

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

May 10, 2007

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, May 10, 2007, in the Jefferson Room of Grawemeyer Hall, with members present and absent as follows:

Present: Dr. Robert Curtis Hughes, Chair  
Mr. Darrell Messer, Vice Chair  
Mr. Jonathan Blue  
Ms. Bev Daly  
Dr. Salem George

Absent: Mr. Steve Poe  
Ms. Sandy Metts Snowden

Other Trustees

Present: Dr. Beth Boehm  
Mr. Ron Butt  
Mr. Grant Helman  
Ms. Rebecca Jackson  
Mr. Bill Stone

From the  
University:

Dr. James R. Ramsey, President  
Dr. Shirley Willihnganz, Executive Vice President and Provost  
Dr. Larry Cook, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs  
Dr. Manuel Martinez-Maldonado, Executive Vice President for Research  
Ms. Angela D. Koshewa, University Counsel  
Mr. Mike Curtin, Vice President for Finance  
Mr. Larry Owlsey, Vice President for Business Affairs  
Mr. Keith Inman, Vice President for Advancement  
Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr., Vice President for Student Affairs  
Dr. Blaine Hudson, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences  
Mr. Tom Sawyer, Acting Vice President for Information Technology  
Dr. David Howarth, Associate University Provost  
Ms. Susan Howarth, Director of Budget  
Dr. Ricky Jones, Chair of Pan African Studies  
Dr. Al Futtrell, Chair of Communications Department  
Mr. John Drees, Assoc. VP for Communications & Marketing  
Ms. Terri Rutledge, Associate VP for Business Affairs

Ms. Cindy Hess, Director of Communications & Marketing  
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 2:40 p.m.

Approval of Minutes, January 11, 2007

Mr. Messer made a motion, which Ms. Daly seconded, to approve the minutes of January 11, 2007. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Action Item: Approval of the Creation of Institute for Intercultural Communication

Provost Willinghamz introduced Dean Hudson and Department of Communications Chair Al Futtrell to discuss this recommendation. Dean Hudson reported that beginning in July 2007, the International Association for Intercultural Communication Studies (IAICS), an organization with more than 500 members from over 30 countries, will be housed at the University of Louisville. This move provides a timely opportunity for the establishment of this institute. The primary purpose of the Institute is to serve as an organizational center for theoretical and applied research in intercultural communication. The Institute will organize annual conferences of the IAICS, publish the journal *Intercultural Communication Studies*, organize seminars and workshops, publish a monograph series, and provide scholars in this field with a variety of other information and activities related to intercultural communication studies. The Institute for Intercultural Communication also will assist University of Louisville faculty in securing external funding for research projects and foster research collaboration among our faculty members. While the Institute will be primarily research oriented, it also will enhance teaching and service in this area.

Dean Hudson said initial funding for the Institute will come from a variety of internal and external sources, including the publication of the abovementioned journal. If approved, Dean Hudson said Prof. Ricky Jones will become the founding director. Ms. Daly made a motion, which Mr. Messer seconded, to approve the

**President's recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve the creation of the Institute for Intercultural Communication in the Department of Communication.**

The motion passed unanimously.

III. Action Item: Approval of the Creation of the Center for the Study of Crime and Justice in Black Communities

Prof. Willihnganz reported this Center will develop and support ongoing research projects that examine multifaceted and real world issues involving crime and justice among black populations. Dr. Willihnganz introduced Dean Hudson and Dr. Ricky Jones. While crime is a generalized American problem, statistics on violent crime, disproportionate incarceration, recidivism and other variables suggest that crime in black communities has specialized aspects which warrant examination. Ultimately, the Center will produce research reports and papers on annually chosen topics, offer symposia and speakers, and create opportunities for university faculty, public officials, and community agencies to become partners in fostering change in the city of Louisville, as well as the Commonwealth. The Center also will enhance undergraduate and graduate instruction on these pressing issues, assist faculty in securing external funding for research projects, and foster research collaboration of faculty from a variety of departments at the University of Louisville. In response to Dr. Hughes' inquiry regarding similar programs, Dean Hudson said he thought this was the first of its kind. Dr. Willihnganz noted initial funding for the Center will be derived from a variety of internal sources, including revenue from distance education courses. Dr. George made a motion, which Ms. Daly seconded, to approve the

**President's recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve the creation of the Center for the Study of Crime and Justice in Black Communities**

The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Information Items:

Reinstatement of Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Studies

Provost Willihnganz reported that an area the University is working to improve is increasing its ability to offer interdisciplinary degrees. This represents a growing area at most other universities; at the present time, UofL has very few. The University is reinstating its interdisciplinary Ph.D. program.

New Tract in Bioethics and Medical Humanities within the MA in Interdisciplinary Studies

Provost Willihnganz reported the University will create a new track in Bioethics and Medical Humanities within the MA in interdisciplinary studies. Dean Halperin in the School of Medicine and Dean Hudson in the College of Arts and Sciences have collaborated to create a special Master of Arts in Bioethics and Medical Humanities. This program will include coursework from the School of

Medicine and the College of Arts and Sciences and serve as a test case for consideration of future program studies. It offers remarkable expertise in offering this kind of program and will immediately attract students and allow our faculties to work together structurally.

V. Other Business

There was no other business.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Messer made a motion, which Mr. Blue seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.