

Committee on Educational Policy & Strategy Minutes
University of Florida Board of Trustees
September 4, 2008
3:45 – 5:00 p.m.
President’s Room 215 C
Emerson Alumni Hall

Committee Members Present: Cynthia O’Connell (via telephone), Chair; Frank Bova; Mac McGriff; Danny Ponce; Kevin Reilly; and Steven Scott

Others Present: Joe Glover, Jamie Lewis Keith, Patricia Telles-Irvin, and Gene Zdziarski

Trustee McGriff called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. and asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the following meetings: May 22, 2008; June 12, 2008; and August 13, 2008. Trustee Ponce motioned to approve the minutes, Trustee Scott seconded the motion, and the minutes were passed unanimously.

Tenure Upon Hire

Trustee McGriff asked Provost Glover to address the committee about the three tenure upon hire cases: Michael Bernhard, Paul D’Anieri, and John Versteegen. Trustee Ponce motioned to approve the tenure upon hire cases, Trustee Reilly seconded, and the cases were approved unanimously.

Degree Termination

Provost Glover gave an overview of the request to terminate the Master of Agriculture in Agricultural Education and Communications, Soil and Water Sciences, Animal Sciences, Botany, and Food and Resource Economics. Trustee Ponce motioned to approve the degree termination, Trustee Scott seconded the motion, and the committee approved the termination unanimously.

Baby Gator Fees

Provost Glover gave an overview of the new Baby Gator proposed fees and percentage increases:

- Infants: 0.5% increase for students - \$185 weekly rate
 1.0% increase for staff and faculty - \$210 weekly rate

- Toddlers: 4.7% increase for students - \$170 weekly rate
 2.8% increase for staff and faculty - \$180 weekly rate

- Twos: 2.7% increase for students - \$150 weekly rate
 4.7% increase for staff and faculty - \$170 weekly rate

- 3-4 Yr Olds: 16.9% increase for students - \$100 weekly rate
 13.6% increase for staff - \$125 weekly rate
 2.6% increase for faculty - \$155 weekly rate

- 4-5 Yr Olds: 14.9% increase for students - \$100 weekly rate
 13.6% increase for staff - \$125 weekly rate
 0.5% increase for faculty - \$155 weekly rate

Trustee Ponce motioned to approve the new rates, Trustee Reilly seconded and the new rates were approved by the committee unanimously.

Renewable Energy Fee

Kelly Moosbrugger gave the committee an update on the campaign for a renewable energy fee and stated there were Legislators interested in drafting a bill for the next Legislative session. Vice President Telles-Irvin stated the Student Senate gave the proposal unanimous support.

Trustee McGriff commented that the committee received a great presentation at their last meeting. Trustee Scott motioned to approve the \$0.50 per credit hour Renewable Energy Fee. Trustee Reilly seconded the motion, and the committee unanimously approved the fee.

University of Florida Regulations, Amendments and Repeals

Vice President Keith gave the committee an overview of Regulation 6C1-1.008 Disruptive Behavior. Trustee McGriff stated everyone did an excellent job of reiterating the recommendations in the Student Conduct Code section.

Trustee Ponce motioned to approve Regulation 6C1-1.008, Trustee Scott seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Provost Glover briefly summarized Regulations 6C1-3.037 Registration and Student Fees and 6C1-3.0375 Tuition Cost. Trustee Scott made a motion to approve both Regulations, Trustee Ponce seconded the motion, and the Regulations passed unanimously.

Vice President Telles-Irvin summarized Regulation 6C1-4.004 Social Fraternities and Sororities. Trustee Ponce motioned to approve Regulation 6C1-4.004, Trustee Scott seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Telles-Irvin then discussed Regulation 6C1-4.036 Involuntary Medical Withdrawal. The committee discussed at length the various implications of the regulation. Trustee Ponce motioned to approve Regulation 6C1-4.036, Trustee Reilly seconded, and the committee approved the motion unanimously.

Admissions Update

Dr. Zina Evans, Associate Provost and Executive Director of Admissions, gave the committee an admissions update which contained the following information:

- Best academically prepared class, and the class size was a little smaller than anticipated – expected a 60% yield, but actual yield was 59%.
- The total number of African-American students decreased, so Admissions is looking at different ways to be sure this population knows all the opportunities that are available, especially financially.
- Legacies are holding strong at 35%, so over 1/3 of the class is represented by Legacies.
- The number of out-of-state students has dropped and as resources for the university decrease, recruitment of out-of-state students declined.
- The Office of Admissions is working on different plans for outreach to National Merit and National Scholarship students and has hired a new scholarship coordinator.
- Additionally, the office is working diligently to get the message out about how competitive transfer students have become. On the first day of class the university had received 1,728

transfer students and last fall the number was 2,333 at the same point in time. 2,090 transfer students were admitted, which provided a yield of 1,728.

Provost Glover stated that they will discuss next year how to balance these numbers so transfer students do not take the brunt of any enrollment reductions.

University Compact

Provost Glover informed the committee that the Board of Governors (BOG) would like all state universities to prepare a University Compact and that Trustee Morgan had mentioned this in a previous meeting that day. Discussions are underway with the BOG to limit the scope and/or to substitute a report for a compact.

Student Financial Affairs Presentation

Director of Student Financial Affairs, Karen Fooks gave the committee a presentation on the Office of Student Financial Affairs and the work of that office.

Student Conduct Code and Honor Court Proposal

Trustee McGriff stated that he recognized a lot of time and energy was spent on the proposal and one more draft would be forthcoming. Dr. Telles-Irvin offered to summarize the history of the proposal and stated that the proposal was brought before the committee today for comments, questions, and eventual approval.

Trustee McGriff stated that one more draft would be provided of the Regulations with highlighted changes. Trustee Daniels attended a forum the previous week that Dr. Telles-Irvin held and wanted to state his appreciation of all her hard work in the process. He continued by stating that he was very comfortable with the process over time, impressed with her willingness to engage students and incorporate new information, and that everyone should be proud of the process and the forum was very good.

The committee discussed the process of the next steps.

Trustee Scott thanked Vice President Keith for her hard work.

Dr. Telles-Irvin noted Dr. Gene Zdziarski's departure from UF to become the Vice President at Roanoke.

There was no new business and the committee adjourned at 5:05 p.m.