

**BOARD OF VISITORS
ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 6, 2012
MINUTES**

Present representing the Board of Visitors were:

Kenneth E. Ampy, Chair
Dee D. Gilmore, Vice Chair
Frank Batten, Jr.
David L. Bernd
John F. Biagas
Barry M. Kornblau

Present at the invitation of the Committee were:

John R. Broderick
Carol Simpson
Mohammad Karim
Judy Bowman
Andy Casiello
Jane Glasgow
Jennifer Mullen
Ellen Neufeldt
Martha Walker
Elizabeth Wallace
Jay Wright

I. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2012 MINUTES

The minutes of the September 13, 2012 meeting were approved.

II. CLOSED SESSION

The Committee recessed and reconvened in closed session to discuss the award of four honorary degrees, the award of tenure to three faculty members, and the appointment of one faculty member with tenure.

III. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Committee convened again in open session. A motion was made by Mr. Batten and seconded by Mr. Biagas to approve the award of four honorary degrees. The motion to award an honorary degree to John Duffy, composer, Dr. Ines Bustillo, director of the Washington D.C. Office of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Captain Chesley B. “Sully” Sullenberger III, aviation safety expert and investigator, and Rear Admiral Barry C. Black, 62nd Chaplain of the United States Senate, was approved by unanimous vote (Ampy, Batten, Bernd, Biagas, Gilmore).

A motion was made by Mr. Batten and seconded by Ms. Gilmore to approve the award of tenure to three faculty members. The motion was approved by unanimous vote (Ampy, Batten, Bernd, Biagas, Gilmore).

A motion was made by Mr. Batten and seconded by Ms. Gilmore to approve the appointment of one faculty member with tenure. The motion was approved by unanimous vote (Ampy, Batten, Bernd, Biagas, Gilmore).

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Bernd and seconded by Mr. Biagas to approve the resolutions on four faculty appointments, 35 administrative appointments, and one emeritus appointment. The motion was approved by unanimous vote (Ampy, Batten, Bernd, Biagas, Gilmore).

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Biagas and seconded by Mr. Batten to approve the proposed revisions to the policy on Academic Rank and Promotion in Rank. The proposal would add a new category of faculty, which is faculty of practice, and would enable the University to recruit highly skilled, veteran faculty in areas such as business, health services and education. The motion was approved by unanimous vote (Ampy, Batten, Bernd, Biagas, Gilmore).

A motion was made by Ms. Gilmore and seconded by Mr. Biagas to approve the proposal to rename the School of Medical Laboratory and Radiation Sciences as the School of Medical Diagnostic and Translational Sciences. Since its inception over 20 years ago, the School has broadened its areas of emphasis in education and professional certification in medical technology and come to include more research and scholarship in biomedical sciences. The proposed name more accurately describes the School’s programs. The motion was approved by unanimous vote (Ampy, Batten, Bernd, Biagas, Gilmore).

A motion was made by Mr. Batten and seconded by Mr. Biagas to approve the proposal to rename the Child Development and Child Study Centers as the Children’s Learning and Research Center. The name change is proposed as the University prepares to unite the two existing Centers physically and to reflect the fact that both Centers are under one Director and have been for at least five years. The motion was approved by unanimous vote (Ampy, Batten, Bernd, Biagas, Gilmore).

A motion was made by Mr. Biagas and seconded by Ms. Gilmore to approve the proposal for a Master of Science in Athletic Training degree program. The proposed program represents a change in location and degree title of a program currently sponsored by the College of Education. The change will allow the degree to be positioned with other health sciences professions in the College of Health Sciences. The motion was approved by unanimous vote (Ampy, Batten, Bernd, Biagas, Gilmore).

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

In the report from the Vice President for Research, Mohammad Karim reviewed some of the more significant recent research awards including NSF collaborative awards, new patents, the Research Conflict of Interests policy, faculty intramural funding, the status of the accreditation for the animal research program, and the latest NSF R&D rankings.

In the report from the Provost, Carol Simpson updated Committee members on the future of Continuing and Professional Education programs and the future of Distance Learning and TELETECHNET. Committee members asked several questions about Continuing and Professional Education programs and Distance Learning.