



**UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY AND STRATEGY
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

December 5, 2013

President's Room 215B, Emerson Alumni Hall

Time Convened: 3:51 p.m. EST

Time Adjourned: 5:03 p.m. EST

1.0 Call to Order and Welcome

Acting Committee Chair, C. David Brown, II called the meeting to order at 3:51 p.m. EST.

Members present were:

C. David Brown (Acting Committee Chair), Christina A. Bonarrigo, Christopher T. Corr, James W. Heavener, Marc W. Heft, Carolyn K. Roberts, Jason J. Rosenberg, Juliet M. Roulhac, Steven M. Scott, and David M. Thomas. Trustees Susan M. Cameron, Marshall M. Criser, III, and Charles B. Edwards were unable to attend.

Others present were:

President J. Bernard Machen, Joseph Glover, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, David Guzick, Senior Vice President for Health Affairs, Jack Payne, Senior Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Winfred Phillips, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Jane Adams, Vice President for University Relations, Elias Eldayrie, Vice President and Chief Information Officer, Zina Evans, Vice President for Enrollment Management, Matthew Fajack, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Paula Fussell, Vice President for Human Resource Services, Jamie Lewis Keith, Vice President and General Counsel, David Kratzer, Vice President for Student Affairs, Thomas Mitchell, Vice President for Development and Alumni Affairs, David Norton, Vice President for Research, and Curtis Reynolds, Vice President for Business Affairs, Special Assistant to the President, Jamal Sowell, Angel Kwolek-Folland, Associate Provost, Bernard Mair, Associate Provost, Guest speakers Candy Herrera, Liana Guerra and Conor Munro, members of the University of Florida Community and other members of the public and the media.

2.0 Verification of Quorum

After a roll call, a quorum was confirmed, with all members present, except for Trustees Cameron, Criser and Edwards.

3.0 Review and Approval of Minutes

The Acting Committee Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2013 committee meeting, which was made by Trustee Thomas and Seconded by Trustee Scott. The Acting Chair asked for further discussion, after which he asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Committee considered the following Action Items:

4.0 Public Comment

The Committee heard public comments from Candy Herrera, who spoke on her difficulties as a UF student and tuition equity for undocumented students, Liana Guerra, who spoke about the Senate and House Bills in support of Tuition Equity, and Conor Munro, who spoke in support of Tuition Equity and provided a packet of materials. President Machen stated that the students had addressed with great eloquence a very important issue and that there is an indication the Legislature may take action to address it. He encouraged the students to work with him in pursuing a legislative solution.

The Committee considered the following Action Items:

5.0 Action Items

EP1. Tenure Upon Hire

Acting Committee Chair Brown asked Provost Joe Glover to present the Tenure Upon Hire Case. Dr. Glover noted that Dr. Debra Epps Lyon has been hired as Professor and Executive Associate Dean in the College of Nursing and has been recommended for tenure upon her appointment as Professor by her College and the President. She has her undergraduate and Ph.D. degrees in Nursing from Virginia Commonwealth University and is a successful NIH-funded researcher with numerous peer-reviewed publications in prestigious scientific journals, as well as being a distinguished teacher and research mentor.

The Committee Chair asked for a motion to approve Action Item EP1 which was made by Trustee Scott and Seconded by Trustee Heavener for recommendation to the Board for its approval on the Consent Agenda. The Chair asked for further discussion to which there was none. The Chair then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed and the motion was approved unanimously.

EP2. University of Florida Regulation Amendments

Acting Committee Chair Brown asked General Counsel Jamie Keith to present the Regulation Amendments. Jamie Keith noted that the only regulation amendment is to establish the tuition for this academic year and summer for the Preeminent State Research University Institute for On-Line Learning, which will begin in January 2014. Under the statute and the statutorily

required business plan, the proposed regulation change establishes in-state tuition at 75% of the on-campus rate and out of state tuition at market rates.

The Acting Committee Chair asked for a motion to approve Action Item EP2 which was made by Trustee Rosenberg and Seconded by Trustee Roulhac for recommendation to the Board for its approval on the Consent Agenda. The Chair asked for further discussion to which there was none. The Chair then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed and the motion was approved unanimously.

EP3. Degree Program Terminations

Acting Committee Chair Brown then asked Provost Glover to summarize the program terminations. Dr. Glover noted that the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has requested degree terminations, which the Faculty Senate has approved, for (1) BA in Asian Studies; (2) MA in Mathematics; (3) MA in Teaching in Latin American Studies; (4) MA in Teaching in Geography. These are programs that are inactive or in low demand and should be terminated under Board of Governors regulations.

The Committee Chair asked for a motion to approve Action Item EP3 which was made by Trustee Thomas and Seconded by Trustee Scott for recommendation to the Board for its approval on the Consent Agenda. The Chair asked for further discussion to which there was none. The Chair then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed and the motion was approved unanimously.

EP4. Annual Fee Increases: Activity and Service, Athletic, Student Health, and Transportation Access for Academic Year 2014-2015.

Acting Committee Chair Brown asked Vice President for Student Affairs Dave Kratzer and Vice President for Business Affairs Curtis Reynolds to present the annual increases in Activity and Service, Athletic, Student Health, and Transportation Access Fees for Academic Year 2014-15.

Vice President Kratzer noted that these fees are unanimously recommended by committees, at least half the members of which are students and the letters of support are in the materials. There is a \$0.84/credit hour increase proposed for the Activity and Service fee (total fee = \$18.19/credit hour) and a \$0.82/credit hour increase proposed for the Student Health Fee (total fee = \$14.93/credit hour) – and no increase proposed for the Athletic fee (continuation of the \$1.90/credit hour). This reflects a 5% total increase, as permitted by the statute.

Vice President Reynolds reported that there is no increase proposed in the transportation fee – so it is proposed to remain at the current \$8.91/credit hour.

The Acting Committee Chair asked for a motion to approve Action Item EP4 which was made by Trustee Scott and Seconded by Trustee Heavener for recommendation to the Board for its approval on the Consent Agenda. The Acting Committee Chair asked for further discussion to

which there was none. The Acting Committee Chair then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed and the motion was approved unanimously.

EP5. New Degree: Master of Environmental Analysis and Design

Acting Committee Chair Brown asked Provost Glover to present the proposed new degree. Dr. Glover noted that the College of Design, Construction and Planning and School of Landscape Architecture and Planning propose a 1 year Master of Environmental Analysis and Design degree, with specialization in (1) environmental policy and (2) spatial analysis for the physical environment. The Curriculum Committee and Faculty Senate approved the degree, which aids in the achievement of the State's strategic planning goals.

The Acting Committee Chair asked for a motion to approve Action Item EP5 which was made by Trustee Roulhac and Seconded by Trustee Thomas for recommendation to the Board for its approval on the Consent Agenda. The Chair commented that he would like a report on collaborative degree programs and asked for further discussion to which there was none. The Chair then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed and the motion was approved unanimously.

EP6. University of Florida Annual Accountability Report 2012-2013

Provost Glover continued and presented the University's Annual Accountability Report for 2012-2013, a largely statistical compendium of UF's financial resources, expenditures, personnel, enrollment, undergraduate and graduate education, and research and economic development, which is to be submitted to the Board of Governors each year. It is a retrospective look back at the previous year.

The Acting Committee Chair asked for a motion to approve Action Item EP6 which was made by Trustee Corr and Seconded by Trustee Roberts for recommendation to the Board for its approval on the Consent Agenda. The Acting Committee Chair asked for further discussion to which there was none. The Acting Committee Chair then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed and the motion was approved unanimously.

The following Discussion/Informational Items were the addressed by the Committee:

6.0 Discussion/Informational Items

Acting Committee Chair Brown turned the Committee's attention to the information items, asking the designated speaker to present each one in turn:

- 6.1 Student Record System – Provost Glover commented that the current Student Record System is lacking the ability to accept needed programs. Installation of the new Record System through PeopleSoft will take 3 years to install and the bulk of the cost will occur within the next 3 years.

- 6.2 Admissions/Financial Update – provided by Zina Evans, Vice President for Enrollment Management
- 6.3 Student Government Update – provided by Christina Bonarrigo, Student Body President
- 6.4 Faculty Senate Update – provided by Marc Heft, Faculty Senate Chair
- 6.5 Name Changes – The College of Design, Construction and Planning requested the following name changes with were approved by the Faculty Senate at their September 26, 2013 meeting:
 - 6.5.1 From “M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Building Construction” To “M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Construction Management”
 - 6.5.2 From “Bachelor of Science in Building Construction” To “Bachelor of Science in Construction Management”
 - 6.5.3 From “Master of Building Construction” To “Master of Construction Management”
 - 6.5.4 From “Master of Science in Building Construction” To “Master of Science in Construction Management”

7.0 New Business

Trustee Thomas requested an update on UF OnLine. Provost Glover referenced the recently held OnLine Conference with speakers who gave stimulated talks and workshops. The UF OnLine Institute goes into effect January 1, 2014, offering 7 degrees.

8.0 Adjourn

After asking for any further discussion and hearing none, Acting Committee Chair Brown made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Trustee Scott, and, with no further discussion desired, the motion was passed unanimously and the University of Florida Committee on Educational Policy and Strategy meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m. EST.