



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

Meeting/Telephone Conference Call Meeting

December 12, 2017

Time Convened: 3:01 p.m. EST

Time Adjourned: 3:20 p.m. EST

123 Tigert Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

1.0 Verification of Quorum

While a quorum was not required for this purely informational meeting, Interim Vice President and General Counsel Amy Hass verified a quorum of the Committee on Educational Policy and Strategic Initiatives, with all Trustees present.

Members present were:

Jason J. Rosenberg (Chair), David L. Brandon, Ames W. Heavener, Mori Hosseini, Leonard H. Johnson, W. Smith Meyers, Rahul Patel, Marsha D. Powers, David M. Quillen, Steven M. Scott, Robert G. Stern, David M. Thomas, Anita G. Zucker.

Others present were:

President W. Kent Fuchs, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Joseph Glover, Vice President for Enrollment Management Zina Evans, Vice President for Student Affairs David Parrott, Vice President for Human Resource Services Jodi Gentry, Interim Vice President and General Counsel Amy Hass, Associate Provost Angel Kwolek-Folland, Director of the School of Music Kevin Orr, Assistant Vice President for Public Affairs Janine Sikes, Senior Director of Government Relations and Assistant University Secretary Melissa Orth, Executive Assistant Brigit Dermott, and other members of the University community and the media.

2.0 Call to Order and Welcome

Committee Chair Jason Rosenberg welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. EST. He noted that this meeting was an informational meeting to prepare for the December 14, 2017 regular meeting, and no action was planned or taken at this preparatory meeting.

3.0 Review and Approval of Minutes

The Committee did not address minutes on this call.

Committee Chair Rosenberg asked Provost Joseph Glover to present the Action Items that would be addressed at the December 14, 2017 meeting.

EP1. Tenure Upon Hire

Provost Joe Glover stated that there are four highly accomplished faculty members who have been hired by the University subject to their being awarded tenure upon 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 were as follows:

1. Dr. Subharup Guha – College of Public Health and Health Professions Associate Professor, Department of Biostatistics

Dr. Subharup Guha earned his Ph.D. in Statistics from Ohio State University in 2004 and his M.Sc. in Statistics from the Indian Institute of Technology in Kanpur, India in 1997. His prior institution is the University of Missouri. Dr. Guha is nationally and internationally recognized as a leader in nonparametric Bayesian methods. He is the principal investigator on a grant for \$1.6 million that is funded jointly by the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health.

2. Dr. Mathew A. Leibold – College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Professor, Department of Biology

Dr. Mathew Leibold earned his Ph.D. from Michigan State University in 1988 and his M.S. and B.S. from University of Arizona in 1980. His prior institution is the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Leibold has received extensive funding from NSF over the past 25 years and has presented his research at numerous national and international conferences. He has published more than 65 peer-reviewed papers and his work has been cited over 12,500 times. He is the 2017 recipient of the Humboldt Research Award from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and the 2017 Fellow of the Ecological Society of America.

3. Dr. Zhijian Qian – College of Medicine Associate Professor, Department of Medicine

Dr. Zhijian Qian earned his Ph.D. in Cell and Molecular Biology from Shanghai Institute of Cell Biology, China in 1994 and his B.S. in Microbiology and Biochemistry from Zhejiang (Hangzhou) University, China, in 1989. His prior institution is the University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Qian has gained national recognition in the American Society of Hematology and was invited to be a section modulator, abstract reviewer and abstract reviewer for annual meetings. He has an outstanding track record of research success and publication. He currently has 2 NIH RO1s in leukemia stem cells, both grants are funded until 2020. In the past 10 years he has published 26 papers and served as corresponding author for 11 papers published in high impact journals.

4. Dr. David B. Kaber – Wertheim College of Engineering Professor, Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering

Dr. David Kaber earned his Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering from Texas Tech University in 1996, his M.S. in Industrial Engineering from the University of Central Florida in 1993 and his B.S. in Industrial Engineering from the University of Central Florida in 1991. His prior institution is North Carolina State University. He has special interest in adaptive automation design, human-automation interaction in life sciences, human-robot interaction in healthcare, aviation human

factors and cockpit display design, virtual reality simulation for motor skill training and measuring and modeling driver distraction and situation awareness.

EP2. New Degree: Doctor of Musical Arts

Provost Glover noted that the proposed Doctor of Musical Arts degree will be a unique degree that will be distinguished nationally by the requirement of a second cognate in a discipline outside of Music, such as Engineering, Entrepreneurship and Management, Arts in Medicine, and Digital Media. Dr. Kevin Orr, Director of the School of Music, provided additional context noting that this professional degree will train elite performers, conductors and composers to meet a demonstrated market need and growth potential in the field. Dr. Orr also noted that the degree will be added with no new costs by making use of existing resources. Dr. Orr confirmed that the 90 credits of coursework beyond a Bachelor's degree required of this program is standard for this type of degree. Vice Chair Hosseini requested that Dr. Orr provide research related to job potential for graduates at the December 14 meeting.

EP3 and Resolution R17-192. Naming

Provost Glover provided information about the naming as follows: In recognition of the generous and significant support of the University of Florida College of Medicine and UF Health Shands by the Lauren and Lee Fixel Family Foundation, the UF Foundation seeks to name the Center for Neurological Diseases at the College of Medicine the "Fixel Center for Neurological Diseases." Lauren Fixel is a 2007 graduate of the UF College of Journalism. Her husband Lee is a partner at Tiger Global Management and is a top-ranking venture capitalist.

5.0 Discussion/Informational Items

Provost Glover noted that the first five discussion items will be addressed at the meeting on December 14. Discussion items 5.6 and 5.7 address changes to the names of departments, new centers and name changes of centers and institutes. Provost Glover went through the changes and addressed any questions.

6.0 New Business

There was no new business to come before the Committee.

7.0 Adjourn

After asking for 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 3:20 p.m. EST.