

Committee on Educational Policy & Strategy Minutes
University of Florida Board of Trustees
June 14, 2007
2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
President’s Room 215C, Emerson Alumni Hall
University of Florida

Committee Members Present: Carlos Alfonso, Chair; Cynthia O’Connell; and Rick Yost

Committee Members Absent: Ryan Moseley

Others Present: Janie Fouke, Dave Kratzer, Manny Fernandez, and Brian Beach

Committee Chair Carlos Alfonso called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m.

Action Items:

Minutes

Chairman Alfonso asked for a motion to approve the March 9, 2007; March 29, 2007; and April 19, 2007 committee minutes. Trustee O’Connell motioned to approve the minutes, Trustee Yost seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Tenure Upon Hire

Chairman Alfonso noted that there were 4 additional Tenure Upon Hire cases added since the conference call and asked for a motion to approve the group: Henry Frierson; Joseph Hartman; Anna Calluori Holcombe; Bruce Kone; Wayne Mackay; Malcolm Maden; J. Glenn Morris, Jr.; Zhong-Ren Peng; Judith Russell; Katrina Sanders-Cassell; Edward Schaefer; Patricia Snyder; and Daniel Wubah.

Trustee Yost commented that he was not completely satisfied with the departmental vote for Prof. Schaefer. Dr. Fouke offered to have Dean Lavelli comment on the case and Trustee Yost agreed that he would like to have the dean’s analysis. The committee moved onto the next agenda item and deferred voting on this until later in the meeting giving Dean Lavelli an opportunity to be called and comment.

Annual Tenure Cases

The committee reviewed the group of faculty up for tenure and Trustee O’Connell made a motion to approve their tenure. Trustee Yost seconded and the motion passed

Regulations

6C1-3.0375 Tuition Cost – Dr. Fouke briefly discussed the emergency tuition cost for graduate and professional tuition increases of 10%. Trustee Yost moved to approve the motion, Trustee O’Connell seconded and the motion approved unanimously.

6C1-4.003 Student Affairs: Student Leader Eligibility – Trustee O’Connell motioned to approve the regulation, Trustee Yost seconded, and the regulation passed unanimously.

6C1-4.016 Student Conduct Code; Violations, Penalties and Procedures – Trustee Yost motioned to approve the regulation, Trustee O’Connell seconded and the regulation passed unanimously.

6C1-4.0162 Student Affairs; Student Conduct Code; Interim Suspension Pending Investigation and Hearing – Trustee Yost motioned to approve the regulation, Trustee O’Connell seconded and the regulation passed unanimously.

6C1-4.018 Student Affairs; Off-Campus Conduct – Trustee O’Connell motioned to approve the regulation, Trustee Yost seconded, and the regulation passed unanimously.

6C1-4.026 Issuance of Transcripts, Flagging of Records, and Retention of Records in Cases of Disciplinary Action – Trustee Yost motioned to approve the regulation, Trustee O’Connell seconded and the regulation passed unanimously.

6C1-4.035 Student Affairs; Health and Accident Insurance Requirements for Foreign Students – Trustee Yost motioned to approve the regulation, Trustee O’Connell seconded and the regulation passed 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 – Trustee Yost commented that the only change was to return to the intent of the regulation and allow tenured associate professors to serve on tenure and promotion committees. Trustee Yost motioned to approve the regulation, Trustee O’Connell seconded, and the regulation passed unanimously.

Degree Changes

The committee briefly reviewed degree changes.

The Computer Information Science major within the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in the College of Business Administration – Trustee Yost motioned to sunset the major, Trustee O’Connell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The proposals for the Ph.D. in Epidemiology and the Ph.D. in Biostatistics in the College of Public Health and Health Professions and the Ph.D. in Nutritional Sciences in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences were motioned to be approved and forwarded to the Board of Governor by Trustee O’Connell, Trustee Yost seconded the motion, and the proposals were approved unanimously.

Legislative Budget Requests (LBR)

Trustee Yost motioned to approve the Legislative Budget Request listing, Trustee O’Connell seconded the motion, and the motion approved unanimously.

Baby Gator Rate Change

The committee discussed the proposed rate changes for Baby Gator as follows:

Weekly Fees	Infants Tiny Gators	Toddlers Little Gators	Two's	3-4 Year Olds Growing Gators	4-5 Year Olds Future Gators
Student	\$180	\$162	\$146	\$83	\$85
Staff	\$208	\$175	\$162	\$108	\$108
Faculty	\$208	\$175	\$162	\$151	\$154

Trustee O’Connell motioned to approve the proposed rates, Trustee Yost seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

Strategic Work Plan

The committee had no further comments on the Strategic Work Plan.

Budget Discussion

The committee decided to have the budget discussion at the strategic discussion session scheduled for the following day.

Admissions Update

Chairman Alfonso asked Dr. Zina Evans, Assistant Provost and Director of Admissions, to give the committee an update on the fall admission status. Dr. Evans stated that the number of applications received increased by 11% for a total of 25,422 applications, as of June 8, 2007. Increases occurred across all racial groups by 12-31% and maintained increases in diversity. As of June 8th, there were 6,665 incoming freshmen.

Trustee Fernandez asked about the statistics for the quality of the application pool. Dr. Evans replied that there was an increase in the top and middle 50% of the pool:

Applied	GPA	SAT	ACT
Middle 50%	3.4 – 4.2	1100 – 1320	23 – 29
Admitted	GPA	SAT	ACT
Middle 50%	4.0 – 4.4	1210 – 1400	26 – 31
Admitted Middle	GPA	SAT	ACT
50% w/deposits	4.0 – 4.4	1190 – 1370	26 – 30

Trustee Yost asked if other SUS universities similar data was available and Dr. Evans replied it would be available after the fall.

Trustee O’Connell asked about admit criteria for legacy issues. Dr. Evans replied that there were slightly over 6,000 legacies that applied and a little more than 3,000 were admitted and she reassured the committee that thoughtful consideration is given to all legacy applications.

Common Reader Program

Mr. Dave Kratzer informed the committee that all students attending Preview are receiving the book Mountains beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder, this year's Common Reader Program book.

The committee revisited the Tenure upon Hire agenda item and Chairman Alfonso asked if there was a motion to approve and forward to the full BOT Consent Agenda. Trustee O'Connell motioned to approve the tenure upon hires, Trustee Yost seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

There were no other issues and the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.