

**Committee on Educational Policy & Strategy Minutes**  
**University of Florida Board of Trustees**  
**March 23, 2006**  
**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**239 Tigert Hall**

Committee Members Present via telephone: Carlos Alfonso, Chair; Joe Goldberg, and Cynthia O'Connell

Committee Members Present: Kim Tanzer

Others Present: Janie Fouke and Patricia Telles-Irvin

Committee Chair Carlos Alfonso called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Trustee Tanzer stated that the object of the meeting was to give the committee members a chance to review the agenda items for the March 30<sup>th</sup> meeting, but that no voting would be taking place on any items and the committee would approve the November and December minutes at that meeting. Trustee Alfonso asked Provost Fouke to lead the committee through the agenda.

Tenure Upon Hire

Dr. Fouke stated that there were 8 tenure upon hire cases for approval – Kirk Conrad, Arshag Mooradian, Keith Muller, Leonard Riskin, David Sammons, Natalia Trayanova, Johannes Vieweg, and Judith Yang, however, Dr. Yang had withdrawn from consideration. Dr. Fouke also noted that Dr. Trayanova had not accepted to date. The committee had no questions on the tenure upon hire cases.

New Degree Programs

Dr. Fouke stated that there were three degree programs for the committee's review: 1) B.A. option to existing B.S. in Astronomy, 2) M.S. with a major in International Business, and 3) Ph.D. in Genetics.

Trustee Goldberg asked if there was a hiring impact on approving new degrees. Dr. Fouke stated that by having the new programs, it helps bring focus to potential faculty members once the degree is developed.

Trustee Tanzer also commented that the Senate has been asked to sunset a few degrees which is encouraging that new degrees are not constantly being made without considering discontinuing degrees not being used.

Proposed University of Florida Regulations

Dr. Fouke briefly touched on the following UF Regulations: 6C1-5.076 College of Medicine Policies and Procedures for Discipline, Grievances, Nonrenewal, Suspension or Dismissal of Resident and 6C1-5.0761 College of Medicine Resident Policies.

### Naming of the Department of Biomedical Engineering

Dr. Fouke stated that UF's Department of Biomedical Engineering received a gift from Dr. Clayton Pruitt, and the department has requested to rename the department to "The J. Crayton Pruitt Family Department of Biomedical Engineering."

### Honorary Degree

Dr. J. Crayton Pruitt was nominated for an honorary degree. The committee asked the Provost's office to find out the specific degree being awarded.

### Housing Rental Rates

Dr. Telles-Irvin informed the committee of the proposed housing rental rates increases of 3% increase for the village communities and a 4.5% increase for single student housing. The increases will help to off set the rising utilities costs as well as capital improvement projects. The increases were vetted by several committees. Trustee Goldberg commented that the student body is supportive of the increases.

Trustee O'Connell departed the committee meeting about 10:40 a.m.

### Discussion Items:

#### Fundamentals of Engineering Exam

Dr. Fouke stated that the GRE exam is not designed to test professionals applying for a masters program, so select departments in the College of Engineering would like to accept the Fundamentals of Engineering exam in lieu of the GRE for those applying for the non-thesis Masters of Science and Masters of Engineering degree programs.

#### Admissions Update

Dr. Fouke informed the committee that there have been about 24,000 applications for 6,600 openings for the Fall 2006 semester.

#### NCAA Certification Process Update

Dr. Telles-Irvin gave the committee an update on the NCAA certification process. She commented that May 15<sup>th</sup> is the electronic submission date, then in October 2006 will be the on-campus visit and review of document to ensure accuracy of the report, and then in March 2007 UF will be informed if it is reaccredited or not.

Trustee Alfonso suggested the committee work on a public relations view or response to increased pressure for admissions to ready for the next few years of high numbers of applications vs. low availability of openings.

Trustee Goldberg suggested incoming Trustees John Boyles and Danaya Wright be given copies of past committee minutes to help them see the types of issues the committee discusses.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.