

Committee on Educational Policy & Strategy Minutes
University of Florida Board of Trustees
February 22, 2008
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
239 Tigert Hall
University of Florida

Committee Members Present: Mac McGriff (via telephone); Danny Ponce (via telephone); Steve Scott (via telephone); Ryan Moseley (via telephone); and Rick Yost

Committee Members Absent: Cynthia O'Connell

Others Present: Janie Fouke, Dave Kratzer, Angel Kwolek-Folland, and Kristina Raattama

Trustee McGriff gave overview for purpose of pre-meetings for new committee members and then asked Dr. Fouke to go over the agenda.

Dr. Fouke asked that Kristina Raattama from the General Counsel's office discuss the Regulations. Ms. Raatama briefly stated that there would be five Regulations going before the committee at their March 13th meeting:

- Conform one Regulation to comply with IRS law
- Allow charging of transcript fees for non-students
- Allow alcoholic beverages to be sold at the Florida Museum of Natural History
- Increase transportation access fee to increase bus service
- Remove student e-mail addresses from categories of public access

Dr. Fouke discussed the School of Business proposal and that the college would like to identify their undergraduate program as a future naming option. The naming will go before the Board of Trustees (BOT) when or if it occurs so this agenda item will be moved to the discussion items.

Dr. Fouke discussed the degree changes on the agenda, one of which was discontinuing the Master of Arts in Teaching in several disciplines in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (i.e. Geography, Linguistics, Philosophy, Political Science, and Psychology) as well as the Master of Science in Teaching in Psychology. The Master of Arts and Science in Teaching are obsolete degrees so they are being requested to be eliminated and that request has gone through and approved by the Curriculum Committee and Faculty Senate. Additionally, the B.S. in Nuclear Engineering is increasing its curriculum by one course so it will need to go to the Board of Governors (BOG) for approval after BOT approval since it will be over 120 total credit hours. Dr. Fouke informed the committee that the remaining degree changes would be removed from the agenda as they do not need BOT approval.

Mr. Dave Kratzer was representing Dr. Telles-Irvin at the meeting and discussed the housing rental rates which are proposed to increase up to 4.3% for graduate and families and will be 3.4% for undergraduates. Mr. Kratzer commented that these rates look in line with peer universities and students were heavily involved in the proposed increases.

There was a brief discussion on housing and Mr. Kratzer said he would forward a copy of the presentation that was given at the November BOT meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Dr. Fouke asked the committee to add or delete items as needed in the discussion items section of the agenda and then went through the listing.

Student Health Insurance

Mr. Kratzer gave an update to the committee and stated there is a lot of action in the State on mandatory health insurance. Trustee Moseley asked if FSU had already mandated this policy and Mr. Kratzer believed that to be the case.

New Student Tools

Dr. Fouke asked the committee if they would be interested in a brief presentation on the new tracking student tools Institutional Planning and Research had developed and the committee indicated they would be interested.

E-learning Initiative

Dr. Fouke also stated that she would have an overview presentation on the e-learning initiative to the committee at their March 13th meeting. The committee discussed how many classes UF offers online and faculty enthusiasm for the proposal as well as caution against the costs associated with online courses.

Merit Scholars Update and Budget Analysis/ Dean Searches

Dr. Fouke stated she would provide the numbers and budget for Merit Scholars at the March committee meeting as well as an update on Dean Searches.

Admissions Update and Appeals Process for Freshmen

Dr. Fouke stated there were 10,300 students admitted and hopefully the entering freshman class will be 6,600. She said she will provide a more extensive admissions update, and Dr. Zina Evans, Assistant Provost and Director of Admissions, will give the appeals process overview at the March meeting.

New Business

Dr. Fouke asked that the following items be added to the agenda:

- Follow up on why BOG asked for changes in B.S. Computer Science degree credits
- LL.M. in Environmental and Land Use Law: follow-up report on plans for creating program of excellence and building the degree to a national level
- Emergency Text Message Test: a report will be given on how the testing went as well as what prompts a message to go out

Dr. Fouke then asked the committee if there are any agenda items they feel should be added or deleted from the agenda, and the committee was fine with the suggested changes.

Dr. Fouke then asked if the new trustees would be interested in spending an afternoon on campus learning about the committee. Both Trustees Ponce and Scott said they would like to do that and Trustee McGriff said he would join the group if he was available.

There was no other new business and the committee adjourned at 4:30 p.m.