

Minutes
University of Florida Board of Trustees
Committee on Educational Policy & Strategy
December 6, 2012
3:30-5:00 P.M.
President's Room 215B/Emerson Alumni Hall

1. **Call to Order**

Chairman Marshall Criser called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and welcomed committee members and guests.

Committee Members Present:

C. David Brown; Cheri Brodeur; Susan Cameron; Chris Corr; Marshall Criser (Chair); W. Michael Heekin; Alan Levine; Carolyn Roberts; Juliet Roulhac; Steven Scott; T.J. Villamil and Al Warrington (Absent: Charles Edwards)

Also Present: President Bernie Machen, Sr. Vice Presidents, Joe Glover, David Guzick, Jack Payne and Win Phillips, Vice Presidents Dave Kratzer, Jamie Lewis Keith, Paula Fussell, Tom Mitchell, Zina Evans, Matt Fajack, David Norton, Elias Eldayrie, Jane Adams, Curtis Reynolds, and Special Assistant to the President, Jamal Sowell

2. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Marshall Criser noted that the Committee members received copies of the September 21, 2012 Committee meetings' minutes and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee David Brown made a motion and it was seconded by Trustee Carolyn Roberts. After asking for any discussions and hearing none, the minutes were approved unanimously.

3. **Action Items**

EP1. Master of Science in Insurance:

Provost Joe Glover explained that the Board of Governors requires periodic reviews of all academic programs to determine whether they remain viable academic offerings.

Programs that are not planned to be reactivated must be closed. The Department of Finance, Insurance and Real Estate has transitioned away from the Insurance curriculum over the years by design. The department no longer has any faculty specializing in the insurance area and the demand for such programs, particularly at the Masters level, does not exist. Since no students have enrolled in this program for a number of years, it is being requested that that this program be terminated. The Faculty Senate has approved this termination. Trustee Carolyn Roberts made a motion to approve the termination of this program and Trustee Cheri Brodeur seconded the motion. After asking for discussion and hearing none, the program termination was unanimously approved by the Committee.

EP2. Tenure Upon Hire:

Provost Joe Glover presented four candidates for tenure on hire: Patrick Concannon, Department of Pathology, Immunology and Laboratory Medicine; Yong Huang, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering; Jack Judy, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering; and Christine Schmidt, Department of Biomedical Engineering. Trustee Susan Cameron made a motion to approve the granting of tenure on hire of these faculty and Trustee Juliet Roulhac seconded the motion. After asking for discussion and hearing none, the motion was unanimously approved by the Committee.

EP3. Honorary Degree:

Provost Joe Glover presented Dr. Yuichi Sugiyama as an Honorary Degree candidate. This candidate was approved by the Faculty Senate at their August 30, 2012 meeting. Trustee David Brown made a motion to approve and Trustee Susan Cameron seconded the motion. After asking for discussion and hearing none, the granting of the honorary degree was unanimously approved by the Committee.

EP4. Fee Increase 2013-2014:

Vice President Dave Kratzer presented the proposed Fee Increase for 2013-14. He explained that the University Fee Committee meets annually to hear requests for fee increases for the activity and service, student health, and athletic fees. The University Fee Committee unanimously recommends the approval of the following fee levels for FY 2013/2014:

- a. Activity and Service Fee: an increase of \$1.29 per credit hour for 2013/2014
- b. Student Health Fee: an increase of \$.29 per credit hour for 2013/2014
- c. Athletic Fee: no increase was requested for 2013/2014

The Transportation Fee Committee met to discuss the level of transportation services currently provided, goals for the future of transportation, and parking on the campus. After contemplating student use of existing services, discussing future goals for the campus community, and meeting with transportation providers from the City, the Committee (with a majority of members being students), unanimously voted to recommend that a \$.50 per credit hour increase in the transportation access fee be approved for the 2013/2014 school year, making the total fee \$8.91 per credit hour. Following a brief discussion, Trustee Juliet Roulhac made a motion to approve all of the proposed fee increases and; Trustee Villamil seconded the motion. After asking for discussion and hearing none, the fee increases were unanimously approved by the Committee.

EP5. Use of Additional Capital Improvement Trust Fund (CITF) Fees:

Vice President Dave Kratzer provided background information stating that the UF Board of Trustees and Board of Governors (BOG) previously approved (May 21, 2012 and June 8, 2012) use of the 2013-14 CITF fee allocation for the J. Wayne Reitz Union Expansion and Renovation project. However, the BOG recently informed UF that \$33,262,391 (rather than \$20,000,000) will be made available because the yield is greater than had been calculated. It is proposed that the additional \$13,262,391 be allocated to renovate Newell Hall, including a student learning commons, as unanimously recommended by

the CITF fee committee (a majority of whose members are students). The BOG will need to approve the addition of the Newell Hall renovation/remodeling project to UF's CITF project list and capital budget, which the Finance and Facilities Committee is being asked to approve for recommendation to the Board of Trustees. The BOG has already approved UF's regulation establishing the CITF fee, which is in effect. Trustee Susan Cameron made a motion to approve the proposed allocation to Newell Hall and Trustee Al Warrington seconded the motion. After asking for discussion and hearing none, the allocation of the additional CITF fee yield to renovating Newell Hall was unanimously approved by the Committee.

EP6. University of Florida Regulations:

Vice President Jamie Keith presented the revised UF Regulation 2.003 Distribution of Printed Material for approval, stating that this regulation was revised to reflect the manner in which the existing regulation has been applied. The University's long-standing commitment not to regulate content is preserved and emphasized. To that end, the provision relating to rental fees is deleted in its entirety. The regulation adds an explicit appeal provision as well as a license provision to provide information that will make implementation transparent. Upon adopting this regulation, the University will be able to smoothly complete implementation of its modular news rack program, which provides for the safe and aesthetic unmanned distribution of printed materials in neat racks on the campus. Trustee Al Warrington made a motion to approve; Trustee Carolyn Roberts seconded the motion. After asking for discussion and hearing none, the regulation amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee.

EP7. Annual Tenure Award:

Provost Joe Glover explained that the tenure award case for Elizabeth Ross would have been put through in the normal 2011-12 cycle for approval at the June 8, 2012 Board meeting. However, it was agreed to wait until her book was officially in the publication pipeline before putting her nomination for tenure before the Trustees. She has received notice from her publisher (Pennsylvania State University Press) that her book will be published. Therefore, the President is recommending approval of the granting of tenure by the Trustees. Trustee Carolyn Roberts made a motion to approve; Trustee Susan Cameron seconded the motion. After asking for discussion and hearing none, the tenure was unanimously approved by the Committee.

EP8. Naming: Bernie and Chris Machen Florida Opportunity Scholarship Program:

Vice President Tom Mitchell stated that very generous, anonymous donors made a commitment of \$10,000,000 in October 2012 to create a substantial endowment fund for the Florida Opportunity Scholarship Program. The donors have requested that the Florida Opportunity Scholarship Program be named "The Bernie and Chris Machen Florida Opportunity Scholarship Program," in honor of Bernie and Chris Machen. Trustee Al Warrington made a motion to approve the proposed naming of the program and Trustee Juliet Roulhac seconded the motion. After asking for discussion and hearing none, the naming was unanimously approved by the Committee.

4. **Discussion Items**

4.1. Student Government Update – T.J. Villamil announced that the Reitz Union plans were being finalized and that the students were excited about the renovation. He commented on the Newell Hall renovation project and said that a student survey revealed more study space was needed and that Newell would be used for study and collaboration space.

4.2 Faculty Senate Update – Cheri Brodeur shared several updates:

- Faculty are actively involved in the Presidential Search
- Faculty are engaged in considering ideas for research projects and working with Vice President for Research David Norton to continue to grow the research endeavor.
- The Faculty Senate is monitoring HB 7315 (General Education)
- Andy McCollough made a well-received presentation on E-learning to the Faculty Senate
- A proposed new UF mission statement passed through committee and a final draft is being prepared to go to the Faculty Senate at its December 13th meeting.

4.3 Admissions & Financial Aid Update – Zina Evans provided an overview and handouts on financial aid and on student applications and applicants' academic profile.

5. **Adjourn**

Trustee Al Warrington made a motion to adjourn and Trustee Juliet Roulhac seconded the motion. With no discussion desired, the motion was unanimously approved by the Committee and the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:10 p.m.