

Committee on Educational Policy & Strategy
Minutes
March 21, 2013

1. Call to Order

After confirming a quorum, Chairman Marshall Criser called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm and welcomed Committee members and guests.

Committee Members Present:

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

Also Present: President Bernie Machen; Sr. Vice Presidents, Joe Glover, Win Phillips, David Guzick, and Jack Payne; Vice Presidents Jamie Keith, Paula Fussell, Curtis Reynolds, Zina Evans, Elias Eldayrie, Dave Kratzer, Matt Fajack, Jane Adams; Special Assistant to the President, Jamal Sowell; Barbara Wingo; Janine Sikes; Melissa Orth; Carol Walker; Steve Pritz; Marie Zeglen; Angel Kwolek-Folland; Phillip Barkley; William Li, and Cheryl May (recording)

Public Appearances

Jamaal Hill, UF Junior majoring in English, in support of the African American Studies proposal, stating that it would encourage diversity at UF.

Joanna Galaris, UF Senior majoring in Anthropology, also spoke in support of the African American Studies proposal stating that this proposal will attract international students and will show that UF values diversity.

Jaron Jones, Ph.D. student in Agricultural Education and Communications, also spoke in support of the African American Studies proposal.

Chairman Marshall Criser thanked the students for coming to share their thoughts and said that this proposal would be discussed later in the agenda.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

Chairman Criser noted that the Committee members received copies of the November 26, 2012 and December 7, 2012 Committee meetings' minutes and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Cameron made a motion, which was seconded by Trustee Edwards. After asking for any discussion and hearing none, the minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Action Items

Chairman Criser stated that a conference call was held on Monday, March 18, 2013 to review the action items and asked Provost Joe Glover to go over the following action items.

EP1. Tenure Upon Hire

Provost Glover gave 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. Trustee Charles Edwards made a motion to approve; Board Chair David Brown seconded the motion. With no further discussion desired, the

Committee voted unanimously in favor of granting tenure to the Tenure Upon Hire candidate.

EP2. UF Accountability Report

Provost Glover explained that this report is required annually by the Board of Governors and requires approval by the Board of Trustees. The report is largely a statistical compendium of UF's financial resources and expenditures, personnel, enrollment, undergraduate and graduate education, and research and economic development. Trustee Susan Cameron made a motion to approve; Trustee Cheri Brodeur seconded the motion. With no further discussion desired, the Committee voted unanimously in favor the UF Accountability Report.

EP3. University of Florida Regulations

The regulation amendments concern: 1.006 Non-discrimination/Harassment/ Invasion of Privacy Policies; 1.0101 Policy for Dealing with Conduct in Research; 1.018 Works and Inventions; 3.007 Traffic & Parking; Parking Registration; 3.0372 Student Health, Athletic, and Activity and Service and Transportation Access Fees; 3.056 Resignation and Non-Reappointment of Technical, Executive, Administrative, and Managerial Support; 4.012 Student Grievance Procedures; 4.047 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code: Sanctions; 4.048 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code: Reviews and Appeals; 4.051 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code: Victim Services for Students on Campus; 7.003 Academic Personnel Employment Plan: Academic Appointments, Types of Appointments, Appointment Status Modifier, and Academic-Administrative Classification Titles; 7.013 Notice of Ending of Employment of Non-Tenured and Non-Permanent Status Faculty; 7.019 Tenure and Promotion: Definition, Eligibility, Granting of Tenure, Criteria, Procedures and Methods of Processing, Confidential Nature of Materials and Discussions, Reports and Appeals, Permanent Status and Sustained Performance Evaluations; 7.025 Permanent Status for County Extension Faculty; and 7.036 Complaints Against Faculty Members. Vice President and General Counsel Jamie Keith provided a summary of each regulation amendment during the conference call held on March 18th and asked if there were any questions. There being none, Trustee Carolyn Roberts made a motion to approve; Trustee Charles Edwards seconded the motion. With no further discussion desired, the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the University of Florida Regulations.

EP5. B.A. Degree in African American Studies

Provost Glover indicated that Associate Provost Bernard Mair presented this proposal during the conference call on March 18th and asked if there were any questions. There being none, Trustee T.J. Villamil made a motion to approve; Board Chair David Brown seconded the motion. With no further discussion desired, the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the B.A. Degree in African American Studies.

EP6. Housing Rental Rates

Vice President for Student Affairs Kratzer stated that this item was discussed during the conference call on March 18th and asked if there were any questions. Rates were proposed to be increased by 4.5% for single student housing; 4.5% in Diamond Village, Tanglewood Village, and University Village South Graduate and Family Housing, and 7% in Maguire Village. These rates cover cost increases and were substantiated as being good market rates. Trustee Carolyn Roberts made a motion to approve; Trustee T.J. Villamil seconded the

motion. With no further discussion desired, the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the Housing Rental Rates.

EP7. Student Health Insurance Proposal

Chairman Marshall Criser stated that this item was also discussed during the conference call and asked if there were any questions. The proposal would authorize the President to design and implement a program that requires all University of Florida students to demonstrate health insurance coverage meeting University of Florida standards as a condition to enrollment at the University of Florida and allows students and their families to retain the freedom to purchase insurance offered in the market or by the University. Trustee Susan Cameron made a motion to approve; Trustee Brodeur seconded the motion. With no further discussion desired, the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the Student Health Insurance Proposal.

EP8. Honorary Degrees

Provost Glover gave a brief overview of each of the following Honorary Degree candidates during the conference call on March 18th : 1) Honorary Doctor of Technology for Dr. 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, Trustee David Brown made a motion to approve; Trustee T.J. Villamil seconded the motion. With no further discussion desired, the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the Honorary Degrees.

EP4. New Mission Statement

Chairman Criser stated that the Committee had discussed this item during the conference call on March 18th and asked if there were any questions. Trustee Cheri Brodeur indicated that the draft mission statement was prepared by an Ad Hoc Committee of Faculty Senate and students, and that the process took approximately five months. The new Draft Mission Statement was approved by the Faculty Senate at their February 21, 2013 meeting. At the end of the discussion of action items, the proposed new Mission Statement, EP4, which was developed by an Ad Hoc Committee of the Faculty Senate with faculty and student participants, and for which the Committee expressed great appreciation, was recognized as an important statement to the UF community and the external world about the University's nature and purpose. Consequently, with the full Committee's recommendation, the Board Chair referred the proposed Mission Statement to the Strategic Initiatives Committee for review and input by the Board and other stakeholders who haven't yet had an adequate opportunity for participation. Representatives of the Faculty Senate and Student Government will continue to be active participants in the ongoing process, which Chair Brown noted is critical, and the intent is to bring the Mission Statement back to the Board at the June meeting.

4. Discussion Items

4.1 Student Government Update – T.J. Villamil shared his appreciation for the opportunity to represent the student body and serve as a voting member of the Board of Trustees. He thanked the Board, President Machen, Vice President Dave Kratzer, and Cheri Brodeur, and introduced his successor, Christina Bonarrigo. Chairman Criser thanked T.J. Villamil for his service.

4.2 Faculty Senate Update – Trustee Cheri Brodeur provided an update from the Faculty Senate. She stated that she was impressed with how well faculty and students work together

and encouraged students to work more closely with their college faculty. She thanked Vice President Elias Eldayrie for his assistance and leadership in the technology area. She also thanked the Trustees for their leadership and for the opportunity to work with them.

4.3 Admissions Update - Zina Evans referenced pages 516 and 517 in the Board materials for the Admissions update and highlighted various aspects of the admissions process.

4.4 Sequestration - President Machen asked Sr. Vice Presidents Joe Glover and Win Phillips to discuss sequestration's impact on UF. Minimal effect on student financial aid is anticipated in the near term. However, if sequestration continues it could significantly impact student financial aid. Dr. Phillips introduced Dr. David Norton, Vice President for Research, and they discussed the anticipated effects of sequestration on the UF research portfolio which is expected to affect other major research universities and the University of Florida proportionally. Board Chair Brown stated that UF is well-positioned to handle this challenge, but long-term cuts could be significant.

4.5 Name Change for doctoral program (CIP 13.1101) – Chairman Criser noted that the doctoral program “School Counseling and Guidance” has been renamed “Counseling and Counselor Education.”

5. Adjourn

Board Chair David Brown made a motion to adjourn; Trustee T.J. Villamil seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Trustees and Chair Criser adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.