Minutes
University of Florida Board of Trustees
Committee on Educational Policy & Strategy
Conference Call
November 26, 2012 – 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Cheri Brodeur; Susan Cameron; Chris Corr; Marshall Criser (Chair); Charles Edwards; Carolyn Roberts; Juliet Roulhac; Steven Scott; and T.J. Villamil

Others Present: Joseph Glover, Jamie Lewis Keith, David Kratzer, Jamal Sowell, Janine Sikes, Nathan Crabbe (Gainesville Sun), and Cheryl May (recording).

Chair Marshall Criser called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. after a quorum was confirmed by Jamal Sowell, with all Trustees present except Trustees David Brown, Michael Heekin, Alan Levine and Al Warrington.

Chair Criser stated that pre-BOT meeting conference calls will be scheduled prior to all meetings. He then asked Joseph Glover to review the agenda.

Provost Joseph Glover stated that no decisions would be made today and that this call was only to review the items on the Ed Policy agenda.

EP1. Master of Science in Insurance: Provost Glover stated that no students are currently enrolled in the Master of Science in Insurance, and that this request for termination has been appropriately vetted.

EP2. Tenure Upon Hire: Provost Glover gave a brief synopsis of each of the following candidates, pointing out their notable achievements: 1.) Dr. Patrick Concannon – Department of Pathology, Immunology & Laboratory Medicine; 2.) Dr. Yong Huang – Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering; 3.) Dr. Jack Judy – Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering; and 4.) Dr. Christine Schmidt – Department of Biomedical Engineering.

EP3. Honorary Degrees: Dr. Glover provided a brief synopsis of Dr. Yuichi Sagiyama, who has been nominated to receive an Honorary Doctor of Science Degree. Trustee Cheri Brodeur also commented that this was a worthy candidate for this Honorary Degree.

EP4. Fees Increase 2013-2014: Vice President Dave Kratzer provided a brief overview of the fee increases and stated that no increase was requested for the Athletic fee.

EP5. Additional Use of Approved Capital Improvement Trust Fund Fees: Vice President David Kratzer stated that the Board of Trustees had approved these fees earlier, but the Board of Governors updated their report in October and the numbers were different than what was approved by the BOT (changed from $20M for Reitz Union renovation to $33M). He stated that the additional $13M would be used toward the renovation of Newell Hall.
EP6. University of Florida Regulations: Vice President Jamie Keith reviewed the UF Regulations.

EP7. Annual Tenure Award: Provost Joe Glover explained that the tenure award case for Elizabeth Ross, School of Art & Art History, was left over from the June meeting. The President 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 would be published. Therefore, the President is recommending that this case be presented for approval by the Trustees.

EP8. Naming: Bernie and Chris Machen Florida Opportunity Scholarship Program: The donor of the Florida Opportunity Scholarship Program has requested that the name of this scholarship be changed to the Bernie and Chris Machen Florida Opportunity Scholarship Program.

Discussion Items: T.J. Villamil stated that he would reserve his update for the BOT meeting. Cheri Brodeur stated that she would also reserve her update for the BOT meeting. Provost Glover said that Vice President Zina Evans would present an Admissions and Financial Aid Update at the BOT meeting.

Chair Criser asked if there were any questions or comments to which there were none. Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.