

Minutes
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
Board of Trustees
September 15, 2017

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees met in Ballroom 107A, Votruba Student Union, Northern Kentucky University, on September 15, 2017. Trustee Angela Edwards called the meeting to order at 9:47am. The following members were in attendance: Angela Edwards, Lee Blonder, Ben Childress, Mike Christian, Cammie Grant, Bob Grossman, Kelly Holland, and Barbara Young.

Chair Edwards stated that the first item of business is the approval of the minutes of the June 16, 2017 ASAC meeting that are included in the members' materials. Mike Christian moved approval of the minutes which was seconded by Cammie Grant. Finding no discussion, Chair Edwards called for a vote and the motion passed without dissent.

Provost Tim Tracy began his report by pointing out that the Trustees will be seeing FCR 1, a charitable grant from the James Graham Brown Foundation in the amount of \$1 million to support the UK LEADS program. He thanked the JGB Foundation for this gift in support of this student success effort.

Provost Tracy then gave a presentation entitled "UK College of Medicine Northern Kentucky Campus Update" in order to update the committee on where the College of Medicine expansion stands today with UK's Northern Kentucky partners—St. Elizabeth Healthcare and Northern Kentucky University.

Dr. Michael Singleton, Assistant Professor, UK College of Public Health, gave a presentation entitled "Public Health Informatics and the Opioid Epidemic". Responding effectively to the epidemic requires timely information on which to base decisions about policies, resource allocations and interventions; his current project has the primary goal of improving the information flows that inform these kinds of efforts.

Provost Tracy then introduced Dr. Greg Heileman, UK's new Associate Provost for Student & Academic Life, to the committee. Dr. Heileman spoke briefly on his background and his focus on machine learning and data analytics and using those tools to support data-informed decision making in Higher Education; tools to help better understand student success. He is happy to be at UK and stated that they have already made strides at taking a holistic look at first-year experience and framing it around the pillars of success and he looks forward to presenting on that endeavor to the BOT in the future.

ASACR 1: Candidates For Degrees: August 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 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 completed the work leading toward the degree for which application was made at the close of the 2017 Summer Session. Trustee Bob Grossman moved approval, which was seconded by Trustee Kelly Holland. 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 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 name 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 Cammie Grant moved approval, which was seconded by Trustee Mike Christian. There was no discussion and the motion passed without dissent.

SGA President and Trustee Ben Childress presented the Student Government update. He introduced himself and let the Trustees know that he is happy to present on topics they would like to hear about and answer any questions they have about student life at UK. He discussed some of the big issues that he and his team see on UK's campus and possible solutions:

- Mental Health and Wellness: he shared statistics from the all-student survey, specifically responses regarding depression, anxiety and suicidal thoughts. Solutions: *Fall Break and Syllabus Bank*
- Genuine Community and Genuine Diversity—how are students connecting in a real way? How are students that come from different backgrounds connecting and communicating on campus? Solutions: *Intentional Programming and fostering the right environment*
- Safety: it is important to ensure that students are safe at all times. Solutions: *Increase transportation/ "It's on Us" Week/Tailgating Policy*

President Childress also updated the Committee on other SGA initiatives: Wildcat Wardrobe—the goal is to grow this program; Internship Support—financial support of DC internship program; increase and open up to other areas as well; Student lobbying efforts—Higher ed efforts in Frankfort & DC and developing a legislative report card is of interest; Student organization funding support; and the Student Coalition for Diversity and Inclusion (SCDI) to connect students with administrators.

Dr. Sonja Feist-Price, UK Vice President for Institutional Diversity, gave a presentation entitled “Diversity and Inclusion: A Plan for Inclusive Excellence.” She provided a history of UK's Diversity Plan; discussed the statutory law and administrative regulations regarding the plan; and the policy requirement with the 3 Core Areas which guide the diversity plan: Opportunity, Success and Impact. She discussed enrollment strategies; student success strategies; strategies for a culture of competence and inclusion, for a sense of belonging among students, faculty, and staff. She discussed the annual assessment process for each goal and strategy by both the CPE and UK. Dr. Feist-Price then reviewed the Diversity Planning Timeline, pointing out that they

are now at the point in time where the Board of Trustees approval is needed, which they will seek at the full BOT meeting this afternoon.

Provost Tracy introduced two new hires that will be presented at the full Board Meeting through PR 5 and PR 6, that are meaningful and impactful to this committee: Professor Mark Shanda, Dean of the College of Fine Arts and Dr. Christian Brady, Dean of the Tom Lewis Honors College. Provost Tracy is very pleased to have both of these individuals on the leadership team at UK.

Finding no further business to come before the committee, Chair Edwards entertained a motion to adjourn. Trustee Mike Christian moved adjournment and the meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Edwards
Academic and Student Affairs Committee

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