

Committee on Educational Policy & Strategy Minutes
University of Florida Board of Trustees
March 29, 2007
1:30 – 2:45 p.m.
President’s Room 215C
Emerson Alumni Hall
University of Florida

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

Others Present: Janie Fouke, Patricia Telles-Irvin

Committee Chair Carlos Alfonso called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Action Items:

Minutes

Trustee O’Connell moved to approve the November 8, 2006 conference call and November 30, 2006 committee minutes. Trustee Wright seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tenure Upon Hire

Trustee O’Connell moved to approve Kelli R. Brown for tenure upon appointment, Trustee Wright seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Regulations

Trustee Wright motioned to approve all five Regulations:

- 6C1-1.201 Leaves
- 6C1-1.009 Employment of Relatives
- 6C1-1.0101 Policy for Dealing with Conduct in Research
- 6C1-1.015 Community Campaign
- 6C1-1.018 Works and Inventions

Trustee O’Connell seconded the motion to approve the Regulations, and the motion passed unanimously.

Housing Rental Rates

Trustee Boyles state that the students support the increase and motioned to approve the \$8 per month (approximately 2%) housing rental rate increase. Trustee O’Connell seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Degree Changes

Trustee Wright noted that the Faculty Senate approved the discontinuation of the Master of Civil Engineering with a major in Civil Engineering, Engineer degree with a major in Civil Engineering, Engineer Degree with a major in Coastal and Oceanographic Engineering and the Ph.D. in International Relations as well as the College of Business request to change the

of the M.S. with a major in Business Administration with a concentration in Entrepreneurship to an M.S. with a major in Entrepreneurship. Trustee Wright motioned to approve these degree changes, Trustee O'Connell seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

Department Name Change

The committee had no concerns with the Department of Decision and Information Sciences to the Department of Information Systems and Operations Management.

Early Admissions

The committee discussed various aspects of the university's early decision process such as how changing the deadlines affect transfer students, when the new deadlines would be implemented, as well as keeping recruiters and high school counselors well informed.

Dr. Fouke stated that simplifying the dates will ultimately assist applicants by not having many deadlines to try to apply by and the applicants will have their decision earlier.

Florida Opportunity Scholars

Dr. Telles-Irvin stated the program has about 445 participants and the program has been very successful and that the incoming class has 120 more students eligible for the program which should increase the participants to over 500 depending on how many students accept UF's offer.

She also informed the committee that the Florida Senate was trying to pass a bill that would provide \$13M for all universities to have a similar program, but it was not likely to be passed.

Trustee O'Connell asked what Dr. Telles-Irvin thought the successful increase could be attributed to and Dr. Telles-Irvin replied that word-of-mouth has made the program increase in the number of students eligible.

Senate Bills 1954 and 1956 – Underage Drinking

Dr. Telles-Irvin stated the committee would receive an update in June on these two Senate bills.

Searches Update

Dr. Fouke next provided a searches update. She indicated the new Dean of the Graduate School, Hank Frierson, would be at dinner this evening. Also, she informed the committee that Judith Russell has been hired as the Dean of University Libraries, Daniel Wubah has been hired as Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs, and Bruce Kone has been hired as Dean of Medicine.

The Committee asked about the Journalism & Communications Dean search and Dr. Fouke replied that the position is currently being advertised, but interviews will not be concluded in time for a Fall semester start date.

Dr. Fouke also commented on the CLAS dean search and that she is scheduled to meet with the college in early April to discuss how to move forward.

Other Issues:

Trustee Wright mentioned the Florida House bills on textbook adoptions.

Chairman Alfonso discussed the Strategic Work Plan edits and suggested that the committee go ahead and move to adopt the Work Plan since only polishing and wordsmithing remain to be completed. Trustee O'Connell moved to accept the Work Plan in its current form and to discuss it more fully at the next conference call of the committee prior to the June BOT meeting. Trustee Wright seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Trustee Boyles took a moment to introduce the Student Body President-Elect, Ryan Moseley.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.