

**University of the District of Columbia
Board of Trustees
Academic Affairs Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 7, 2014 – 4:00 p.m.**

Trustees Present:

Kendrick Curry, Chair (Academic Affairs)
Mary Thompson (Academic Affairs)
James Dyke (Academic Affairs) via teleconference
Gabriela Lemus (Academic Affairs) via teleconference
Kenneth Isaacs (Academic Affairs)
Jerome Shelton (Trustee)
James Lyons, ex-officio

Trustees Absent:

Staff Present:

Rachel Petty, Acting Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Stacie Mills, Office of the General Counsel
Beverly Franklin, Executive Secretary, Board of Trustees

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Curry called the meeting to order at 4:10. The roll was called and a quorum was present. Chair Curry modified the agenda, removing items IV (Discussion of Reappointment of Dr. April Massey) and V (Discussion of Intellectual Property Statement) from the agenda. Testimony from several individuals was added after VI (c) Various Accreditations.

Approval of Minutes

The August 28, 2013 minutes were reviewed by the committee and unanimously approved.

Discussion Concerning Proposed Criteria and Guidelines for Academic “Minors” and “Concentrations”

Dr. Petty reported the language pertaining to the criteria and guidelines for approving minors and concentrations will be finalized and sent to the Faculty Senate. Committee members will be provided with the criteria and guidelines for consideration at the next Academic Affairs Committee meeting.

Master of Arts in Adult Education Program – Discussion and Resolution

Dr. Petty presented the proposal for the Master of Arts in Adult Education. The program has been through the academic review process and approved by the Faculty Senate in early November. The committee approved moving the program forward to the full Board for consideration, pending a Fiscal Impact Statement (FIS). A copy of the FIS will be sent to the committee members.

Update on Other Academic Matters

Vision 2020 Strategic Plan. Dr. Petty discussed:

- seventeen programs approved for termination (pending the Board signed resolution), and the work being done on the teach out process for these programs;
- working with the National Education Association (NEA) representative concerning a potential reduction-in-force; and
- initiatives concerning online learning and faculty professional development.

Current Academic Year. Dr. Petty reported classes start on Monday, January 13. Current enrollment numbers were discussed (community college – 2,205; flagship – 1,585).

Various Accreditations. On January 6, approximately 275 members of the university community participated in a four hour session regarding the Middle States accreditation. Dr. Marilyn Hamilton and Dr. Lena Walton are the co-chairs. There will be three additional sessions (governance, assessment, and budget and planning).

The initial site visit for the architecture program was held November 1 – 6, 2013. The Mortuary Science program's probation status was removed November 5. Speech pathology, which was on probation, has been granted an eight-year accreditation to 2021.

Testimony

Individuals who presented testimony:

- Professor Daryao Khatri – Faculty Senate
- Professor Arlene King Berry – Special Education
- Nilka Julio (NEA staff member) – effective faculty-board communication
- Professor Edgar Cahn – Special Education
- David Bardin – Environmental Science

Closing Remarks

Dr. Curry thanked the presenters. The meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

The final minutes will be approved at the next regularly scheduled Academic Affairs Committee meeting.