 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, each individual whose name appears on the attached list is 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 Ramsey moved approval, which was seconded by Trustee Cramer. Hearing no discussion, Chair Webb called for a vote and the motion passed without dissent.

F. ASACR 3: In Memoriam Degrees: May 2023

The recommendation was that the President be authorized to confer upon the individuals whose names appear on the attached list an In Memoriam Posthumous Degree. 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, an In Memoriam Posthumous Degree allows for the recognition of a connection to the University of Kentucky for undergraduate, graduate and professional students who were registered in a degree program and were in good academic standing at the time of their death but did not complete degree requirements. The Board of Trustees may approve the conferral of this degree upon a student who is a qualified candidate and meets all criteria, with exceptions permitted only for the timing of the student's death.

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

G. ASACR 4: Candidates for Degrees: December 2022

The recommendation was that the President be authorized to confer upon the individuals whose names appear on the attached list the degree to which they are entitled, upon certification by the University Registrar that the individuals have 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 individuals whose names appear on the attached list completed the work leading toward the degree for which application was made at the close of the 2022 Fall Session. Due to administrative error, the name was not previously

submitted.

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

H. ASACR 5: Change in Name of Educational Unit: College of Medicine

The recommendation was that the Board of Trustees approve the change in the name of the Department of Anesthesiology to the Department of Anesthesiology, Perioperative and Critical Care, and Pain Medicine, in the College of Medicine, effective July 1, 2023.

By way of background, the scope of anesthesia practice has evolved and expanded over the last 20 years as subspecialties, and entities within anesthesia are now an integral part of the anesthetic practice, recognized as significant components within the Department of Anesthesiology. The proposed name change recognizes the importance of services provided within the department, accurately reflects the scope of practice and is consistent with other clinical department names within the College of Medicine. The proposed name will improve faculty and resident recruitment and enhance the growth of the department and specialties.

Multiple anesthesiology departments within the United States are recognizing these specialties in their titles and offering accredited fellowships after residency, reflecting the importance of recognition of these disciplines within Anesthesiology. The proposed name change will not impact the department's current structure but will better reflect it.

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

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

I. ASACR 6: Academic Degree Recommendation: College of Education

The recommendation was that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sport Leadership, in the Department of Kinesiology within the College of Education, beginning in the 2023 Fall Semester.

By way of background, currently, the University of Kentucky does not offer a sport management or sport administration degree. The proposed degree in Sport Leadership offers a curriculum blended across disciplines in sport psychology and sport management/leadership and was developed to mirror the current formalized Master of

Science option in Sport Leadership, one of the department's most popular graduate programs.

Three tracks within the degree proposal include sport leadership careers, sport leadership entrepreneurs and sport leadership gaming. The program will be delivered in person, hybrid and online, and will provide learners the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the various sport and fitness industries.

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.

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.

J. ASACR 7: Academic Degree Recommendation: College of Arts and Sciences

The recommendation was that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Linguistics, in the Department of Linguistics within the College of Arts and Sciences.

By way of background, the proposed Doctor of Philosophy in Linguistics is intended to prepare students for both academic and non-academic careers in a field that has seen national growth and fills a void in the southern United States, where there is not a linguistics doctoral program.

This proposed program will be delivered in person and will attract students pursuing graduate degrees in a variety of fields in addition to linguistics, including English, literature, languages, psychology, philosophy, anthropology and computer science. Additionally, students with an interest in the interaction of language and areas like health, law and technology will be well-served by this degree.

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.

Trustee Gosney moved approval, which was seconded by Trustee Lucas. Hearing no discussion, Chair Webb called for a vote. Trustee Cramer abstained. The motion passed without dissent.

K. ASACR 8: Academic Degree Recommendation: College of Social Work

The recommendation was that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment

of a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Criminal Justice, within the College of Social Work beginning in the 2023 Fall Semester.

By way of background, the proposed degree programs in Criminal Justice will offer students a unique, comprehensive learning experience designed to adeptly prepare them for a career in criminal justice by cultivating critical thinking through examining the role of social and legal systems, structures, and institutions in addressing individual and community needs and seeking equitable outcomes. Current trends in public policies and diversion and treatment including restorative and juvenile justice are examined to prepare students for the variety of meaningful career opportunities in justice-oriented settings. These programs will be new, innovative educational experiences not currently offered at the University of Kentucky or other institutions in the state.

Providing these programs both in person and online will serve as an impetus for community engagement and collaboration in the criminal justice space, contributing to improving the lives of the most vulnerable in the state, region and nation.

The programs have the approval of the appropriate councils and the University Senate. The Provost of the university supports these recommendations. Pending approval by the Board of Trustees, the programs will begin the review process of the Council on Postsecondary Education.

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.

L. Provost Report

Provost DiPaola provided an update on The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges reaffirmation process. The on-site review occurred in late March 2023. More than 40 sessions took place collectively in Lexington, Bowling Green, Northern Kentucky and Fort Sam Houston, involving 135 individuals. The quality enhancement plan, Transdisciplinary Educational Approaches to Advance Kentucky, was also presented to the review committee. No recommendations were made and the final reaffirmation by the Council is expected to occur in December 2023.

Provost DiPaola gave an overview of the search process and provided updates on current searches. There are four stages of the process that occur between approximately 100-200 business days. A fifth stage will be incorporated for future searches, including a local but off-site in-person interview. Current searches, all of which are in stage three of the process, include the following: Dean, College of Medicine; Dean, Graduate School and Associate Provost for Graduate and Professional Education; and Associate Provost for Faculty Advancement. Future searches are as follows: Dean, College of Design; Dean, College of Education; Dean, College of Public Health; Associate Provost for Planning and Assessment; and Director, UK Online.

Provost DiPaola highlighted the International Center as the recipient of the 2023

Simon Award, which is awarded by the National Association of Foreign Student Advisers. UK is the first in Kentucky and second in the Southeastern Conference to win the award. The Center demonstrates its commitment to serve through Shoulder to Shoulder Global and Explore First, which is a partnership between the International Center and Student Success fostering the integration of international education.

Trustee Shuffett inquired about the overlap of search committee members involved in current searches for the Dean of the College of Medicine and the Executive Vice President for Health Affairs to help ensure leaders selected work together effectively. Provost DiPaola stated the balanced committees include faculty, staff and students. The search committees' endeavors, consistent communication and constituents' feedback aid in finding candidates with synergy.

Trustee Swanson asked how many candidates are invited for on-campus visits. Provost DiPaola replied that a proper pool of candidates allows for at least three, sometimes five, candidates to participate in on-campus visits.

M. Vice President for Institutional Diversity Report

Vice President for Institutional Diversity Katrice Albert recognized that April was National Inclusive Excellence Month. She highlighted that UK hosted its first ever Black Alumni Reunion Weekend with more than 200 alums in attendance. This event was in partnership with the UK Alumni Association.

Vice President Albert introduced Lisa Higgins-Hord, assistant vice president for community engagement, and Joey Conrad, executive director of the Office of Lifelong Learning, who provided an overview of the office's establishment by former UK President Herman Donovan and its legacy. Programs and services are offered to people 50 years of age and older through the Osher Foundation and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes (OLLI). Donovan Scholars, instructor awardees and perennial members who were present were acknowledged. The sixtieth anniversary of the Donovan Scholars will be celebrated in 2024. This is the first and oldest lifelong learning program in the country. This program pays tuition and mandatory fees for adults aged 65 and older taking academic courses at UK. This spring, 106 scholars were enrolled, between the ages of 65 and 88, with 470 attempted credit hours.

Trustee Swanson asked if the scholars prefer on-site versus virtual learning now that OLLI participants have gotten used to a hybrid environment and what topics are of most interest to them. Executive Director Conrad stated the preferred course delivery method is mixed among participants and the most popular topics are fine arts, history and government.

Trustee Cramer inquired about the curriculum development of the OLLI offerings. Executive Director Conrad explained those offerings are enrichment courses taught by experts retired from the field and the content is reviewed by the curriculum committee.

K. Vice President for Student Success Report

Vice President for Student Success Kirsten Turner provided an update on ways personnel are being taken care of to improve the student experience by listening to feedback received from the UK Work-Life Survey results, director (25) responses and questions, focus group facilitation, and monthly and weekly team staff (400) meetings, as well as highlighted the wellness pilot in partnership with UK Human Resources and UK HealthCare Integrative Medicine. Team members could opt-in for the 2022-2023 academic year to take advantage of a 50-block meal plan, either at Champions Kitchen or The 90; an up-to-\$300 credit for massage therapy, acupuncture or meditation training; membership at one of the two campus recreational facilities; access to Talkspace for mental health services; and pop-up breaks, e.g., coffee or hot dog carts.

Trustee Cramer asked if the pilot is working well. Vice President Turner stated the assessment tool will provide insights into the pilot's success; however, approximately 80-90 took part in the meal plan, which reduces planning stress if running late or asking a colleague to lunch.

L. SGA President Report

Student Government Association (SGA) President Andrew Laws provided updates on the 2023 elections, travel to the annual SEC in DC conference, Wildcat Wardrobe and DanceBlue. President Laws introduced the new Student Body President Lizzy Hornung.

President Laws reported that the UK delegation met with Senators Paul and McConnell during the SEC in DC conference to discuss student priorities; Wildcat Wardrobe, which provides free professional clothing, served more than 200 students thus far that semester; and concluded his report with an update on DanceBlue, which occurred in late March; with more than 650 students participating and raised more than \$1.6 million for Kentucky Children's Hospital.

M. Meeting Adjourned

Hearing no further business, Chair Webb adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rachel Watts Webb
Academic and Student Affairs Committee

RW/sjr