

Board of Trustees
Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Life
Minutes of Meeting
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A meeting of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Life was held in Room 220 of The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:30 p.m. on September 19, 2013.

The following committee members, constituting a quorum, were present: Jim Broadhurst, Peter Khoury, Abe Harpster, Ed Hintz, Betsy Huber, Ryan McCombie, and Bill Oldsey. Committee member Carolyn Dumaresq was not in attendance.

Faculty Senate Representative Jonna Kulikowich, staff representative Crystal Hubler, student representative Katelyn Mullen, and the following staff members were also present: Rodney Erickson, Nicholas Jones, Robert Pangborn, Damon Sims, and Ann Zirkle. Also invited to attend were Barry Bram, Janet Connor, and Careen Yarnal; Steve Shelow, Linda LaSalle, Peggy Lorah, and Danny Shaha; and Madlyn Hanes, Gary Keefer, Fred Leeds, Arlene Hall and Jim Crawford.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Broadhurst, who advised the Committee that actions and recommendations by the Committee would be reported to the full Board of Trustees for their consideration at the September 20, 2013 meeting. Chair Broadhurst then introduced actionable items to the committee and called for comment. The items presented for consideration were: Renaming of the Department of Bioengineering to the Department of Biomedical Engineering in the College of Engineering; Renaming of the Asian Studies Program to the Department of Asian Studies in the College of the Liberal Arts; and Renaming of the School of Nursing to the College of Nursing.

Jonna Kulikowich, Professor of Education and Chair-Elect of the Faculty Senate reported that the name changes have been discussed and approved by the Faculty Senate. Vice President and Dean of Undergraduate Education, Rob Pangborn, provided additional background for the impetus of the name changes. Paula Milone-Nuzzo, Dean of the School of Nursing, shared a brief chronology of the University's nursing program and rationale for the change in name of this unit.

Following the comments and discussion, the Committee unanimously approved the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That the Department of Bioengineering in the College of Engineering be renamed to the Department of Biomedical Engineering effective September 20, 2013.

RESOLVED, That the Asian Studies Program in the College of the Liberal Arts be renamed to Department of Asian Studies effective September 20, 2013.

RESOLVED, That the School of Nursing be renamed to the College of Nursing effective September 20, 2013.

Chairman Broadhurst called on Rob Pangborn to introduce the next speaker, Madlyn Hanes, Vice President of Commonwealth Campuses. Following Pangborn's introduction, Madlyn Hanes provided a report on the status and health of the Commonwealth Campus system, and shared recommendations for future budgetary planning. Chancellors Gary Keefer (Beaver), Fred Leeds (Shenango), Arlene Hall (Fayette), and Professor Jim Crawford (Fayette) shared additional information about campus initiatives and opportunities for inter-campus collaboration.

Next on the agenda was an informational presentation about Title IX and sexual assault reporting for the University. Vice President of Student Affairs, Damon Sims, introduced staff that work directly with victims on campus; they addressed topics and answered questions related to student services, accountability, education, and prevention. Staff presenters included Linda LaSalle, Director of Educational Services, University Health Services; Danny Shaha, Senior Director of the Office of Student Conduct; Peggy Lorah, Director for the Center for Women Students; and Steve Shelow, Assistant Vice President for Police and Public Safety.

Rob Pangborn then introduced panelists who shared information with the group about the Trustee Engaged Scholarship Award, an initiative which is geared toward both student and faculty scholarship. The development of the award was supported by presentations by Janet Conner, Director of Strategy, Planning and Faculty/Student Engagement, Department of Outreach; Careen Yarnal, Associate Professor of Recreation, Park and Tourism Management; and Barry Bram, Senior Associate Director, Union and Student Activities. Discussion was prompted by the presentation, after which the Committee encouraged the further development of this scholarship.

The public session of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Life was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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