

Committee on Educational Policy & Strategy Minutes
University of Florida Board of Trustees
September 13, 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; and Rick Yost

Committee Members Absent: Cynthia O'Connell

Others Present: Kyle Cavanaugh, Janie Fouke, and Patricia Telles-Irvin

Committee Chair David Brown called the meeting to order at 3:55 p.m.

Minutes

Chairman Alfonso asked for a motion to approve the May 23, 2007 and June 14, 2007 committee minutes. Trustee Moseley motioned to approve the minutes, Trustee McGriff seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Because VP Cavanaugh needed to attend another committee meeting, the committee asked him to give his faculty survey results presentation. Trustee Yost stated that the same level of detail of the survey results that went to the deans should get transmitted to the faculty and if it would be helpful, it could be transmitted to the faculty through the Faculty Senate.

Action Items:

Tenure Upon Hire

Chairman Brown asked for a motion to approve the two tenure upon hire cases: Thomas Clanton and Michael Delp. Trustee McGriff motion to approve the tenure upon hire, Trustee Yost seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Regulations

6C1-3.0375 Tuition Cost – Trustee McGriff motioned to approved Regulation 6C1-3.0375, Trustee Fernandez seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Business Ethics Courses

Dr. Fouke stated that the committee was asked to add two additional courses, BUL 4310: The Legal Environment of Business and BUL 4443: Ethics in Global Business, in business ethics to be eligible for students as part of a need-based scholarship program. Trustee Fernandez motioned to approve the two courses as eligible for business ethics, Trustee McGriff seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Facility Clearance

Confirms that Trustees and the President will not require security clearances for classified material, but instead designates VP Win Phillips for this purpose. Trustee McGriff moved to approve the motion to waive security clearance for trustees, Trustee Fernandez seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

Budget Discussion

The committee discussed the current budget climate and effective methods for dealing with leaner budgets in years to come. Chairman Brown asked Dr. Fouke to bring budget proposals to the committee in January 2008. The committee also discussed how to avoid budget reductions that only promote mediocrity. The committee asked that a budget discussion be on the next committee agenda.

Admissions Update

Provost Fouke gave a brief freshman class update:

6,500 enrolled of which 14% are African American, 15% Hispanic and 59% Female.
The middle 50% have a GPA of 4.0 – 4.4, and there was a higher yield than last year.

Greek Strategic Plan Update

Chairman Brown asked that the committee postpone the Greek Strategic Plan update until the next committee meeting since Trustee O'Connell asked for the update but was able to attend the committee meeting.

Undergraduate Affairs

Dr. Fouke introduced Dr. Daniel Wubah, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs and Dr. Wubah gave the committee an update on his findings after being on the job for a few weeks and stated that advising and tracking as well as communication between colleges are a few of his top priorities.

Dr. Fouke also introduced Dr. Henry Frierson, Associate Vice President and Dean of the Graduate School. Dr. Frierson stated one of the biggest challenges facing the graduate school currently is funding to be competitive nationally especially for teaching assistantships.

Trustee Fernandez asked how UF is doing on career placement and perhaps the committee could get a presentation on the topic. Dr. Telles-Irvin offered to have the director of the Career Resource Center give the committee a presentation.

There were no other issues and the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.