



BOARD OF GOVERNORS

## Academic Affairs Committee

May 4, 2018

### Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:11 a.m. by Governor Dunaskiss in Room BC at the McGregor Memorial Conference Center. Secretary Miller called the roll. A quorum was present.

**Committee Members Present:** Governors Dunaskiss, Kelly, Trent, Nicholson, and O'Brien; Krista Brumley as Faculty Representative, and Linda Beale, substitute Faculty Alternate Representative; Ryan Laith, Student Representative and Kamil Abu-Shaban, Student Alternate Representative

**Committee Members Absent:** Brad Roth, Faculty Representative and Kamil Abu-Shaban, Student Alternate Representative

**Also Present:** Governors Busuito, Gaffney, and Thompson; and President Wilson; Provost Whitfield; Vice Presidents Burns, Decatur, Hefner, Lanier, Lessem, Lindsey, Staebler, and Wright; and Secretary Miller

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES, MARCH 23, 2018**

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Governor Nicholson and supported by Ryan Laith, the Minutes of the March 23, 2018 meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee were approved as submitted. The motion carried.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN STATISTICS**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ACTUARIAL MATHEMATICS**

**DISCONTINUANCE OF THE RADIOLOGIST ASSISTANT STUDIES PROGRAM**

**CHANGE THE NAME OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES TO APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES**

Governor Dunaskiss advised that in the interest of time, the four action items before the committee would be discussed as a group, and covered with a global action once all questions had been answered. She called on Provost Whitfield for any further comments on the items before the committee. He advised that the establishment of a Bachelor of Science in Statistics and the Bachelor in Actuarial Science majors were developed to address workforce needs. The discontinuance of the Radiologist Assistant Studies

program comes forward in part because changes in the requirements for professional practice mean that the program no longer qualifies graduates for employment in this field; and the name change for the Department of Fundamental and Applied Sciences matches industry trends and reflects the collaboration and work that faculty have underway.

There were no questions from the committee on these items, and the following action was then taken.

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Governor Nicholson and supported by Mr. Ryan Laith, the following actions were approved as submitted. The motion carried.

- The Academic Affairs Committee recommended that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of a new degree program, the Bachelor of Science with major in Statistics in the Department of Mathematics in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, effective fall term, 2018.
- The Academic Affairs Committee recommended that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of a new degree program, the Bachelor of Arts with a major in Actuarial Mathematics in the Department of Mathematics in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, effective fall term, 2018.
- The Academic Affairs Committee recommended that the Board of Governors discontinue the Radiologist Assistant Studies Program in the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, effective fall term, 2018.
- The Academic Affairs Committee recommended that the Board of Governors change the name of the Department of Fundamental and Applied Sciences to the Department of Applied Health Sciences, in the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, effective fall, 2018.

#### **MERGER OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF ANATOMY AND CELL BIOLOGY AND OPHTHALMOLOGY**

Provost Whitfield noted that the merger reflected the history of the two departments' research and collaborations as well as industry trends. Governor Busuito advised that he and Dr. Juzych had discussed the merger and noted that the University was in the top 20 in the country in this area of practice and expertise in research. In response to a question from Governor Thompson, Provost Whitfield reported that there were no costs associated with the merger and explained that the department will realize cost efficiencies in shared faculty interest and research generation, as opposed to cost savings.



**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Governor Nicholson and supported by Mr. Laith, the Academic Affairs Committee recommended that the Board of Governors approve the merger of two departments, Anatomy and Cell Biology and Ophthalmology, to form a new Department of Ophthalmology, Visual and Anatomical Sciences in the School of Medicine, effective spring/summer, 2018. The motion carried.

### **POSTHUMOUS DEGREE FOR DONOVAN DENNARD**

Governor Dunaskiss advised that the action before the committee was consideration of an exception to Statute 2.43.62.040, and a request to award a posthumous degree. She expressed great sadness at the passing of Mr. Donovan Dennard, a committed and dedicated student in the Ilitch School of Business. Provost Whitfield called on Donovan's mother and his best friend for a brief statement. Ms. Renee Moore thanked the Board and expressed gratitude that the Board took the time to consider the recommendation, noting that her son was hard working and was taken much too soon. Donovan's best friend, Mr. Denzel Turner, thanked Dr. Ellis, Dr. Whitfield, and Mr. Green for assistance in moving this request forward to the board.

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Governor O'Brien and supported by Governor Trent, the Academic Affairs Committee recommended that the Board of Governors approve a request for an exception to the statute 2.43.62.040, and posthumously award the Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, with a Major in Management Information Systems, effective Spring/Summer term, 2018. The motion carried.

### **COURSE MATERIAL FEES FOR 2018**

Governor Dunaskiss noted that the annual Course Materials Fee report is presented for information, and no further action is required on it.

Professor Beale expressed some concern about the impact of the reported fee changes on students in the College of Fine, Performing & Communication Arts, and believes there is significant additional costs for students in those majors. She asked whether the administration had calculated the cost of the increases by major.

Dr. Darrin Ellis, Associate Provost for Academic Programs, provided some background information on the fees, and noted that a student's financial aid is individually packaged and additional fees or differential tuition is factored in. The median fee is about \$30, 75% of the fees are under \$75, and of all the registered seats in the University last year, about 1700 seats out of 97,000 total registered seats carried a fee. Fees are used exclusively for class materials for that semester only. Mr. Laith noted that there is a significant increase in the number of fees approved this year, and asked about the increase. Dr.

Ellis noted that general education curriculum reform included new initiatives that dictated active, problem and lab based learning in the classroom, which have generated some of the new fees reported.

Governor O'Brien asked if there is transparency in the amount of fees per student per semester for each major. Provost Whitfield noted that individual financial aid advisement would include that information. Associate Vice President Dawn Medley noted that with a grant from APLU regarding completion and financial literacy, the University website will be redesigned so that a student will be able to access their actual courses and see an estimate of their actual fees and charges. There is also a financial aid communication plan out to students that walks them through all of those steps for using the tool. The timeline for launch is anticipated for mid-June this year, 2018.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Julie H. Miller  
Secretary to the Board of Governors