

**Committee on Educational Policy & Strategy Minutes**  
**University of Florida Board of Trustees**  
**March 21, 2005**  
**2:30 – 3:30 p.m.**  
**Emerson Alumni Hall – Presidents Room 215C**

Committee Members Present: Dianna Morgan, Chair; Courtney Cunningham, Pierre Ramond, and Jamal Sowell

Others Present: Joe Glover, Patricia Telles-Irvin

Committee Chair Dianna Morgan called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Cunningham moved to approve the March 9, 2005 conference call minutes and the December 1, 2004 minutes. Trustee Sowell seconded, and they were unanimously approved.

Tenure Upon Hire

Dr. Glover stated that there were 5 cases for tenure upon hire for the committee to review – Florence E. Babb, David R. Borchelt, Linda S. Hagedorn, Kimford J. Meador, Edil Torres-Rivera. The committee recommended approving the tenure upon hire cases as a group, Trustee Ramond made the motion, Trustee Sowell seconded, and the tenure upon hire cases were unanimously approved.

New Degree Programs

Dr. Glover gave a brief overview of the new degree proposals.

a. B.S. in Computer Science – Dr. Glover stated that this degree is designated as a critical need to the state and has expected substantial student demand. This degree would focus on the software engineering aspect of computer science.

b. M.S. with major in Management, M.S. with major in Decision and Information Science, and M.S. with major in Finance – Dr. Glover informed the committee that these three degrees are technically just name changes to current degrees being offered in the College of Business Administration under a different designation (i.e. M.S. with major in Management is currently offered as M.S. with major in Business), so the college is asking for approval of more accurate degree names to reflect the concentration. Dr. Glover informed the committee that the three degree changes would require no new resources, no new personnel, and no change in curriculum.

The committee decided to approve all new degree programs as a group. Trustee Ramond motioned to approve the new degree proposals, Trustee Sowell seconded, and they were approved unanimously.

Housing Rental Rates

Dr. Telles-Irvin updated the committee on the proposal to increase the 2005/2006 Room Rental Rates and how the additional resources would be used. The proposal is to increase

village communities housing rates by \$12/month (average 3.0%) and single student housing by an increase of \$75 across the board (average 4.5%) for fall and spring semesters. Trustee Ramond moved to approve the proposed housing rate increases, and Trustee Morgan seconded. The motion passed with 3 in favor and 1 opposed.

#### Proposed University of Florida Rules

Dr. Glover informed the committee that three rules had been withdrawn since the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting: 1.0063, 1.201, and 3.061. Dr. Glover then gave a brief summary of each rule change. The committee decided to approve all the rule changes as a group. Trustee Ramond moved to forward the following rule changes to the full BOT: 6C1-1.015, 6C1-1.017, 6C1-1.1200, 6C1-3.0422, 6C1-3.047, 6C1-3.049, 6C1-3.050, 6C1-3.051, 6C1-3.054, 6C1-3.056, 6C1-3.057, 6C1-3.058, 6C1-5.0763, 6C1-6.011, 6C1-4.004, 6C1-4.007, 6C1-4.016, 6C1-4.017, 6C1-4.020, 6C1-4.0211, 6C1-4.029, 6C1-4.031, 6C1-4.032, 6C1-7.051, 6C1-7.0561, 6C1-7.0562, and 6C1-7.0565. Trustee Sowell seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

#### St. Lucie County

Dr. Joe Joyce gave a presentation to the committee regarding the development of the Treasure Coast Education, Research and Development Authority in St. Lucie County, FL. Trustee Sowell motioned to endorse submission to the Board of Governors for the development of Treasure Coast Education, Research and Development Authority in St. Lucie County, FL. Trustee Ramond seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

#### Honorary Degree

Dr. Glover then asked the committee to actively recognize awarding an honorary degree to former Senator Bob Graham and noted that it had already been approved by the Faculty Senate and President Machen. Trustee Morgan motioned to recognize awarding Sen. Graham an honorary degree, Trustee Sowell seconded, and it was passed unanimously.

#### Whitney Lab Name Change

Dr. Glover informed the committee that The Whitney Lab has requested to change its name to The Whitney Laboratory for Marine Biosciences to reflect the lab's research discipline. No committee action was needed.

#### Medicine Out-of-State Tuition and Tuition Increase Rationale

The committee discussed the College of Medicine's out-of-state (OOS) tuition. Dr. Doug Barrett stated that UF is losing good students because the OOS tuition is high and it makes recruiting more difficult. The AAU mean is about \$37,000 while UF's mean is \$54,000.

The committee requested to receive seven or eight tuition guiding principles at the June meeting.

#### Alliance Program Expansion Estimate

Dr. Glover gave \$100,000 for each additional school as the estimate to expand the Alliance Program, of which \$70,000 is for scholarships and \$30,000 is for staff and effort costs. What still needs to be determined is which schools need to be targeted. The committee decided to

ask the Provost's office to seriously investigate potential expansion schools for the program, especially schools with a predominantly Hispanic population, and tentatively have a list by the June meeting.

#### Academic Learning Compacts (ALC)

Dr. Glover stated that the Board of Governors is moving forward with the ALCs and informed the committee that the BOT will have to approve the ALCs.

#### New Departments

Department of Urology, College of Medicine – Dr. Glover informed the committee that this new department proposal was competitive with national peer institutions and was already established as a division.

Department of Aging & Geriatric Research, College of Medicine – Dr. Glover stated that this interdisciplinary focus was also started as part of the strategic plan and that a new director for the Institute on Aging had been hired.

#### Admissions Update

Dr. Glover informed the committee that about 21,678 applications were received for the Summer B and Fall 2004 semesters, of which about 5,000 applications were received in Summer B term and 16,700 received in the Fall term. The freshman class size was 6,750 and about 11,600 individuals are offered admission to reach the goal of 6,750.

Trustee Ramond motioned to adjourn, Trustee Sowell seconded and the meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.