



**UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY AND STRATEGY  
AND  
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
JOINT MEETING MINUTES  
November 3, 2014 Telephone Conference Call/Meeting  
123 Tigert Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL  
Time Convened: 1:02 P.M. EST  
Time Adjourned: 1:15 P.M. EST**

**1.0 Verification of Quorum**

After a roll call, a quorum was confirmed, with all members present except for Trustees Brown and Rosenberg.

**Board of Trustees and Committee on Educational Policy and Strategy members present were:** Steven M. Scott (Board Chair), David M. Thomas (Committee Chair), David L. Brandon, Susan M. Cameron, Christopher T. Corr, Charles B. Edwards, James W. Heavener, Pradeep Kumar, Carolyn K. Roberts, Juliet M. Roulhac and Corry M. Yeffet. C. David Brown, II and Jason J. Rosenberg were unable to attend.

**Others present were:**

Joseph Glover, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Andrew McCullough, Associate Provost for Teaching and Technology, Jamie Lewis Keith, Vice President, General Counsel and University Secretary, TJ Villamil, Special Assistant to the President, Melissa Orth Senior Director, Governmental Relations, Cheryl May, Executive Assistant, Becky Holt, Executive Assistant, Sandy Mitchell, Sr. Administrative Assistant, Steve Orlando, Senior Director, Media Relations and members of the media to include the Independent Alligator and Gainesville Sun.

**2.0 Call to Order and Welcome**

Board Chair Steven M. Scott called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. EST.

**3.0 Action to Hold a Joint Meeting**

Board Chair Scott asked for a motion to hold a joint meeting of the Educational Policy and Strategy and the Board of Trustees, which was made by Trustee Cameron and seconded by Trustee Brandon. The Board 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.

#### **4.0 Review and Approval of Minutes**

Board Chair Scott then turned the discussion over to the Chair of the Committee for Educational Policy and Strategy David Thomas. Committee Chair Thomas asked for a motion to approve the minutes of September 5, 2014, which was made by Trustee Roulhac and seconded by Trustee Brandon. The Committee 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.

Committee Chair Thomas then turned the discussion over to the Board Chair Scott who then asked the Board of Trustee members for a motion to approve the minutes of September 5, 2014, and October 15, 2014, which was made by Trustee Brandon and seconded by Trustee Roulhac. The Board 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.

#### **3.0 Action Items (Consent)**

##### **EP1. Market Tuition Rate Proposals (regarding five online, graduate degree programs)**

Provost Glover thanked the Board and Committee for their time and addressed the five market rate proposals, which requires approval from the Board of Trustees to be considered by the Board of Governors that includes:

- (1) Master of Science (concentration in Medical Microbiology and Biochemistry)
- (2) Master of Arts in Medicine
- (3) Master of Science in Pharmacy (concentration in Clinical Toxicology)
- (4) Doctor of Pharmacy
- (5) Doctor of Medicine

Provost Glover stated that market rate status allows access to excess revenues and the ability to use the excess without accounting for tie of tuition to the costs of the program. Provost Glover noted that being consistent with the update sent late last week, four of the proposals are online with one of the four (Phar.D.) being a hybrid of online and continuing education and one of the proposals reduces the out of state tuition for medical degrees and falls under the continuing education category. Provost Glover further explained that the pricing will be determined by market forces that may result in increases or decreases in price but, pursuant to BOG requirement, will not be increased by more than 15% per year. Further, he acknowledged that the ability to charge market rate allows the university the ability to be competitive in the market place and generate much needed additional revenue.

Provost Glover provided an example of the College of Medicine whose tuition is approximately \$20,000 a year and if approved the out of state will be \$45,000. The previous rate for out of state tuition was \$65,000. Chair Scott indicated that Trustee Rosenberg would be pleased with this reduction. Vice President Keith reiterated that one of the four online is a reduction for out of state tuition and will not result in an increase in the state's fiscal liability.

## **EP2. Tenure Upon Hire**

Provost Glover presented Dr. Kent Fuchs' tenure upon hire case. Vice President Keith noted that the proposed granting of tenure is conditioned upon Dr. Fuchs' being hired by the University of Florida, which is condition on the Board of Governor's confirmation of Dr. Fuchs as UF's 12<sup>th</sup> President and the execution of a binding employment agreement; completed with the resolution and signing the agreement, which both are anticipated by Thursday.

Chair Scott asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was made by Trustee Roberts and seconded by Trustee Cameron. The Board 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.

## **4.0 Discussion/Informational Items**

There were no Discussion or Informational Items.

## **5.0 New Business**

There was no New Business to come before the Board.

## **6.0 Adjourn**

Chair Scott asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was made by Trustee Edwards and seconded by Trustee Cameron, and the motion was passed unanimously. The joint meeting of the Committee on Educational Policy and Strategy and the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. EST