

Minutes
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
Board of Trustees
March 16, 2015

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees met in the Board Room, 18th Floor Patterson Office Tower at 10:45 a.m. on March 16. Angela Edwards called the meeting to order. The following members were in attendance: Cammie Grant, Robert Grossman, David Hawpe, Kelly Holland, John Wilson and Barbara Young.

Ms. Edwards stated the minutes of the December 9, 2014 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 Barbara Young to accept the minutes as distributed and seconded by David Hawpe. The motion was unanimously approved.

ASACR 1: Creation of the Department of Integrated Strategic Communication – Resolution requesting approval to create the Department of Integrated Strategic Communication in the College of Communication and Information and the associated move of the BA/BS in Integrated Strategic Communication, effective July 1, 2015. The School of Journalism and Telecommunications currently houses three degree programs: Journalism, Media Arts and Integrated Strategic Communication (ISC). Since 2003, the School has grown from 14 tenured and tenure-track faculty to 26 tenured and tenure-track faculty and two full-time lecturers. Each of these fields has its own scholarly and creative tradition, and faculty research and creative activity in each of the three areas varies widely. Significant growth in both faculty and student numbers has made the structure difficult to manage effectively and a barrier to continued growth. Establishment of the Integrated Strategic Communication Department will strengthen the identity of the program. Students and alumni of the School seem to identify with their program of study rather than the School as an entity. The restructuring will serve to further strengthen that identification. Likewise, the reconstituted School of Journalism and Telecommunications will be strengthened through greater focus. Dr. Beth Barnes, College of Communication and Information, reported the establishment of the Integrated Strategic Communication Department will strengthen the identity of the program. The restructuring will serve to further strengthen that identification. Likewise, the reconstituted School of Journalism and Telecommunications will be strengthened through greater focus. After a brief discussion of the proposal, a motion was made by Bob Grossman to approve the recommendation and seconded by Kelly Holland. The motion was unanimously approved.

ASACR 2: Candidates for Degrees: December 2014 – Resolution requesting authorization for the President to confer upon the individuals whose names appear on the attached list the degree to which he or she is 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. The individuals whose names appear on the attached list completed the work leading toward the degree for which application was made. Due to administrative errors, the names were not previously submitted. A motion was made by Robert Grossman to approve the recommendation and seconded by Barbara Young. The motion was unanimously approved.

ASACR 3: Candidate for Degree: August 2014 – Resolution requesting authorization for the President to 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 application was made. Due to an administrative error, the name was not previously submitted. A motion was made by Kelly Holland to approve the recommendation and seconded by Barbara Young. The motion was unanimously approved.

Robert Mock, Vice President for Student Affairs, gave an overview of the current Student Code process, which applies to all students. We are currently evaluating the Code and making adjustments to include the Office of Civil Rights changes, Title IX adjustments, and our Alcohol Policy. The goal is to have a draft to the President for implementation no later than August 1.

Bill Thro, UK General Counsel, presented background information on the first reading of the proposed revision to Governing Regulation XI relating to the University Appeals Board. The revision is intended to clarify the role of the University Senate Rules for academic misconduct and the Student Code of Conduct for disciplinary offenses.

Provost Tim Tracy updated the committee on the steps that are being taken to complete the Strategic Plan. Based upon the work of the committees that were formed a year ago, the process has been streamlined and the five areas that will be emphasized are: Undergraduate Student Success; Diversity and Inclusivity; Community Engagement and Impact; Graduate Education; and Research. The co-chairs for each area are: Kim Anderson and Jane Jensen; Randa Remer and Jeff Clymer; Lisa Higgins-Hord and Katherine McCormick; Sharon Lock, David Blackwell and David Puelo; and Rodney Andrews and Lori Gooding. Each group also has an administrative liaison: Ben Withers for Undergraduate Student Success; Terry Allen for Diversity and Inclusivity; Tom Harris for Community Engagement and Impact; Susan Carvalho for Graduate Education; and Lisa Cassis for Research. The group has already started writing their sections with a goal of having three to five strategic initiatives for each area and two to four action steps for each initiative. The proposed Strategic Plan will be a more concise plan. The group is working very hard to have the plan ready for approval at the June 1 Board of Trustees meeting.

A second initiative Provost Tracy is working on is Student Success. Student Success is a key part of the Strategic Plan and another important goal for the University. There are really good initiatives under way and the goal is to bring them together in a holistic fashion. We want to be efficient and effective in our work.

Ms. Edwards thanked those in attendance and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Edwards
Academic and Student Affairs Committee