

Committee on Educational Policy & Strategy Minutes
University of Florida Board of Trustees
November 29, 2007
3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
President’s Room 215C, Emerson Alumni Hall
University of Florida

Committee Members Present: David Brown, Chair; Manny Fernandez; Mac McGriff; Ryan Moseley; Cynthia O’Connell; and Rick Yost

Others Present: Carlos Alfonso, Janie Fouke, Dianna Morgan, and Patricia Telles-Irvin

Committee Chair David Brown called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m.

Minutes

Chairman Brown asked for a motion to approve the August 24, 2007 and September 13, 2007 committee minutes. Trustee McGriff motioned to approve the minutes, Trustee Fernandez seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Action Items:

Tenure Upon Hire

Chairman Brown asked for a motion to approve the two tenure upon hire cases: Neil F. Shay and Li-Ming Su. Dr. Fouke explained the tenure vote for Dr. Su. Trustee Yost asked that in future cases where a department does not have a large number of faculty member able to vote on tenure, that those cases be sent to the college’s tenure and promotion committee for the tenure vote. Trustee Fernandez motioned to approve the tenure upon hire cases, Trustee O’Connell seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Regulations

6C1-3.0375 Tuition Cost – Trustee O’Connell requested that the information on the tuition increase be communicated well to be sure all are informed of the change. Trustee Fernandez motioned to approved Regulation 6C1-3.0375, Trustee Moseley seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

New and Discontinued Degrees

1. Degrees to Sunset
 - a. Engineering Science – B.S., Master of Engineering, Master of Science, and Engineering degrees
 - b. Engineering Mechanics – Master of Engineering, Master of Science, Engineering, and Ph.D. degrees

Trustee Fernandez commended UF for continuing to evaluate degrees and sunseting antiquated degrees. Dr. Fouke stated that new degrees will be automatically reviewed every five years as part of new degree proposals. Trustee McGriff motioned to approve the discontinuation of the Engineering Science degrees and the Engineering Mechanics graduate degrees, Trustee O’Connell seconded the motion and it was passed with unanimous approval.

2. New Degrees

- a. LL.M. in Environmental and Land Use Law – Chairman Brown commented that the proposal clearly demonstrates the need for the degree but not how the program will be developed into a national program. He also asked that the committee be briefed in a year or two years after a new degree has been approved to see how it is progressing. Trustee Fernandez also asked that in the future, the committee receive a description of any other similar programs both at UF and in the State University System.

Trustee Brown suggested delaying the approval if this information can be provided at the next BOT meeting, but if delaying the approval will hold up admitting students into it, then just get an update on these questions at the next meeting.

Trustee McGriff motioned to approve the LL.M. in Environmental and Land Use Law degree, Trustee O'Connell seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

- b. LL.M. in Comparative Law – Trustee Yost stated that this is not a new degree, but a formal request to be submitted to the Board of Governors that the LL.M. in Comparative Law have its own CIP code. He wanted to simplify the intent since it was not clearly stated in the materials provided.

Trustee O'Connell asked what process the Provost's Office has in place to connect degrees back to the strategic plan. Dr. Fouke replied that each Spring the Provost's office asks each dean for an annual program review and the review typically demonstrates how the college is relating back to the strategic plan.

Trustee Yost suggested that the annual program review of the location for the BOT dinner be provided to the trustees at the next meeting.

Trustee McGriff motioned to approve the LL.M. in Comparative Law as a ratification of an approved existing degree, Trustee Yost seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Fees

Dr. Fouke asked Dr. Hoit to pass out the information on the transcript, distance learning and equipment fees and Dr. Fouke walked the committee through a few of the highlights of the document for each fee. The committee discussed the three fees at length.

Trustee Moseley stated that the students are in favor of the concept of charging a fee for the transcripts, but there is still a concern about the fee that should be charged. Additionally, the equipment fee is a good theory, but he would like to see additional information on the suggested pilot program. And finally, Trustee Moseley stated the students are not in favor of the distance learning fee due to the conflict with the technology fee.

Trustee Brown suggested the committee schedule a conference call in a couple of weeks to see if agreement can be made on the transcript fee.

Local Fees and New World School of the Arts Local Fees

Dr. Telles-Irvin requested approval for the following fee increases:

- \$0.42 increase per credit hour for the Activity and Service Fee
- \$0.62 increase per credit hour for the Student Health Fee
- \$0.62 increase per credit hour for the Transportation Fee
- \$0.40 increase per credit hour for the New World School of the Arts Student Health Fee

Trustee McGriff motioned to approve the proposed fee increases as listed above, Trustee Moseley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

Department Name Change: Pharmacy Health Care Administration to *Department of Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy* – The committee had no discussion of the proposed name change.

Greek Strategic Plan Update – Dr. Telles-Irvin introduced the director of Greek Life, Chris Bullins. Mr. Bullins gave the committee an overview of updates and completions of sprinkler systems to the fraternities and sororities.

Career Services Update – Dr. Telles-Irvin introduced the director of Career Services, Wayne Wallace. Dr. Wallace gave a brief overview of UF's Career Resource Center.

Admissions Update

Provost Fouke asked Dr. Zina Evans, Assistant Provost and Director of Admissions to give an admissions update. Dr. Evans reported that even though there was a change in the deadline structure, the change does not seem to have had any impact on the number of applications received. At the November 1st deadline, UF had received 24,800 applications. Now, November 29th, Admissions has received 25,729 and the projection is over 27,000 applications by March 1st. Dr. Evans also informed the committee that February 15th is the date decisions will be released for those who applied by the November 1st deadline and April 1st is the date decisions will be released for the remaining applicants.

Budget Discussion – the committee did not have any discussion on the budget.

Degree Updates – B.S. in Computer Science

Dr. Fouke stated that the Board of Governors requested the B.S. in Computer Science reduce the total credits required for the degree from 126 to 120 and the College of Engineering provided this information to show how the change will be made.

Chairman Brown asked why the Board of Governors requested this and Dr. Fouke replied that a degree program with more than 120 total credits requires BOG approval. Chairman Brown requested that at the next committee meeting information be provided on what triggered this request and what BOG can or cannot do.

There were no other issues and the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.