

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

October 2, 2008

In Open Session

Members of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the University of Louisville Board of Trustees met at 2:40 p.m. on Thursday, October 2, 2008, in the Jefferson Room of Grawemeyer Hall, with members present and absent as follows:

Present: Dr. Robert Curtis Hughes, Chair
Mr. Rudolph Spencer, III, Vice Chair
Prof. Melissa Laning
Ms. Jessica Loving (arrived at 1:30)
Ms. Sandy Metts Snowden

Absent: Mr. Jonathan Blue
Dr. William Selvidge

Other Trustees

Present: Ms. Marie Abrams
Mr. Brent Fryrear
Dr. Salem George
Ms. Margaret Handmaker
Ms. Rebecca Jackson
Mr. Frank Minnifield
Ms. Brucie Moore
Mr. Steve Poe
Mr. Bill Stone
Ms. Sandy Metts Snowden

From the
University: Dr. James R. Ramsey, President
Dr. Shirley Willihnganz, Executive Vice President and Provost
Dr. Manuel Martinez-Maldonado, Executive Vice President for Research
Ms. Angela D. Koshewa, University Counsel
Mr. Mike Curtin, Vice President for Finance
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Ms. Carolyn Cochran, Provost's Office
Mrs. Kathleen M. Smith, Assistant Secretary
Mrs. Debbie Dougherty, Board Liaison

I. Call to Order

Having determined a quorum present, Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m.

Approval of Minutes, January 10, 2008

Mr. Stone made a motion, which Prof. Laning seconded, to approve the minutes of January 10, 2008. The motion passed.

II. Action Item: Approval of Ph.D. in Physics

Executive Vice President and Provost Willihnganz reported this recommendation will create a Doctor of Philosophy in Physics in the Department of Physics & Astronomy, beginning in Spring 2009. She said the Ph.D. program in Physics will help increase the quality and productivity of departmental and interdisciplinary research, as well as the level of federal and commercial research funding.

The program will improve the training of a high-tech workforce in Louisville and potentially lead to technology spin-off business opportunities. Local civic and business leaders support the implementation of the program. It is a unique program within the Commonwealth, both in terms of research specializations available to students such as Atmospheric Science and Experimental High Energy Physics and in terms of programmatic elements that will give the degree added value.

The program requires a relatively low commitment of new resources and will take advantage of existing state-of-the-art technology within the department and university.

Benchmark institutions do not offer their own Ph.D. in Physics. While the Departments of Physics & Astronomy at UK and UofL have worked together to make a cooperative Ph.D. program possible, most students are very hesitant to apply due to the need to apply at both institutions, to find committee members at both institutions, to drive back and forth, etc. Therefore, many students who would otherwise stay in Kentucky leave the state for a Ph.D. program in an institution that resembles UofL—namely, a program located in a major metropolitan area with strong medical and engineering schools. With a Ph.D. program in Louisville, many of these students will opt to remain in the state.

Dr. Willihnganz noted that curricular requirements for the degree are consistent with recommendations from the American Association of Physics Teachers based

on common practices in the field. Ms. Snowden made a motion, which Mr. Spencer seconded, to approve the

President's recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve the creation of the Doctor of Philosophy in Physics

The motion passed.

III. Report of the President

President Ramsey reported on the many great activities and programs underway at the University. In his report, he discussed UofL focus on community and state mandate:

Academic progress

- Enrollment/degrees
 - Graduation rate: 1998: 30.1% 2008: 45.7%
 - Undergraduate enrollment forecast: up 2.6%
 - Space deficiency

BA/BS completion:

- Third largest % increase since 1998-99: 32.5%
- Second in BA/BS production behind Murray: 575 vs. 564
- Responding to CPE call for public/private partnerships
 - Energizing Kentucky
 - Metroversity
- Athletics
 - Data released October 14
 - Graduate success rate in all sports ahead of federal rate

Grants and advancement

- \$121 million in research grants in 2008
- \$22 million – 2 grants (Birth defects and COBRE)
- \$29 million – 3 grants announced by end of October

Development

- \$3 million gift from College of Business alumnus for Entrepreneurship Center
- \$103 million in last 15 months
- Alumni giving 2.2% above national average

Economic development impact

- Capital investment: Park Hill Neighborhood
- 2003-2008 \$400,000

- With UofL residential announcement...in 2008 \$60 million

Student engagement

- Rush:
 - Sorority rush 246 vs. 267 - 2007-08
 - Fraternity rush 283 vs 361 2007-08
- Intramurals
 - Over the past 4 seasons the flag football program increased from 51 to 87 teams
 - Active involvement in other sports:
 - 28 Ultimate Frisbee teams (new record)
 - Kickball – 12 teams
 - Softball – 26 teams

Awards

- Application for Clinical & Translational Science Awards
- National Consortium for Continuous Improvement in Higher Education for Signature Partnership
 - Nominated by UK
 - Best practice model for community engagement

Harvard and UofL

- Proposed collaboration in nanotechnology
- Company exploring locating in Louisville
- Harnessing UofL faculty

Chair Hughes thanked President Ramsey for an excellent update on the many great things happening at the University.

V. Adjournment

Mr. Spencer made a motion, which Ms. Loving seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m. The motion passed.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Passed _____X_____

Did not pass _____

Other _____

Date _____

Katalin M. Smith

Assistant Secretary