

Committee on Educational Policy & Strategy Minutes
University of Florida Board of Trustees
May 23, 2007
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
239 Tigert Hall
University of Florida

Committee Members Present: Carlos Alfonso, Chair (via telephone); Cynthia O’Connell (via telephone); Ryan Moseley (via telephone); and Rick Yost

Others Present: Janie Fouke, Dave Kratzer, Win Phillips, and Patricia Telles-Irvin

Committee Chair Carlos Alfonso called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. and reminded the committee that no votes would be taken at this meeting.

Tenure Upon Hire

Chairman Alfonso requested Dr. Fouke to comment on the tenure upon hire cases: Henry Frierson; Joseph Hartman; Bruce Kone; Wayne Mackay; J. Glenn Morris, Jr.; Judith Russell; Katrina Sanders-Cassell; Patricia Snyder; and Daniel Wubah.

Annual Tenure Cases

Dr. Fouke stated there were about 188 cases up for tenure this year and that the committee would receive a full listing at the June BOT meeting.

Regulations

6C1-4.003 Student Affairs: Student Leader Eligibility – Dr. Telles-Irvin discussed the regulation and stated that the most significant change in the regulation was students need to have a 2.5 GPA instead of a 2.0 GPA to be eligible. Trustee O’Connell asked if Florida Blue Key (FBK) was part of the discussion for this change and expressed why it was important that FBK be involved in the discussion. Trustee Moseley replied that while FBK was not directly involved, student organizations were heavily involved and represented in the discussions and the main reason for the change was for law students who are finishing up their degrees and are not penalized for not carrying as many credit hours.

6C1-4.016 Student Conduct Code; Violations, Penalties and Procedures – Dr. Telles-Irvin asked a committee to look at this regulation and update for the current society. In addition to the updating, if a student misses his/her judicial hearing, the hearing will continue on in the student’s absence. Also, if some new information becomes available during a hearing, Judicial Affairs will be able to re-open the case to be sure Student Affairs has full information on the student’s behavior or crime.

Trustee O’Connell asked where the students’ rights come into the Regulation. Dr. Telles-Irvin replied that the students are informed of the charge, have a pre-deposition meeting and are informed of the consequences.

6C1-4.0162 Student Affairs; Student Conduct Code; Interim Suspension Pending Investigation and Hearing – Dr. Telles-Irvin stated that the only change to this regulation was some wording to make it more explicit so that a student may be suspended until a full investigation is conducted. The policy remains the same, just the wording was updated.

6C1-4.018 Student Affairs; Off-Campus Conduct – Dr. Telles-Irvin summarized that Judicial Affairs only reviews cases if required by law or if the act is so egregious that UF's Judicial Affairs needs to review, such as felony activity.

Degree Changes

Dr. Fouke summarized the proposed degree changes. The committee's approval is being sought to discontinue the Computer Information Sciences major within the Bachelor of Science program in the Warrington College of Business Administration. For the past 4-6 years the enrollment in that major has been dropping with only 31 juniors and seniors remaining in the program. The program will be sunsetted as soon as those currently enrolled graduate.

There are three new Ph.D. programs: Epidemiology (joint proposal from College of Medicine and College of Public Health & Health Professions), Biostatistics (joint proposal from College of Public Health & Health Professions and CLAS), and Nutritional Sciences (College of Agricultural & Life Sciences). If approved by the BOT they will be forward to the Board of Governors (BOG) for their approval.

Legislative Budget Requests (LBR)

Dr. Fouke summarized the extensive process for the 40-45 LBR submissions and stated that after reviewing the abstracts the senior vice presidents asked about 15 to write full proposals and a list will be provided to the trustees at the June BOT meeting.

Baby Gator Rate Change

Dr. Fouke explained that Vice President Kyle Cavanaugh would be bringing forth a proposal to increase the Baby Gator fees.

Discussion Items:

Strategic Work Plan

Trustee O'Connell stated she would review and comment at the June meeting. Trustee Yost asked that the committee receives the most updated copy which should be dated March 8th.

Budget Discussion

Trustee Moseley briefed the committee on his meetings in Tallahassee. Trustee O'Connell asked for a summary of the Governor of Virginia's security task force report at the June meeting.

Admissions Update

Dr. Fouke stated she would give a full report at the June BOT meeting, but that admissions looks right on target for the class size of 6,600 with only about 30 athletes still outstanding. Chairman Alfonso asked that the committee receive a full report at the June meeting.

Common Reader Program

Dr. Telles-Irvin briefed the committee on the Common Reader Program which was designed to give the first year students a sense of community and a shared experience which is becoming a norm at most university campuses across the country. This year's book is Mountains beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder and he will be at UF in October.

Senate Bills 1954 and 1956

Dr. Telles-Irvin stated that these bills died in committee.

First Generation Program – Senate Bill 848 and House Bill 287

Dr. Telles-Irvin stated that this bill had to do with the First Generation Program and it passed in House, it got stuck in the Senate, so the bill remains unchanged at \$6.5M with the 1:1 match and limits the amount of money that can be matched.

There were no other issues so the meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.