

Committee on Educational Policy & Strategy Minutes
University of Florida Board of Trustees
December 10, 2009
3:45 – 5:00 p.m.
President’s Room 215C
Emerson Alumni Hall

Committee Members Present: Carlos Alfonso, Courtney Cunningham, Roland Daniels, Jordon Johnson, Mac McGriff, Jack Mecholsky, Joelen Merkel, Dianna Morgan, Cindy O’Connell, Danny Ponce, and Steven Scott

Committee Members Absent: Earl Powell and Al Warrington

Others Present: Joe Glover, Jamie Lewis Keith, Bernie Machen, and Patricia Telles-Irvin

Trustee Alfonso called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

The committee reviewed the minutes from the September 10, 2009 meeting. Trustee Morgan motioned to approve the minutes, Trustee Merkel seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The committee then reviewed the remaining action items on the agenda.

EP1. Approval of Tenure Upon Hire

Gregory Gray – Professor and Chair for Department of Environmental and Global Health in the College of Public Health and Health Professions

Paul Okunieff – Professor and Chair for the Department of Radiation Oncology in the College of Medicine

Laszlo Prokai – Professor in the Department of Anesthesiology in the College of Medicine

Trustee McGriff motioned to approve the three tenure upon hire cases, Trustee O’Connell seconded the motion, and the tenure upon hire cases were unanimously approved.

EP2. Approval of University of Florida Regulations

Vice President Jamie Lewis Keith briefly reviewed the Regulations for the committee.

UF-2.003 Distribution of Printed Material – gives the manner in which printed materials may be distributed as well as providing two additional locations on campus for distribution.

UF-2.018 No Smoking – repeals this regulation effective July 1, 2010 and replaces it with Regulation UF-2.022

UF-2.022 No Smoking and Tobacco Use – prohibits smoking and the use of smokeless tobacco on campus, effective upon approval for the J. Hillis Miller Health Science Center and effective July 1, 2010 for the remainder of campus.

Trustee Alfonso commented that this regulation has had some opposition and some agreement. After further research and noting the student's positive vote for this regulation, he stated he was not opposed to the regulation.

Trustee Johnson motioned to change the wording in Item (4) regarding enforcement from "Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs" to "Office of Student Activities", and then motioned to approve the regulation with that correction. Trustee McGriff seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously including the change in the office responsible for enforcement.

UF-3.002 University Financial Services – clarifies a returned check will cause a hold placed on a student's account.

UF-3.0022 Bill Paying, Returned Check and Electronic Transfer Items Service Charge – states the university no longer accepts cash and each department determines how it will accept payment for a returned check.

Trustee Morgan motioned to approve Regulations UF-2.003, UF-2.018, UF-3.002, and UF-3.0022. Trustee O'Connell seconded the motion and the regulations were passed unanimously.

EP3. Approval of Degrees

B.S. in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation

Dr. Glover reminded the committee that this is a technical approval to comply with the Board of Governors but UF has had and offered the degree for years. Trustee McGriff motioned to approve the degree, Trustee O'Connell seconded, and the B.S. in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation was approved unanimously.

EP4. Approval of Fees

Dr. Telles-Irvin asked the committee to approve an increase in local fees of \$1.79/credit hour.

Activity and Service Fee – increase of \$0.53 per credit hour

Student Health Fee – increase of \$0.62 per credit hour

Transportation Fee – increase of \$0.54 per credit hour

Athletic Fee – no increase requested

Trustee McGriff motioned to approve the fee increases, Trustee O'Connell seconded and the fees were passed unanimously.

The committee then reviewed the discussion items.

College of Education Department Re-namings

Dr. Glover reviewed the naming of the recently created new schools in the College of Education:

School of Human Development and Organizational Studies in Education

School of Special Education, School Psychology, and Early Childhood Studies

The committee had no questions or concerns.

Student Government Update

Trustee Johnson gave the committee an update on Student Government which included a presentation on the Reitz Union renovation plan and a proposed semester and credit hour fee, \$20 per semester and \$3 per credit hour.

The committee discussed the fee and renovation project, and Trustee Alfonso asked that the video of the Union be distributed to Trustees.

Faculty Senate Update

Trustee Mecholsky gave the committee an update on Faculty Senate which included encouraging information on the effectiveness of shared governance and the distance learning initiative.

Multidisciplinary Research: Challenges and Opportunities

Vice President Win Phillips gave the committee a presentation on multidisciplinary research which included information on multidisciplinary initiatives, multidisciplinary facilities, and future growth areas.

Expansion of Veterinary Medicine

Dean Glen Hoffsis presented to the committee a plan for expansion of the College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Hoffsis explained what would be needed to expand the class size and gave a proposal for accomplishing the expansion in the fall with increasing up to 50 non-resident and 8 resident students.

There was no new business and the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.