

Committee on Educational Policy & Strategy Minutes
University of Florida Board of Trustees
June 15, 2006
2:30 – 3:45 p.m.
215C President’s Room – Emerson Alumni Hall
University of Florida

Committee Members Present: Carlos Alfonso, Chair; John Boyles, Cynthia O’Connell and Danaya Wright

Others Present: Jane Adams, Douglas Barrett, Jimmy Cheek, Janie Fouke, J. Bernard Machen, Patricia Telles-Irvin, and Barbara Wingo

Committee Chair Carlos Alfonso called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2006 conference call. Trustee O’Connell made the motion, Trustee Wright seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Alfonso called for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 30, 2006 meeting. Trustee O’Connell made the motion, Trustee Wright seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Tenure Upon Hire

Chairman Alfonso asked for any comments or questions on the five tenure upon hire cases: Steve Dorman, Ahmed Helmy, Lucinda Lavelli, Stephen Pape, and Scott Perry. There were no concerns and Trustee Wright made the motion to approve the tenure upon hire cases, Trustee O’Connell seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Annual Tenure Cases

Dr. Fouke commented that there was one correction to the information the Committee received on the annual tenure cases. One case in Engineering was recorded as a denial when it should have been a withdrawal, so Engineering had zero denials. Trustee Wright made the motion to approve the tenure upon hire cases subject to the amendment, Trustee Boyles seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. Trustee Boyles also commended the university for getting more female and more diversity in the tenured faculty and the students appreciate it. Trustee Wright stated that from the faculty’s perspective there could be more diversity.

New Degree Programs

Chairman Alfonso stated that there are two new degree programs for the committee’s review: 1) B.S. in Athletic Training and 2) B.S. in Biology. Dr. Fouke offered that there was expertise in the room if anyone had any questions. Trustee Wright stated that the new degrees as well as the new department and concentration discontinuation were all approved by the Faculty Senate.

Trustee O'Connell made a motion to approve both the B.S. in Athletic Training and the B.S. in Biology, Trustee Wright seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Proposed University of Florida Regulations

The Committee reviewed the proposed tuition regulation and received a copy of the regulation. Trustee Boyles commented that he is creating a survey on tuition policy. Chairman Alfonso asked if he could bring the survey to the September meeting and then the survey results to the December meeting.

Trustee O'Connell asked how many law students would be impacted by the tuition increase. Trustee Wright commented that there are about 400 law students.

Trustee Wright moved to approve the tuition regulation, Trustee O'Connell seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Harn Museum of Art Permanent Status Resolution

Dr. Fouke stated that the Harn Museum of Art is in the process of conducting its 10-year accreditation. In order to meet recently changed accreditation regulations, the Harn is required to have a resolution of permanence from the university.

Trustee Wright moved to approve the resolution, Trustee Alfonso seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Legislative Budget Requests (LBRs)

Chairman Alfonso asked the Committee to review the ranking of the LBR proposals. Dr. Fouke commented that the proposals are due to the Board of Governor's (BOG) office on June 23rd. Each campus is allowed to submit proposals up to 8% of their budget as a one-time budget request. Trustee O'Connell commented that without having last year's ranking, it is difficult to know if this year's ranking is appropriate. Vice President Adams commented that the proposal for the Florida High Tech Corridor is the only proposal being put forward from last year.

Trustee O'Connell asked what the relationship between the President's Work Plan and the proposed LBRs. Dr. Fouke stated that some of the proposals align perfectly with the Work Plan, others are for the good of the state of Florida and are attainable.

Dr. Fouke also informed the Committee that there is a request for support for medical parity and she asked Vice President Adams to comment. VP Adams stated that when the BOG approved the medical schools for UCF and FIU, there was concern to be sure there was adequate support for the medical schools that currently exist in the state. This will be a continued discussion. Dr. Fouke commented that UF's piece of the parity is a little over \$6 million and the administration is in discussions to see that portion come off the top instead of coming from any one university's budget. The proposed LBR ranking is with the understanding that the bottom \$6 million may get removed from consideration and be put towards the medical school parity issue.

Trustee Alfonso asked what happens after the LBRs are submitted to the BOG. VP Adams replied that the BOG votes on the proposal on Aug 10th. Trustee Alfonso asked if the BOG would get into re-prioritizing the list and VP Adams responded that in the past, the BOG has just endorsed the list and did not try to set different priorities for the universities.

Trustee O'Connell made the motion to approve the LBR proposals, Trustee Wright seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

Update on University of Florida Opportunity Scholarship

Chairman Alfonso commented that of June 2nd, UF has awarded 385 Florida Opportunity Scholarships of which there are 264 females and 121 males. He continued by giving the break-down by race: 38% African American, 25% Hispanic, 11% Asian American, 22 % White and 4% are unknown. Other statistics Trustee Alfonso shared are as follows:

- 140 from married households
- 239 from divorced, single or widowed households
- 6 are independent student households
- \$1.9 million awarded to date

Vice President Telles-Irvin gave the criteria for the scholarship: Florida resident, first time in college, first generation student, and comes from an annual family income of \$40,000 or less. She also commented that about \$5,000 awarded to each student on average. The scholarship differs for each student depending on their need.

Dr. Telles-Irvin also mentioned that the UF Foundation is already working on generating funding for the program and Trustee Alfonso commented that has already led some donors to giving for this program.

Trustee Alfonso gave the Committee a few more statistics:

- 167 students in the program for the summer
- 218 students in the program for the fall

Trustee Wright asked if all of the students in the program were receiving Bright Futures, and Dr. Telles-Irvin replied that a majority are so the rest of the scholarship covers room and board and other expenses. With this scholarship, the students can graduate from college without taking out a loan which this group is typically reluctant to do.

Trustee Boyles asked if there was going to be an evaluation of the students in the program each year. Dr. Telles-Irvin replied that the students are being tracked each semester.

New Department – Department of Epidemiology & Biostatistics

Dr. Fouke stated that the creation of the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics is part of the accreditation issue for the College of Public Health and Health Professions to help delineate the various departments. Trustee Alfonso commented that this was discussed at the May 25th conference call.

Department Name Change

Also in keeping with the Public Health accreditation, the College of Public Health and Health Professions has changed the name of the Department of Rehabilitation Counseling to the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Community Health and was discussed at the May 25th.

Concentration Discontinuation

Trustee O'Connell asked about contacting alumni as degree concentrations are changed or discontinued and concerned about a future giving stand point if an alumnus had received the degree and it is no longer available, how that might affect future giving.

Admissions Update

Chairman Alfonso gave the Committee some statistics on admissions:

Summer B	6,229 students applied
	2,952 students admitted
	2,393 students confirmed
	2,400 target enrollment for Summer B
Fall 2006	16,752 applied
	7,681 admitted
	4,530 confirmed to date
	4,200 target enrollment

Chairman Fernandez asked for the profile of the student body of those enrolled – the quality and diversity of the class – and compare it to last year. Dr. Fouke stated she would provide this information based on the last day of drop/add for this year and last year at the September meeting.

Shared Governance Report

The Committee then discussed the Shared Governance Report. Dr. Fouke commented that it is a best practices document. Trustee O'Connell asked if each college has their own shared governance document and Dr. Fouke replied that the colleges have been encouraged to use this as a framework to evaluation how they do business. Trustee Wright stated that each college or academic unit has different ways of doing things and they have been asked to report back to the Senate by April. The Senate unanimously approved the report and there has been very good feedback from administration and the various units.

Trustee Boyles asked if there was any student discussion or student input, and Trustee Wright replied that the task force feels it is best left to each college or unit on where student input is appropriate.

Honorary Degrees

Dr. Fouke gave a brief comment on each honorary degree recipient: 1) Dr. Robert H. Grubbs and 2) Dr. Linda Aiken.

New School of Health Professions

Chairman Alfonso commented that this was reviewed at the May 25th meeting. Dr. Fouke explained that UF is trying to accredit the Public Health program. Public Health accreditation criteria are applied to everything within the College of Public Health and Health Professions. Nationally, in order to not have Public Health criteria applied to Health Professions, universities have started separating their Public Health programs to limit the accreditation to the appropriate area instead of to non-Public Health components. The following departments would be part of the School of Health Professions: Clinical and Health Psychology, Occupational Therapy, Communicative Disorders and Physical Therapy.

New Business

Chairman Alfonso asked President Machen to discuss the new business. Dr. Machen handed out an information packet on the Burnham Institute. Dr. Machen discussed collaborative efforts around the nation and at UF and stated that UF is looking at a collaborative effort with the Burnham Institute. The Burnham Institute is located in California, they are a private entity with their major areas of emphasis being cancer, neurosciences and aging, and inflammatory and infectious diseases. Burnham is about 2/3 the size of Scripps, they have an \$80 million research budget, all of which comes from research grants that the faculty procure and retain themselves. Burnham has initiated talks with UF and is considering coming to the state of Florida to set up a second research opportunity. They will decide in 3-6 months if they will be setting up another research facility in Florida.

UF's senior executive staff have discussed this and are willing to invest some strategic funds to help collaborate with Burnham. Should Burnham decide to come to Florida, UF will become very active in discussing how we can collaborate together. Burnham and Scripps both have a different paradigm for doing research: no tenured faculty, everyone hired with specific research goals in mind, after start-up they are self-supporting, higher salary structure, rewards are mainly research awards, and almost no teaching in the appointments. Dr. Machen expressed that it is an interesting paradigm that he would like to explore.

Dr. Machen concluded that UF is only interested in a collaborative effort with the Burnham Institute if they come to the state of Florida. If they decide to stay in California, UF will not be discussing any collaboration.

Chairman Alfonso asked if there was any other business for discussion, there was none so the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.