

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 Thursday, January 12, 2006, in the Brown & Williamson Club, Papa John's Cardinal Stadium, 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
Ms. Jessica Loving

Absent: Mr. Tommie Burns

Other Trustees

Present: Ms. Marie Abrams
Mr. Ulysses L. Bridgeman, Jr.
Ms. Donna Tinsley Denny
Mr. Nathaniel E. Green
Ms. Margaret Handmaker
Mr. Grant Helman
Mr. J. Chester Porter
Ms. Sandy Metts Snowden
Mr. Bill Stone
Ms. Elizabeth Worland

From the
University:

Dr. James R. Ramsey, President
Dr. Shirley Willihnganz, Executive Vice President and Provost
Ms. Angela D. Koshewa, University Counsel
Dr. Larry Cook, Executive Vice President & Chancellor for HSC
Mr. Larry Owsley, Vice President for Business Affairs
Dr. Nancy C. Martin, Senior Vice President for Research
Mr. Ronald L. Moore, Vice President for Information & Technology
Mr. Dan Hall, Vice President for External Affairs
Dr. David Howarth, Associate University Provost
Mr. John Drees, Interim Associate VP for University Advancement
Ms. Anne Rademaker, Controller's Office
Ms. Carolyn Cochran, Assistant to the Provost
Mrs. Kathleen M. Smith, Assistant Secretary
Ms. Debbie Dougherty, Board Liaison

Guests: Dr. Charlie Moyer, Dean, College of Business
Dr. Eugenia Wang, Endowed Chair, Genetics – Aging
Dr. William Walsh, Director, Justice Administration

I. Call to Order

Having determined a quorum present, Chair Pierce called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes, October 6, 2005

Dr. Hughes made a motion, which Ms. Loving seconded, to approve the minutes of October 6, 2005. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Action Item: Approval of Creation of the Gheens Center on Aging

Dr. Cook introduced Dr. Eugenia Wang. Dr. Wang is a professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and an internationally known specialist in the genetic effect on aging. She came to U of L to launch the Gheens Center on Aging, a new research facility focusing on gene-based technologies that impact age-related diseases. The center, which was established in the School of Medicine with a \$2.5 million gift from the Gheens Foundation, carries out research on molecular mechanisms that control the aging process, including gene-directed programs that regulate the ontogeny of age-dependent diseases and the genetic action of individual cells related to human longevity.

Dr. Wang stated the Center will bring together a critical mass of investigators at the University of Louisville who are committed to leading-edge research and education in gerontological science and will create an integrated approach to investigating the mechanisms that control the normal aging process and age-dependent disease. The goals of the Center include: 1) support for an integrated approach to questions unique to Aging Studies; 2) achievement of excellence in research and education on aging; 3) rapid development of translational research programs on aging; 4) cross-campus collaboration between Health Sciences, Belknap and Shelby campuses; and 5) cross-discipline collaboration with sociology, music, nursing, and other arts and sciences disciplines. Ms. Loving made a motion, which Dr. George seconded, to approve the

President's recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve the creation of the Gheens Center on Aging with a Director assigned by and reporting to the Executive Vice President for Health Affairs.

The motion passed unanimously.

III. Action Item: Approval of the Certificate in Police Executive Leadership Development

Provost Willihnganz introduced Dr. William Walsh, Director of the Southern Police Institute and Professor of Justice Administration at the University of Louisville. Dr. Walsh oversees all educational and professional development course offerings of the Southern Police Institute. Many of his students hold command positions in police agencies throughout the United States, Europe and the Pacific-Rim nations.

Dr. Walsh explained the purpose of the program responds to an urgent need for educated professionals in the field of police organizational administration. The development of organizational leaders in policing is an ongoing challenge as professional standards and educational levels continue to increase substantially. The police profession has witnessed an increasing demand for police executives who have been educated beyond the undergraduate level.

The Certificate program consists of 12 credit hours with four required courses drawn from the current graduate course offerings in the Department of Justice Administration and the Southern Police Institute. The courses will be offered as part of the curriculum of the Southern Police Institute's Administrative Officers course. The Certificate will also be an incentive for students to enroll in the Master of Science degree in the Administration of Justice as the courses will meet 12 of the 18 hours of elective requirements for the Master's degree. Ms. Loving made a motion, which Mr. Forman seconded, to approve the

President's recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve the creation of a Graduate Certificate in Police Executive Leadership Development.

The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Information Item: Reinstatement of Early Education Program

Provost Willihnganz reported that several years ago the University no longer admitted students in the undergraduate early education program. The University found that students needed five years to complete these programs. The Provost reported this change, which didn't require board action.

V. Information Items: Updates on

College of Business

Provost Willihnganz introduced Dean Charlie Moyer. Dr. Moyer reported there are currently 350 students enrolled in graduate level coursework. Dr. Moyer shared the following recognitions:

- Top 7 percent (#87) undergraduate business ranking (*US News*)
- Top 50 public university business schools (*US News*)
- Top 20 in entrepreneurship (*US News*)
- Panama MBA program ranked 4th best in Latin America (*Latin Trade*)
- USASBE recognized the College's entrepreneurship program as the model program of the year
- High entrepreneurship program rankings by *Success* and *Entrepreneurship* magazine

Dr. Moyer shared the following new developments:

- Opening the Ulmer Career Management Center in February – one of the best in the country
- Opening new computer labs in the College and Davidson Hall
- Planning for new Graduate Business School/Corporate Learning Center downtown

Dr. Moyer discussed the College's new strategic plan, which includes:

- Emphasize strengths in entrepreneurship and supply chain/logistic management
- Commit to programs that reflect entrepreneurship mindset, the global marketplace, and importance of ethics
- Clearly identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of the programs
- Identify resource priority needs and lay out a plan for securing these resources
- Identify the need for a new graduate business school building downtown to support new degree programs, executive education, and entrepreneurship outreach

Dr. Moyer said the College of Business can become recognized as one of the great metropolitan business schools. Achievement of this goal requires implementation of an aggressive plan for excellence in business education, and the resources, both internal and external, to accomplish this goal. Chair Pierce thanked Dr. Moyer for an excellent presentation.

Parkinson's Research Grant from NIH

Dr Cook introduced Dr. Irene Litvan. Dr. Litvan is the Raymond Lee Leiby Professor of Parkinson Disease Research and the director of the Movement Disorder Program. The National Institute of Health recently funded a \$3.4 million grant for Dr. Litvan's research to study genetic risk factors for progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP).

Dr. Litvan explained the Movement disorders program is dedicated to providing the best diagnostic, therapeutic, palliative, and supportive care to patients with movement disorders, cognitive deficits, and neurodegenerative diseases, with a focus on Parkinsons and Parkinsonian disorders. Patient care begins with an in-depth evaluation and consultation and continues through treatment, therapies, and ongoing support. The main objective is to improve the quality of life for both patients and caregivers.

Dr. Litvan's clinical research is focused on discovering not only the causes and effects of, but also treatments and possible cures for a variety of movement disorders, including Parkinson's disease (PD), Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP), and Corticobasal Degeneration (CBD). Basal ganglia and frontal lobular function as they relate to these disorders are of particular interest. Research is proceeding along the following paths:

A) Identify biological markers

1. Cerebrospinal Fluid
2. Magnetic Resonance Imaging volumetric studies

B) Identify genetic and environmental risk factors:

1. H1/H1 haplotype in progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP) and Corticobasal Degeneration (CBD)
2. Genetic linkage study in Parkinson's disease

C) Standardize diagnostic criteria

1. Establishment of Office of Rare Disorders (ORD)
2. Neuropathologic criteria for Corticobasal degeneration and related disorders
3. Validation of ORD neuropathologic criteria

D) Search for neuroprotective treatments to slow or stop disease progression and provide symptomatic relief

1. Pyruvate, creatine, and niacinamide to evaluate their safety and efficacy
2. Study of the efficacy of KW-6002 as treatment for PD patients
3. Study to test the safe dose range of KW-6002 as treatment

Dr. Litvan added that several projects were looking to increase the understanding of non-motor functions of the frontal lobe and basal ganglia, e.g.:

1. Discourse language processing in frontal dysfunction
2. Role of the subthalamic nucleus in emotion and cognition in patients undergoing subthalamotomies
3. Visuospatial disturbances in Parkinsonian disorders
4. Clinical, radiologic, and pathologic correlations of Parkinsonian disorders

Chair Pierce congratulated Dr. Litvan on the receipt of the multidisciplinary grant. Mr. Stone recognized the profound impact the Bucks for Brains has had on research. Chair Pierce thanked Dr. Litvan for an excellent report.

VI. Other Business

There was no other business.

VII. Adjournment

Ms. Loving made a motion, and Mr. Forman seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.