

Minutes
University of Florida Board of Trustees
Committee on Educational Policy and Strategy
September 21, 2012

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Marshall Criser called the meeting to order at approximately 8:50 am.

Committee Members Present:

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

Also Present:

President Bernie Machen, Sr. Vice Presidents Joe Glover, David Guzick, Jack Payne, and Win Phillips, Vice Presidents Jamie Lewis Keith, Jane Adams, Paula Fussell, Matt Fajack, Special Assistant to the President Jamal Sowell, Chief Audit Executive Brian Mikell, Dr. Gail Kauwell of IFAS, Dr. Karla Shelnett of IFAS, Dr. Andy McCollough, Associate Provost, Karon Grabel of the Office of the Vice President and General Counsel, Cheryl May of the Office of the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Director of Public Affairs Janine Sikes, Nathan Crabbe of the Gainesville Sun, and Julia Glum of the Florida Independent Alligator.

2. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Chair Marshall Criser noted that the Committee members received copies of the June 7, 2012 and July 12, 2012 Committee meetings' minutes and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Carolyn Roberts made a motion and it was seconded by Trustee Cheri Brodeur. After asking for any discussion and hearing none, Chair Criser asked for all in favor, and any opposed, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

3. **Action Items**

EP1. Tenure Upon Hire:

Provost Joe Glover presented four candidates for tenure after providing background information on each candidate: William Bauer, School of Music; Jerry Dickey, School of Theatre and Dance; Mark Martindale, Department of Biology; and Elaine Seaver, Department of Biology. Trustee Michael Heekin made a motion to approve these candidates for tenure; Trustee Juliet Roulhac seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Trustees.

EP2. New Degree: Masters in Health Science – Environmental & Global Health

Provost Joe Glover presented the proposed Master of Health Science in Environmental and Global Health (MHS-EGH) degree program, offered by the College of Public Health and Health Professions. Trustee Charles Edwards made a motion to approve this new degree program, and Trustee Juliet Roulhac seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Trustees.

EP3. University Press of Florida Annual Report

Provost Joe Glover presented this report stating that the University Press of Florida is an Academic Infrastructure Support Organization (AISO), and they are required to file an annual report to be approved by the Board of Trustees prior to October 31, 2012. This report was reviewed and approved by the SUS Council of Academic Vice Presidents on September 19, 2012. Once approved by the Board of Trustees, it will be submitted to the Chancellor of the Board of Governors. Trustee Al Warrington made a motion to approve the report as submitted, and Trustee Carolyn Roberts seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Trustees.

EP4. Market Tuition Rate Proposals

Provost Joe Glover introduced Associate Provost Andy McCollough who presented the market tuition rate proposals. Dr. McCollough requested approval to establish market tuition rate for five graduate degree programs as follows: 1) Master of Arts in Art Education; 2) Master of Arts in Mass Communication – Specialization in Social Media and Web Design/Online Communications; 3) Master of Science in Forest Resources and Conservation with Concentrations in Ecological Restoration and Geomatics; 4) Master of Science in Pharmacy with Concentrations in Medication Therapy Management and Clinical Pharmacy; and 5) Master of Architecture – City Lab. After a brief discussion, Trustee Al Warrington made a motion to approve these proposals as submitted, and Trustee Juliet Roulhac seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Trustees.

EP5. University of Florida Regulations

Vice President and General Counsel Jamie Lewis Keith provided an overview of the proposed amendment to UF Regulation 4.036 – Involuntary Medical Withdrawal stating that the amendment reflects compliance with revisions made to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act regulations, changing the definition of “direct threat” under that Act. The revised regulation defines direct threat as a “significant risk to the health or safety of others”; the prior regulation defined a direct threat as a “significant risk to the health or safety of self or others.” The change in the UF involuntary medical withdrawal regulation clarifies that the University will not apply the “direct threat” test to situations that involve only harm to self when considering involuntary medical withdrawals of students. There was a brief discussion in which it was pointed out that a risk to others may arise from a risk to self in some situations, but federal law now prohibits us to find a direct threat if there is only a risk to self. Trustee Michael Heekin made a motion to approve this proposed regulation, and Trustee Carolyn Roberts seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Trustees.

4. Information Item

Provost Joe Glover announced that “The Good Life Course – HUM 2305” was approved by the University Curriculum Committee on December 20, 2011. This will be a required course for all UF freshmen who enrolled for the first time in Summer B 2012, or thereafter, and satisfy three credits of Humanities general education credits subject to certain conditions as described in the Appendix included in the Board materials.

5. Motion to Adjourn

Since there were no other agenda items, Chair Criser asked for a motion to adjourn, and Trustee Carolyn Roberts made the motion, which was seconded by Trustee Cheri Brodeur and unanimously approved by the Trustees. The meeting adjourned at 9:31 am.