

Committee on Educational Policy & Strategy Minutes
University of Florida Board of Trustees
May 18, 2010
1:30-3:00 p.m.
354 Tigert Hall

Committee Members Present:

Carlos Alfonso, Ashton Charles, Marshall Criser, Mac McGriff, Cynthia O'Connell, Danny Ponce, Carolyn Roberts, Steven Scott, and Al Warrington

Committee Members Absent:

David Brown, Roland Daniels, Jack Mecholsky, and Dianna Morgan

Others Present:

Nathan Crabbe, Joe Glover, Janine Sikes, Patricia Telles-Irvin, and Barbara Wingo

Chairman Alfonso called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

University of Florida Regulations

3.0375 Tuition Cost – The committee discussed a tuition increase of 15%.

Academic Programs and Degrees

The committee discussed the termination of the B.S. in Business Administration (BSBA) with a major in Insurance, the termination of the B.S. in Agronomy, Crop Science, Dairy Science, Plant Pathology, and Poultry Science, the proposal for a Ph.D. in Public Health, increasing the total credit hours for the Electrical Engineering degree, and reclassifying the Master of Physician Assistant Studies degree.

Tenure upon Hire

The committee briefly discussed the four tenure upon hire cases for Jay M. Bernhardt, Maureen A. Conroy, Joseph C. Fantone III, and Petar Momcilovic.

University Work Plan (including Tuition Differential)

The committee discussed the University Work Plan.

Annual Tenure and Permanent Status

Annual tenure and permanent status is reviewed at every June BOT meeting, and the information will be provided and included in that meeting's materials.

Florida Climate Institute

The committee discussed the proposal for the Florida Climate Institute.

Discussion Items:

Discussion items are reserved for the actual BOT meeting, so the committee will receive updates at that time on admissions, Faculty Senate, and Student Government. Additionally the

committee discussed the J. Wayne Reitz Union Master Plan, a one-time local fee increase, as well as the following unit adjustments: create a department of linguistics, create Cross-College Departments of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, rename Department of Epidemiology and Health Policy Research in the College of Medicine to the Department of Health Outcomes and Policy, and consolidate the Departments of Operative Dentistry and Prosthodontics to Create the Department of Restorative Dental Sciences in the College of Dentistry.

New Business

The committee discussed the current progress of the invitation to negotiate with external providers of distance education and received an update on the University Work Plan. The committee requested an update on the impact of minus grades at the June meeting.

No other new business was discussed, and the committee adjourned at 2:20 p.m.