

Committee on Educational Policy & Strategy Minutes
University of Florida Board of Trustees
September 8, 2005
1:15 p.m. –2:30 p.m.
Emerson Alumni Hall – President’s Room 215A

Committee Members Present: Dianna Morgan, Chair; Courtney Cunningham; Joe Goldberg; and Kim Tanzer

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

Committee Chair Dianna Morgan called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

Minutes

Trustee Morgan asked for a motion to approve the June 1, 2004 and June 13, 2004 committee minutes. Trustee Goldberg motioned, Trustee Tanzer seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Tenure Upon Hire

Trustee Morgan then asked for a motion to approve the 10 cases for tenure upon hire: Sivaramakrishnan Balachandar, R. Kirby Barrick, Raymond Booth, Jean Crockett, Veronica Feeg, Janie Fouke, Dragan Kujundzic, Mark McLellan, Bernard Oliver, and Eileen Oliver. Trustee Tanzer motioned to grant tenure upon hire for the 10 cases, Trustee Goldberg seconded, and the cases were approved unanimously.

New Degree Programs

Trustee Morgan asked for a motion to approve the M.S. with a major in Animal Molecular & Cellular Biology and to approve forwarding the Ph.D. with a major in Animal Molecular & Cellular Biology onto the Board of Governors (BOG). Trustee Goldberg made the motion, Trustee Tanzer seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

University of Florida Regulations

6C1-3.0375 Tuition Costs - The BOT previously approved the emergency tuition regulation setting tuition and fees for the 2005-06 academic year.. The committee was asked to ratify a “non-emergency” version of the regulation through the usual process. Trustee Cunningham motioned to approve the regulation, Trustee Tanzer seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

6C1-7.019 Tenure and Promotion: Definition, Eligibility, Granting of Tenure, Criteria, Procedures and Methods of Processing, Confidential Nature of Materials and Discussions, Reports and Appeals, Permanent Status and Sustained Performance Evaluations - The second regulation asked the committee to approve a change removing the requirement that the Senior Vice Presidents for IFAS and the Health Science Center review tenure and promotion cases prior to having the case forwarded to the Academic Personnel Board. Trustee

Goldberg motioned to approve the regulation, Trustee Tanzer seconded, and it was passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

NCAA Certification Self-Study

Dr. Telles-Irvin gave the committee a brief overview of the NCAA re-certification process. The re-certification process will examine three areas: governance, academic integrity, and equity student welfare. A report will need to be at the NCAA by May and they will notify UF in 2007 for certification status.

Trustee Morgan asked for an update at the December committee meeting.

Academic Learning Compacts (ALC)

Dr. Glover gave the committee a reminder of the components of the ALC and that it is a BOG requirement. He informed the committee that each department or program formulated student learning outcomes (SLO) and individual student assessments. The framework UF is planning on using is as follows: 1. baccalaureate degree, which represents the collective assessment of the faculty, 2. passage of the CLAST examination to be taken by all students before they advance to junior status, and 3. each dept will choose one or more additional individual student assessment tools that will assess student achievement in the major at the upper division level in the areas of content, knowledge, communication skills, and critical thinking skills.

At the December committee meeting Dr. Glover will present the complete ALC proposal that will be submitted to the BOG. Trustee Goldberg did voice his concern over the ALC requirement from the BOG and he will not support the proposal.

Tuition Principles

The committee discussed the guiding principles for tuition. Trustee Tanzer informed the committee that the Faculty Senate Steering Committee supports the document.

Trustee Goldberg expressed three concerns, and Trustee Morgan agreed that the Student Senate changes would be incorporated into the principles. The principles will be forwarded to the full BOT for approval at the December meeting.

Incoming Class Statistics

The committee discussed the higher freshman class size (550 more than targeted) and noted that the quality of the freshman class is as high as or higher than last year even with the increased size. Other than a chemistry lab issue, the demand has been met by the faculty and facilities.

Trustee Tanzer commented that the faculty are definitely squeezed. Trustee Cunningham inquired if the infrastructure is overburdened and Dr. Glover replied that the academic infrastructure was pushed to the limit. Dr. Telles-Irvin commented that Housing was definitely strained.

The committee had a discussion about Hurricane Katrina students.

Trustee Tanzer stated that she hoped the larger freshman class size was a one-year glitch and that it was not an emerging policy. Dr. Glover commented that the class size of 6,750 was the target entering freshman class size.

Trustee Tanzer asked about enrollment growth funds received and there was a brief discussion about enrollment growth.

Opportunity Alliance Program

While Pat Herring and Mike Powell were invited to attend the committee meeting, they were unable to attend. Dr. Bernard Oliver discussed the Opportunity Alliance Program.

Trustee Morgan then asked if there was any new business to discuss.

Trustee Cunningham made a motion to adjourn, Trustee Goldberg seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.