

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

Committee Members Present: Carlos Alfonso, Courtney Cunningham, Roland Daniels, Jordan Johnson, Mac McGriff, Jack Mecholsky, Joelen Merkel, Dianna Morgan, Cindy O'Connell, Danny Ponce, Earl Powell, Steven Scott, and Al Warrington

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

Trustee Alfonso called the meeting to order at 3:45 P.M.

The committee reviewed the minutes from the June 3, 2009 conference call and the June 11, 2009 meeting. Trustee Scott motioned to approve the minutes, Trustee O'Connell seconded the motion, and the minutes were passed unanimously.

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

EP1. Approval of Tenure Upon Hire

Provost Joe Glover gave a brief overview of the two tenure upon hire cases: Jeffrey Bloomquist as Professor in the Department of Entomology and Nematology in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and Gonda Van Steen as Associate Professor in the Department of Classics in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Trustee Merkel moved to approve the two tenure upon hire cases, Trustee Daniels seconded the motion, and the cases were approved unanimously.

EP2. Approval of University of Florida Regulation

6C1-3.0375 Tuition Cost

Provost Glover explained two reasons for this regulation's review:

Firstly, this is the normal process to formally codify the emergency tuition cost regulation that was passed at the last meeting.

Secondly, a change was made to the previous emergency regulation. The Florida Board of Governors (BOG) asked UF to compute Florida Prepaid Tuition differently which increased the cost per student credit hour (SCH) by \$0.21.

Trustee O'Connell moved to approve the 6C1-3.0375 Tuition Cost Regulation. Trustee Morgan seconded the motion, and the committee passed the regulation unanimously.

EP3. Approval of Senior Managerial Group for Classified Information

Dr. Glover stated that at the last meeting, Dr. Win Phillips was approved to receive classified information on behalf of the trustees, however, the Department of Defense procedures have changed, and a group or committee is required to oversee classified information. A new resolution was created that names President Machen and Dr. Phillips as the committee for classified information with Dr. Phillips as the primary manager. Additionally, the members of the BOT are specifically excluded by name.

Trustee Daniels moved to approve the resolution, but asked that Trustee Morgan be added to the list of specifically excluded. Trustee Ponce seconded the motion.

The committee had further discussion on whether or not the resolution would have to be approved each year since trustees change from year to year and suggested that the individuals be excluded by being listed as “trustees”.

Trustee Daniels moved to approve the resolution with the amendment to state “trustees” instead of each individual. Trustee Ponce seconded the motion, and the resolution was passed unanimously.

The committee then reviewed the discussion/informational items. Trustee Mecholsky gave a Faculty Senate update.

Provost Glover updated the committee on electronic resources available for classes in response to H1N1 concerns.

Vice President Telles-Irvin provided the annual report on student affairs.

Associate Provost Zina Evans gave an admissions update to the committee.

Dr. Phil Barkley, Director of the Student Health Care Center, updated the committee on H1N1.

The committee then discussed new business:

Trustee Alfonso asked the committee to start thinking about more strategic discussion in terms of what is the future of UF, where is it going, and how do we get there with the current resources. Examples for discussion would be: sustainability, epidemiology, cancer biogenetics, and other global issues.

He asked as a university, to start thinking about strategy to organize around endeavors and disciplines to send a message to the rest of the country and world.

Secondly, Trustee Alfonso and President Machen asked the committee to start looking at taking the UF brand to enlarge the Gator Nation without enlarging the resident population. They proposed the idea of increasing the service mission to more students to the committee.

There was no additional new business, and the meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.