

Committee on Educational Policy & Strategy
Minutes
Pre-BOT Conference Call – 4:20p.m.
Room 239 Tigert Hall
March 18, 2013

1. **Call to Order**

Jamal Sowell called roll to verify attendance and Chairman Marshall Criser called the meeting to order at 4:21 p.m.

Committee Members Present via conference call:

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

Also Present (in person): Joe Glover, Jamie Keith, Dave Kratzer, Curtis Reynolds, Zina Evans, Jamal Sowell, Bernard Mair, Phil Barkley, Norm Dunkel, Janine Sikes, Kat Lindsey, and Cheryl May (recording)

2. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the November 26, 2012 and December 6, 2012 meetings were not reviewed.

3. **Action Items**

Chairman Criser asked Joe Glover to review the action items.

EP1. Tenure Upon Hire

Provost Glover provided a brief overview of the candidate being presented for tenure upon hire: Peihua Qiu, Ph.D., Department of Biostatistics in the Colleges of Medicine and Public Health and Health Professions

EP2. UF Accountability Report

Provost Glover stated that the University of Florida is required to submit two reports every year: The University Work Plan in May, which outlines the university's plans for the future; and the University Accountability Report in December, which is a data-intensive review of achievements in the past year. Due to timing, the University had to submit the Accountability Report early to meet the Board of Governors deadline, but it still needs Board of Trustee approval.

EP3. University of Florida Regulations

Vice President Jamie Lewis Keith gave a brief overview of each regulation and stated that Board of Governors approval is only needed on fees/tuition items.

EP4. New Mission Statement

Provost Glover reviewed the mission statement proposal. He said that this Draft Mission Statement was approved by the Faculty Senate at their February 21, 2013 meeting, and has also been reviewed by the President. Several Trustees asked questions and agreed to have further discussion of this item at the meeting.

EP5. B.A. Degree in African American Studies

Provost Glover asked Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs, Bernard Mair to present this item. Dr. Mair explained that this new B.A. Degree in African American Studies has been vetted through the college and has no financial implications. This proposal was also approved by the Curriculum Committee and then by the Faculty Senate on February 21, 2013. The Board of Governors' Council of Academic Vice Presidents has also reviewed and approved this proposal.

EP6. Housing Rental Rates

Vice President Dave Kratzer stated that this was a proposal for a 4.5% increase in housing rental rates, with a 7% (one time) increase for McGuire Village to bring it in line with similar facilities. The increases take into account costs. This proposal was recommended by a committee comprised of faculty, staff and students.

EP7. Student Health Insurance Proposal

Vice President Dave Kratzer provided a brief overview of this proposal and stated that this will have very little financial impact on the students. However, some students who need medical or mental health treatment do not have a health insurance and cannot obtain the needed care to keep themselves healthy and themselves and other in the community safe. Most students have insurance through their parents or as graduate assistants or international students. The minority of students who do not have coverage and their parents would be free to purchase insurance in the market or to choose GatorCare coverage. This program would allow all students to have access to services needed and would support the safety of the entire UF community.

EP8. Honorary Degrees

Provost Glover gave a brief overview of each Honorary Degree candidate and stated that the Faculty Senate approved these Honorary Degrees. They have also been approved by the President. They are as follows:

- 1) Honorary Doctor of Technology for William Anspach, Jr.;
- 2) Honorary Doctor of Technology for Norman Augustine; and
- 3) Honorary Doctor of Science for Jens Oddershede

Provost Glover asked if there were any questions and hearing none, turned the meeting back over to Chairman Criser. Chairman Criser asked that Action Item EP4 (Mission Statement) be moved to the end of the Action Items for the March 21st meeting.

The Discussion Items below were deferred to the Committee meeting on March 21st.

4. **Discussion Items** (Unless otherwise noted, see Appendix)
 - 4.1 Student Government Update (Verbal, no info in Appendix)
 - 4.2 Faculty Senate Update (Verbal, no info in Appendix)
 - 4.3 Admissions Update (Verbal, see Appendix)
 - 4.4 Sequestration (Verbal, no info in Appendix)
 - 4.5 Name Change for doctoral program (CIP 13.1101): FROM "School Counseling and Guidance" TO "Counseling and Counselor Education"
5. **Adjourn**
Meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.