



Board of Trustees

Minutes

September 24, 2008

A special meeting of the University of Florida Board of Trustees was held by conference call on Wednesday, September 24, 2008.

Chair Dianna Morgan called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. A quorum was confirmed.

Trustees Present: Alfonso, Bova, Cunningham, Daniels, Merkel, O'Connell, Ponce, Powell, Reilly, Scott, and Warrington. Trustees Absent: Vice Chair W. A. "Mac" McGriff.

Others Present from UF: Joe Glover, Paige Crandall, Chris Loschiavo, Patricia Telles-Irvin, Jamie Lewis Keith, Brian Beach.

Press: Thomas Stewart, Sarah Curran, Nathan Crabbe, and Daniel Bearn.

Chair Morgan began by noting that the meeting was called to discuss and approve the proposed amendments and repeals of the Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code and the adoption of the internal operating memorandum (IOM), which were approved by the Committee on Educational Policy and Strategy in a September 22, 2008 meeting. Ms. Morgan asked Committee Chair Cynthia O'Connell to brief the Board on the Committee's September 22nd meeting.

Trustee O'Connell stated the Committee met as noted and approved the proposed Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code amendments and repeals and the new IOM. She asked Vice President Patricia Telles-Irvin to brief the Board regarding the proposal and process. After the briefing by Dr. Telles-Irvin, Trustee Kevin Reilly was asked to give Student Government's view of the proposal. Trustee Reilly stated that, as a result of comments and feedback during the comment period, a number of changes were made and students are comfortable with the proposal as revised.

Trustee Danny Ponce thanked all who worked on the proposal for being open to the changes from the Trustees, administration and students. He commented that the document is well done.

Trustee Reilly commented that he has already begun working on changing the statutes and the constitution of the Student Government to implement the IOM.

Chair Morgan thanked all for the incredible amount of work and noted the end product is a good one.

Dr. Telles-Irvin noted that, for Trustee Reilly, this has not been an easy process; he has shown great leadership in representing student interests and is to be commended.

Chair Morgan asked Vice President Keith to confirm that two votes, one for the Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code, and another for the IOM would be necessary. Ms. Keith confirmed.

Ms. Keith briefly stated that the Board would first vote on adopting new regulatory sections 6C1-4.040 through 6C1-4.051 with technical errors corrected and repealing regulatory sections 6C1-4.013-6C1-4.026 (but within those sections, 6C1-4.0162, 4.0212 and 4.022 are amended and renumbered and 6C1-4.0161 is retained). The second vote would be to adopt the IOM, with technical errors corrected and a change in the attached Student Government proposal that permits vice chancellors to advise students and serve on conduct committees as long as the same individual does not serve in both roles for the same conduct case.

A motion to approve adoption, repeal and amendment of the regulations as stated was made by Trustee Ponce, seconded by Trustee Daniels, and approved unanimously. A motion to approve and adopt the IOM as changed was made by Trustee Alfonso, seconded by Trustee Ponce, and approved unanimously.

Trustee Alfonso thanked Trustee Ponce for his leadership in this process.

Chair Morgan adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.