



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

**Meeting/Telephone Conference Call Meeting**

**November 29, 2016**

**123 Tigert Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL**

**Time Convened: 3:02 p.m. EST**

**Time Adjourned: 3:31 p.m. EST**

**1.0 Verification of Quorum**

While a quorum was not required for this purely informational meeting, Executive Assistant Brigit Dermott verified a quorum of the Committee on Educational Policy and Strategic Initiatives, with all Trustees present except Trustees Steven M. Scott and Susan D.C. Webster.

**Members present were:**

Jason J. Rosenberg (Chair), David L. Brandon, James W. Heavener, Mori Hosseini, Leonard H. Johnson, Rahul Patel, Marsha D. Powers, Nicole LP Stedman, Robert G. Stern, David M. Thomas, Anita G. Zucker. Trustees Scott and Webster were unable to attend.

**Others present were:**

President Kent Fuchs, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Joseph Glover, Vice President for Student Affairs David Parrott, Vice President for Human Resource Services Jodi Gentry, Vice President, General Counsel and University Secretary Jamie Lewis Keith, Vice President for Enrollment Management Zina Evans, Associate Provost Angel Kwolek-Folland, Senior Director of Governmental Relations and Assistant University Secretary Melissa Orth, Executive Assistant Brigit Dermott and Executive Assistant Becky Holt.

**2.0 Call to Order and Welcome**

Committee Chair Jason Rosenberg welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. EST. This meeting was an informational meeting to prepare for the December 1, 2016 regular meeting, and no action was planned or taken at this preparatory meeting.

**3.0 Review and Approval of Minutes**

Committee Chair Rosenberg stated that the minutes will be reviewed for approval at the December 1, 2016 meeting.

#### **4.0 Public Comment**

There were no requests for comment at the Committee's November 29, 2016 meeting and there have been no requests for public comment at the Committee's December 1, 2016 meeting.

#### **5.0 Action Items**

Committee Chair Rosenberg asked Provost Joseph Glover to present the Action Items that will be addressed at the December 1, 2016 meeting.

##### **EP1. Tenure Upon Hire**

Provost Glover stated that there are seven highly accomplished faculty members who have been hired by the University subject to their being awarded tenure upon their hire by the University of Florida Board of Trustees. All have been recommended for tenure by the Provost. For those individuals hired with faculty and administrative appointments, tenure attaches only to the faculty appointment.

The individuals recommended for tenure upon hire are as follows:

1. Dr. Daniel P. Ferris has been hired in the College of Engineering as a Professor in the Department of Biomedical Engineering.
2. Dr. Gavin J.P. Naylor has been hired in the Florida Museum of Natural History as a Curator, in the Department of Natural History. His administrative appointment is as Director of the Florida Program for Shark Research.
3. Dr. Lawrence M. Page has been hired in the Florida Museum of Natural History, as Curator of Fishes in the Department of Natural History.
4. Dr. Michael E. Harris has been hired in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, as a Professor in the Department of Chemistry.
5. Dr. Libin Rong has been hired in the College Liberal Arts and Sciences as an Associate Professor in the Department of Mathematics.
6. Dr. Sherrilene Classen has been hired in the College of Public Health and Health Professions as a Professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy. Her administrative appointment is as Chair of the Department.
7. Dr. Jinying Zhao has been hired in the College of Public Health and Health Professions and the College of Medicine, as a Professor in the Department of Epidemiology.

In response to questions from the Committee, Provost Glover provided an update to the Committee on the preeminence hire program. He notified the Committee that he has sent a report to the Governor's Office with all the preeminence hires to date (approximately 106), with a tabulation of all the external grants brought in from these preeminence hires totaling approximately \$120M.

##### **EP2. Degree Program Changes**

Provost Glover then presented the following Degree Program Changes, which the Committee will be asked to approve at the December 1, 2016 meeting:

- Three courses (physics I, physics II, and public speaking) would be eliminated from the pre-pharmacy required curriculum of the Doctor of Pharmacy degree (CIP Code 51.2001), reducing the pre-professional curriculum credit hour requirements, in order to better align UF's program with those of peer institutions and national trends.
- A course (environmental and engineering geology) would be eliminated from the required curriculum and common prerequisites for the Bachelor of Science in Construction Management (CIP Code 15.1001). This would allow for an additional elective course in a student's first senior level semester. Students would continue to meet the general education requirements for the physical/biological science area with general physics I and II courses and labs.
- Four required courses (introduction to art history I and II, art appreciation tied to the practice of art and areas of aesthetic value, and pre-calculus algebra), would be added to the common prerequisites for the Bachelor of Arts in Digital Arts and Sciences (CIP Code 50.0102) to provide the historical and practical foundation needed.

Trustee Mori Hosseini complimented the departments for examining these degree programs and proposing changes, which will save students both time-to-degree and the associated costs.

### **EP3. Honorary Degree**

Provost Glover next noted that the Faculty Senate and the President recommend the award of an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree to Chita Rivera, the Tony award-winning American actress, dancer and singer, who is best known for her roles in musical theatre from the 1950s to the present. Ms. Rivera is also the first Latino American to receive a Kennedy Center Honors award. The Committee responded favorably.

## **6.0 Discussion/Informational Items**

Committee Chair Jason Rosenberg noted that there are important items on the Committee's agenda and that they will be presented at the December 1, 2016 meeting. Dr. Glover requested that discussion items 6.6 through 6.8 be presented at this meeting to allow more time for discussion of priority matters during the Committee meeting on Thursday.

Provost Glover noted that the following changes to Centers and Institutes, Department Changes and a College Name Change only require notification to the Board with no Board action.

### **6.6 Centers/Institutes**

- 6.6.1 Center Name Change: Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research to Center for Gender, Sexualities and Women's Studies Research
- 6.6.2 Center Name Change: Center for Digital Health and Wellness (CDHW) to Center for Behavioral Economic Health Research (CBEHR)
- 6.6.3 New Center: (CSQUID) Center for Statistics and Quantitative Infectious Diseases
- 6.6.4 New Center: SHARC Center for Translational HIV Research
- 6.6.5 New Institute: University of Florida Engineering Leadership Institute
- 6.6.6 New Center: Center for Biomedical Sciences Research and Training (CBMSRT)

6.6.7 New Center: Center for Hydro-Generated Urbanism

**6.7 Department Changes**

6.7.1 Division of Urology to become the Department of Urology in the College of Medicine-Jacksonville

**6.8 College Name Change**

6.8.1 “Warrington College of Business Administration” to change the college name to the “Warrington College of Business”

Committee Chair Rosenberg also stated that the Strategic Hour on Friday morning at 9:30 a.m. will be devoted to an important initiative of the Committee. Provost Joe Glover will present and lead a discussion with the Board on online dashboards that will allow the Trustees to constantly track the University’s progress (1) against the Metrics That Matter to advance UF to top 10 public research university stature, which the Board strongly endorsed at its November 2016 retreat; and (2) against the Board of Governors’ Performance Funding Metrics. Provost Glover will also review the BOG’s Performance Funding Metrics, how UF is performing and what UF’s plans are to make further advancements—even though UF’s performance is already high.

**7.0 New Business**

There was no new business to come before the Committee.

**8.0 Adjourn**

After asking for any further discussion and hearing none, Committee Chair Rosenberg thanked everyone for participating on the preparatory call. The Committee on Educational Policy and Strategic Initiatives call/meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m. EST.