

Committee on Educational Policy & Strategy Minutes
University of Florida Board of Trustees
November 18, 2005
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
239 Tigert Hall

Committee Members Present via telephone: Dianna Morgan, Chair; and Joe Goldberg

Committee Members Present: Kim Tanzer

Committee Members Absent: Courtney Cunningham

Others Present: Janie Fouke, Joe Glover, Kathy Long, and Patricia Telles-Irvin

Committee Chair Dianna Morgan called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Trustee Morgan stated that the object of the meeting was to give the committee members a chance to review the agenda items for the December 2nd meeting, but that no voting would be taking place on any items and the committee would approve the August and September minutes at that meeting.

Tenure Upon Hire

Trustee Morgan stated that there were 2 cases for tenure upon hire for the committee to review – David J. Culp and Arnolando Valle-Levinson. The committee had no questions on the two tenure upon hire cases.

New Degree Programs

Trustee Morgan informed the committee that the committee would need to review three degree programs: 1) Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), 2) M.S. with a major in Real Estate (technically a new major designation) and 3) B.S. in Landscape and Nursery Horticulture.

The committee suggested having Dean Long get in contact with Dr. LeMon at the Board of Governors (BOG) to prepare briefing statement for a future BOG meeting agenda.

Proposed University of Florida Regulations

Dr. Telles-Irvin briefed the committee on the following UF Regulations: 6C1-4.107 The Student Honor Code, 6C1-4.0172 Student Affairs; Student Honor Code (Repeal), and 6C1-4.0212 The Levin College of Law Honor System.

The committee discussed the process for ensuring that students read the Honor Code.

Academic Learning Compacts

The committee discussed the approval of the process of the Academic Learning Compact (ALC) agreements. Dr. Glover informed the committee that the General Education Council has already reviewed the student learning outcomes and that the Curriculum Committee would be reviewing the compacts in December.

Tuition Principles

The committee has forwarded the principles to their colleagues on the Board of Trustees and will ask for their approval at the December meeting.

Fee Increases

The total amount of the request per credit hour was \$1.92, but the maximum increase allowed was only \$0.95 which would generate about \$1.2 million.

The committee recommended the following:

- Increase Activity and Service Fee by \$0.60
- Increase Student Health Fee by \$0.35 (\$0.30 to Student Health Care Center and \$0.05 to the Counseling Center)
- No increase for the Athletic Fee this year

The increases are primarily to fund increases in utilities and salaries (operational only). There were some unfunded mandates that caused the cost increases.

A second committee proposed a \$0.57 per credit increase for the Transportation Fee to offset the rising fuel costs, additional routes and to fund the bus service running 7 days a week. President Machen approved the transportation fee increase.

Discussion Items:

Name Changes

The Committee briefly discussed the name changes that are typically to keep our departments in line with the national naming. The two name changes that were discussed were 1) Department of Infectious Diseases & Pathology (formerly Department of Pathobiology) and 2) Department of Educational Administration & Policy (formerly Department of Educational Leadership, Policy & Foundations).

New Department

The committee then discussed the College of Dentistry's proposal for the new Department of Community Dentistry & Behavioral Science.

NCAA Certification Process Update

Dr. Telles-Irvin gave the committee an update on the NCAA certification process and informed them that perhaps by the end of January they will have an entire draft of the report. The goal is to have the full report to the committee for review at the March 2006 meeting.

Greek Initiatives

Dr. Telles-Irvin gave the committee an update on the Greek initiatives to include staffing, facilities and housing management. The committee requested regular updates on the initiative.

Florida Opportunity Scholarship Program (FLOSP)

The committee discussed the potential scholarship program and that 20% of tuition increases will go to need based programs. Trustee Morgan asked for a forecast of how much 20% is.

Admissions

Dr. Fouke updated the committee on status of the search for a Director of Admissions.

The committee also stated that the freshman class target is 6,600.

Possible Expansion of Opportunity Alliance Program

The committee has asked Dr. Bernie Oliver to give a report at the December 2nd meeting for possible expansion sites.

UF Productivity Data

Trustee Tanzer gave the committee a spreadsheet on the student to faculty ratio and walked the committee through the figures and asked the committee to review and try to develop a way to prevent the deficit from getting worse and adding faculty to keep up with student ration. Trustee Morgan also suggested finding what an appropriate ratio for UF should be and then determining how to fund possible increases.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.