

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

In Open Session

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the University of Louisville Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, March 7, 2006, in the Jefferson Room of Grawemeyer Hall, Belknap Campus, with members present and absent as follows:

Present: Prof. William Pierce, Chairman  
Mr. William Brammell, Jr., Vice Chair  
Dr. Salem George  
Mr. Bill Forman  
Dr. Robert Curtis Hughes

Absent: Mr. Tommie Burns  
Ms. Jessica Loving

Other Trustees

Present: Ms. Marie Abrams  
Mr. Ulysses L. Bridgeman, Jr.  
Mr. Grant Helman  
Mr. Bill Stone

From the

University: Dr. Shirley Willihnganz, Executive Vice President and Provost  
Ms. Angela D. Koshewa, University Counsel  
Dr. Larry Cook, Executive Vice President & Chancellor for HSC  
Mr. Mike Curtin, Vice President for Finance  
Mr. Joe Beyel, Vice President for University Advancement  
Mr. John Drees, Interim Associate VP for Communications & Marketing  
Mrs. Kathleen M. Smith, Assistant Secretary  
Ms. Debbie Dougherty, Board Liaison

Guests: Dr. Eugenia Wang, Endowed Chair, Genetics – Aging

I. Call to Order

Having determined a quorum present, Chair Pierce called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes, January 12, 2006

Mr. Brammell made a motion, which Dr. George seconded, to approve the minutes of January 12, 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Information Item: Presentation by Dr. Eugenia Wang, Professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Gheens Foundation Inc. Chair in Aging Research School of Medicine

Executive Vice President Cook introduced Dr. Eugenia Wang. Dr. Wang is in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and the Gheens Foundation, Inc. endowed chair in aging research at the School of Medicine. An internationally known expert in genetics effects upon aging, she came to U of L to launch the Gheens Center on Aging, a new research facility where scientists can develop gene-based technologies for studying a variety of age-related diseases. The center was established in the School of Medicine with a \$2.5 million gift from the Gheens Foundation. Dr. Wang's research focuses on molecular mechanisms that control the aging process, including gene-directed programs that regulate the ontogeny of age-dependent diseases and how the genetic action of individual cells controls human longevity. She integrates microarray technology, proteomic profiling and several other high-throughput enabling platforms to identify genetic and epigenetic factors that are underpinning keys to age-dependent diseases.

Dr. Wang discussed the facets of team research, which include 1) predictive medicine, 2) broad-spectrum, departing from "one intervention for one disease" approach, 3) "big science" challenges, 4) world-class coalition, 5) high risk and high return, and 6) big impact for Kentucky, USA and the world. Her team represents an interdisciplinary consortium of scientists in the field of predictive medicine and the elderly with a goal of establishing a "virtual institute of predictive medicine for health and aging." The inauguration for this consortium is March 10-12, 2006. The team consists of representatives from UofL, Rutgers, Boston, Drexel, Stanford, Dublin, and Washington. Future members include faculty from Xian University. This is a novel approach to building an interdisciplinary team addressing broad-spectrum, anti-mid-life declines as a strategic plan to slow down, repress, and reduce the risk of late-life co-morbidity of age-dependent diseases. She reported the anticipated milestones and deliverables were:

- Integrated team science for high-performance, high-quality research advances, departing from incremental gains
- New training programs for young people who are marketable and versatile in the job market
- Fast track from bench to bedside; translational research for clinical application and commercialization of research gains, as well as creating new research programs that are both hypothesis-and product-driven

She highlighted the team's vision and focus:

- To build new research paradigms with an integrative theme for high returns on research investments, and rapid response to the changing world of biomedical studies of aging issues;
- To create a unique niche for the mid-life decline consortium, to integrate bio-info-nano technology in solving late-life disease problems of the elderly
- To set up an integrative approach for “out-of-the-box” creation of new disciplines, Broad Spectrum, Anti-Age-Dependent Disease Therapeutics, Department from the “one disease, one cure” paradigm of treatment
- Establishing a predictive medicine for advance diagnosis and counter-measures by developing cell- and gene-based smart drugs for co-morbidity of the elderly with multiple problems, including type II diabetes, neurodegeneration, osteoporosis, osteoarthritis, cardiovascular disorders, cancer, infection, etc.

Dr. Wang outlined the roadmap of mid-life decline, genomic enabling technology discoveries, and shared examples of future products. She encouraged the University to invest in the virtual institute to increase technology readiness levels to be competitive in national and global biomedical R&D markets and thanked the board for the opportunity to share her research with them. Chair Pierce thanked Dr. Wang for an excellent presentation.

III. Action Item: Approval of Name Change of the College of Business and Public Administration

Provost Willihnganz reported in June of 2005, the College of Business dean surveyed the faculty and staff on the name for the college. The consensus was a change to simplify the name from College of Business and Public Administration to College of Business. This change is consistent with the college's strategic plan. This recommendation comes to the Board on the recommendation of the Dean and his faculty. Because the change is “descriptive” in nature, there was no requirement to consult the University Awards and Designations Committee. Mr. Forman made a motion, which Dr. George seconded, to approve the

**President’s recommendation that the name of the College of Business and Public Administration be changed to the College of Business, effective immediately, and that Section 3.1.1 of *The Redbook* be amended accordingly.**

The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Action Item: Approval of Revision to the University Mission Statement

Provost Willihnganz noted the University’s Mission Statement has been reviewed and updated to be consistent with the mission parameters approved by the Council on Postsecondary Education. The proposed mission statement reflects a public statement of the university’s already-articulated commitment to the liberal arts in support of our Phi

Beta Kappa application-, one of the University's strategic goals. The revised mission statement continues to support the charge to the University set by the Kentucky legislature in House Bill 1. [Ms. Abrams and Mr. Helman departed at 3:30 p.m.] Dr. George made a motion, which Mr. Brammell seconded, to approve the

**President's recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve the following Mission Statement of the University of Louisville (addition underscored/deletion in brackets):**

**The University of Louisville shall be a premier, nationally recognized metropolitan research university with a commitment to the liberal arts and sciences and to [advancing] the intellectual, cultural, and economic development of our diverse communities and citizens through the pursuit of excellence in five interrelated strategic areas: (1) Educational Experience, (2) Research, Creative, and Scholarly Activity, (3) Accessibility, Diversity, Equity, and Communication, (4) Partnerships and Collaborations, and (5) Institutional Effectiveness of Programs and Services.**

The motion passed unanimously.

V. Adjournment

Mr. Brammell made a motion, which Mr. Forman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.