

Committee on Educational Policy Minutes
University of Florida
Board of Trustees
March 4, 2004
4:00 – 5:00 P.M.
Salon E, JWRU Grand Ballroom

All Committee Members Present: Dianna Morgan, Chair, Tony Brennan, Kyle Jones, and Albert Thweatt, Jr.

Others Present Include: Bernard Machen, Doug Barrett, David Colburn, Joe Glover, Dennis Jett, Win Phillips and Mike Rollo.

Committee Chair Dianna Morgan called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and requested a motion to approve the minutes for the December 5, 2003 committee meeting. Dr. Thweatt made the motion to approve and Dr. Brennan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Trustee Morgan then turned the meeting over to Provost Colburn. Dr. Colburn asked for the committee's approval to change the name of the Department of Theatre and Dance to the School of Theatre and Dance. Dr. Brennan moved the motion, Dr. Thweatt seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Colburn then discussed the proposed change to the degree conferral language. The current language taken from the Fall 2003 Commencement Script is as follows:

“It is my pleasant duty to recognize those who have successfully completed the courses of study required of you. I hereby confer upon each of you that Bachelor's degree which you have earned with all the rights, privileges, and emoluments thereto appertaining.”

In order to update the language the following has been proposed:

1. I am pleased to confer on you the degree of Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science, with its accompanying rights, privileges and responsibilities. I offer you my heartiest congratulations and commend you to the fellowship of educated men and women.
2. I am pleased to confer upon you the degree of *(to be used for all advanced degrees)*, with its accompanying rights, privileges and responsibilities. I offer you my heartiest congratulations and commend you for the successful completion of advanced studies in your chosen discipline.

Dr. Thweatt moved to approve the motion, Trustee Jones seconded and the new degree conferral language was approved unanimously.

Trustee Morgan pointed out that Dr. Colburn was going to cover the discussion items under his review first and then the committee would come back to the remaining agenda items.

The next agenda item Dr. Colburn discussed was the Tenure Upon Appointment. Dr. Colburn asked the committee to approve the tenure upon hire cases. Trustee Jones moved to approve the motion and Dr. Thweatt seconded. Dr. Brennan clarified that Dr. Berns' case is not upon appointment. Dr. Colburn clarified that while Dr. Berns was already hired, it was with the understanding that tenure would be given. The motion approved unanimously.

Dr. Colburn discussed the honorary degrees next. Dr. Colburn asked the committee to approve the honorary degrees for William Francis Whitman and Jerome H. Modell. Dr. Brennan moved to approve the motion and Trustee Jones seconded. Dr. Thweatt asked whether Dr. Modell was retired, and Drs. Colburn, Barrett and Ramond noted that he is. The committee unanimously approved recognition of the two honorary degrees. Dr. Colburn did point out that one case was withdrawn because honorary degrees cannot be awarded to persons currently holding political office.

Dr. Colburn then asked Vice President Michael Rollo to address Agenda items 3c and 3e, Student Housing Rental Rate and Appointment of Review Committee of Student Judicial Affairs respectively.

Dr. Rollo asked Norb Dunkel to update the committee on student housing. Mr. Dunkel commented that for the second year in a row, every first year student that requested campus housing was given on-campus housing. Then Mr. Dunkel gave the committee the proposed rental rates for next year that were approved by two student organizations, the Inter-residence Hall Association and the Mayor's Council. The following was also presented to the Campus Housing Student Committee and all organizations approved the following rate increases:

- Village Communities: 4.2% increase or \$18 per month of which \$12 goes to capital projects and \$6 to operational expenses
- Single Student Housing: 5.4% increase or \$85 per month of which \$50 goes to capital projects and \$35 to operational expenses
- Residence Halls less than 10 years old: \$35 increase only for operational expenses since no capital project funds are used in the first 10 years of operation

Mr. Dunkel stated that increases will include a 3% increase in electrical rates, chilled water, and water and sewage each as well as a 5% increase in refuse service and cable TV. Also included in the proposed rate increases was a 2.5% salary increase due to the uncertainty of the Governor's budget. He then went on to highlight a few ways they have decreased operational expenses.

Dr. Brennan motioned to approve the rate increases, Trustee Jones seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Rollo stated that legislatively they need the approval of the trustees for the student judicial system, so he asked the committee to establish a review committee for student judicial affairs. Dr. Rollo suggested the following individuals be named to the

committee: Dr. Jane Luzar (Chair), Dr. Sidney Dobrin, Dr. Mark Rush, and three student members to be appointed by the President of Student Government. This group would review the student judicial system and then present their findings and recommendations to the trustees in June. Dr. Thweatt moved to approve the motion, Dr. Brennan seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Colburn then asked Mr. Bob Miller to address agenda items 3d and 3i, Student Transportation Fee Increase and Equipment and Facilities Use Fee respectively. Mr. Miller asked the committee to approve a \$0.51 (15%) increase to \$4.10 per credit hour beginning in the Fall 2004 semester. Mr. Miller stated that this increase would fund additional RTS service in the evenings and weekends and has the unanimous approval of all involved. Trustee Jones moved to approve the motion, Dr. Thweatt seconded, and the increase was unanimously approved.

Mr. Miller then moved onto the Equipment and Facilities Use Fee agenda item. Mr. Miller explained that certain courses such as bowling and golf require the use of campus facilities, yet no charge is collected from the student for the use of these self-supporting facilities. Mr. Miller asked the committee to approve a fee at cost for use of campus facilities for courses. Trustee Jones motioned to approve the fee, Dr. Brennan seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Colburn then asked Dr. Win Phillips to discuss the Facility Security Clearance agenda item. Dr. Phillips explained that the university maintains a facility security clearance for access to classified materials sometimes required by the contracts and grants operations as well as for some faculty members who visit national laboratories in the context of their business. Next May, the clearance is scheduled to be reviewed by the federal government. The two options are to have the President and Trustees hold the security clearance or to have them delegate the clearance to Dr. Phillips. Dr. Brennan moved the motion, Dr. Thweatt seconded, and the motion to delegate the security clearance to Dr. Phillips was unanimously approved.

Dr. Colburn next asked Dr. Glover to discuss the UF Rules agenda items. He did clarify that this is the rule development stage and that five rules were pulled for further consideration by the President, rules 1.011, 1.101, 7.004, 7.019, and 7.025. Trustee Morgan asked the President if he could explain why the rules were removed from consideration at this time. Dr. Machen replied that they all pertain to faculty and they need to have faculty review. Once the faculty has had a chance to review, they will come back to the trustees for approval.

Trustee Morgan noted that the committee could have one motion to approve all the rules in one motion. Dr. Glover then gave a quick briefing on each rule – 6C1-1.0102, 6C1-1.015, 6C1-1.200, 6C1-1.201, 6C1-2.003, 6C1-2.012, 6C1-2.019, 6C1-3.009, 6C1-3.022, 6C1-3.0376, 6C1-3.045, 6C1-3.046, 6C1-3.049, 6C1-3.050, 6C1-3.051, 6C1-3.054, 6C1-3.057, 6C1-3.059, 6C1-3.062, 6C1-3.0372, 6C1-4.004, 6C1-4.009, 6C1-4.012, 6C1-4.016, 6C1-4.031, 6C1-4.032, 6C1-5.0763, 6C1-6.013, 6C1-7.051, 6C1-7.0561, and 6C1-7.0562. Dr. Thweatt asked how the rule hearing process worked and Dr. Glover

explained the process. Once all questions were addressed Dr. Brennan moved to approve the rules and Dr. Thweatt seconded. The committee then recognized a student to address a concern regarding a change to rule 6C1-2.012 asking for a \$50.00 fee for international students requiring a visa application. The committee addressed the student's concerns and asked that in the future students be involved in determining the fee and that the fee will be monitored. The motion to approve the rules was approved unanimously.

The committee then received an International Center update from Dean Dennis Jett, followed by a Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation update from Director Arnold Heggstad.

Dr. Colburn then briefly discussed the Class of 2004 Convocation agenda item and invited the trustees to attend the ceremony on April 30th.

Trustee Morgan then asked the committee for their input on the structure of future committee agendas particularly in the areas listed in number 5 of the agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.