



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

**March 22, 2018**

**President's Room 215B, Emerson Alumni Hall**

**University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida**

**Time Convened: 10:18 a.m. EDT**

**Time Adjourned: 12:27 p.m. EDT**

**1.0 Verification of Quorum**

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, James W. Heavener, Mori Hosseini, Leonard H. Johnson, Thomas G. Kuntz, W. Smith Meyers, Daniel T. O'Keefe, Rahul Patel, Marsha D. Powers, David M. Quillen, Robert G. Stern, Anita G. Zucker

**Others present were:**

President W. Kent Fuchs, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Joseph Glover, Senior Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources Jack Payne, Vice President for Enrollment Management Zina Evans, Vice President for Student Affairs David Parrott, Vice President for Research David Norton, Interim Vice President and General Counsel Amy Hass, other members of the President's Cabinet, 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 10:18 a.m. EDT.

**3.0 Review and Approval of Minutes**

Committee Chair Rosenberg asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2017 and December 14, 2017 meetings, which was made by Trustee Powers and a second, which was made by Trustee Johnson. The Committee Chair asked for further discussion, and then for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Committee considered the following Action Items:

#### **4.0 Action Items**

Committee Chair Rosenberg noted the Committee discussed all the Action Items on its March 20, 2018 call and asked Provost Joseph Glover to briefly present them and entertain further questions and discussion if desired by the Committee.

##### **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.

1. Mr. Jeffrey A. Carney has been hired in the College of Design, Construction and Planning as an Associate Professor in the School of Architecture.
2. Mr. David W. Hulse has been hired in the College of Design, Construction and Planning as Director and Professor in the Department of Landscape Architecture.
3. Dr. Julie M. Moore has been hired in the College of Veterinary Medicine as a Chair and Professor in the Department of Infectious Diseases and Immunology.
4. Dr. Daohong Zhou has been hired in the College of Pharmacy as a Professor in the Department of Pharmacodynamics.

The Committee Chair asked for any questions or further discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve Committee Action Item EP1 for recommendation to the Board for its approval on the Consent Agenda, which was made by Trustee Stern, and second which was made by Trustee Johnson. The Committee Chair asked for further discussion, and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

##### **EP2. Honorary Degrees**

Provost Joe Glover indicated that there are two Honorary Degree candidates that are being presented to the Trustees. William Foege is being recommended for an Honorary Doctor of Science degree and Herbert Wertheim is being recommended for an Honorary Doctor of Technology degree.

The Committee Chair asked for any questions or further discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve Committee Action Item EP2 for recommendation to the Board for its approval on the Consent Agenda, which was made by Trustee Brandon, and second which was made by Trustee Zucker. The Committee Chair asked for further discussion, and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

##### **EP3. Degree Program Terminations**

Provost Joe Glover presented the degree program terminations. The College of Health and Human Performance is requesting the Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training be terminated due to the low number of students enrolled in the degree. The College of Nursing is requesting to terminate the Master of Science in Nursing as it is no longer considered the terminal degree. Due

to the creation of the Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Languages and Literatures, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is requesting that the individual language degree programs be terminated as they are no longer needed.

The Committee Chair asked for any questions or further discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve Committee Action Item EP3 for recommendation to the Board for its approval on the Consent Agenda, which was made by Trustee Brandon, and second which was made by Trustee Johnson. The Committee Chair asked for further discussion, and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

**EP4. Degree Program Changes**

Provost Joe Glover presented the degree program changes. The College of the Arts is decreasing the number of credits required to complete the Master of Arts in Digital Arts and Sciences from 36 to 30 to make the degree more affordable and allow students to finish the degree in a shorter period of time. The Warrington College of Business is adding an additional prerequisite, managerial accounting, which transfer students should take before they apply for admission to the Accounting program.

The Committee Chair asked for any questions or further discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve Committee Action Item EP4 for recommendation to the Board for its approval on the Consent Agenda, which was made by Trustee Brandon, and second which was made by Trustee Zucker. The Committee Chair asked for further discussion, and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

**EP5. New Degree: Master of Fine Arts**

Provost Glover indicated that the College of the Arts is requesting to add a new degree – the Master of Fine Arts in Design and Visual Communications. He noted that this degree will be a leader in the field and will prepare students to work on complex designs and interact with other disciplines.

The Committee Chair asked for any questions or further discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve Committee Action Item EP5 for recommendation to the Board for its approval on the Consent Agenda, which was made by Trustee Zucker, and second which was made by Trustee Johnson. The Committee Chair asked for further discussion, and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

**EP6. and Resolution R18-193 Facility Security Clearance**

Vice President for Research David Norton explained that the Department of Defense requires the Board to appoint a management committee to have access to classified information necessary in certain contracts and research, and to adopt a resolution that Trustees will not require such access, listing all Trustees, if the Trustees do not want to be required to obtain individuals security clearances.

The Committee Chair asked for any questions or further discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve Committee Action Item EP6 and Resolution R18-193 for recommendation to the Board for its approval on the Consent Agenda, which was made by Trustee Hosseini, and second which was made by Trustee Zucker. The Committee Chair asked for further discussion, and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

#### **EP7. University of Florida Regulations**

Interim Vice President and General Counsel Amy Hass presented the proposed regulation amendment to parking regulation 3.007. She noted that non-student decal rates will be increasing by an average of 7%, with the orange and blue decals increasing by \$24 a year. The regulation on Eligibility for Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program is being repealed because those guidelines are provided, implemented and regulated by the federal government and a separate regulation is not necessary.

The Committee Chair asked for any questions or further discussion. Faculty Senate Chair David Quillen indicated that this was the third year in a row in which parking increases have been instituted for employees and not students. He stated that as a result employees are supplementing the students' parking fees. Committee Chair Rosenberg then asked for a motion to approve Committee Action Item EP7 for recommendation to the Board for its approval on the Consent Agenda, which was made by Trustee Stern, and second which was made by Trustee Brandon. The Committee Chair asked for further discussion, and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed. The motion was approved with all Trustees in favor except Trustee David Quillen, who opposed the motion.

#### **EP8. UF/IFAS Industrial Hemp Pilot Project**

Senior Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources Jack Payne noted that the University has been approved to conduct a research pilot project on growing and selling industrial hemp, but the Board must approve the project plan. He noted that hemp has a long history of being produced and must contain less than 0.3% THC, the psychoactive chemical found in marijuana. He further noted that the oil that can be produced by the plant has medicinal properties.

The Committee Chair asked for any questions or further discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve Committee Action Item EP8 for recommendation to the Board for its approval on the Consent Agenda, which was made by Trustee Brandon, and second which was made by Trustee Johnson. The Committee Chair asked for further discussion, and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

### **5.0 Discussion/Informational Items**

Committee Chair Rosenberg turned the Committee's attention to the discussion/informational items.

#### **5.1 Admissions Update**

Vice President for Enrollment Management Zina Evans gave a brief update on admissions. Some highlights included: the SAT average for the admitted students was up by 15%, applications were

up 18%. Dr. Evans noted that this was the first year that high achieving students were admitted directly into the honors program, which had a positive impact on the acceptance rate for these students. The Trustees engaged in discussion regarding efforts to recruit top students. Dr. Evans agreed to report on the academic credentials of those students who accepted the offer to attend UF versus those who declined.

## **5.2 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Plan for Top 5**

Dean David Richardson presented a plan for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to achieve a Top 5 ranking. He noted that in order to be the best the College must offer a nationally acclaimed student experience. He further noted that CLAS grants 35% of UF's undergraduate degrees and must lead the way to attaining Top 5. He addressed a new program "Beyond 120" that focuses on the student experience outside of the regular curriculum, and experiential learning such as study abroad and internships. He noted the need to for facilities that will support an excellent student experience. Dean Richardson's presentation is incorporated into these meeting minutes.

## **5.3 Florida Museum of Natural History Plan for Top 5**

Director Doug Jones presented a plan for the Florida Museum of Natural History to achieve a Top 5 ranking. He noted that the museum is already a national leader among academic museums and among the Top 5 by many measures of academic science museums. Director Jones' presentation is incorporated into these meeting minutes.

## **5.4 Faculty Update**

Faculty Senate Chair David Quillen gave a brief update on the initiatives and activities of the Faculty Senate and indicated this would be his last meeting as the Faculty Senate Chair.

## **5.5 Student Body President Update**

Trustee Smith Meyers, President of the Student Body, provided an update on the accomplishments and initiatives of Student Government as presented on the one-page document, which is incorporated into these meeting minutes.

## **5.6 Department Name Change**

Provost Glover indicated that information was provided on the March 20, 2018 conference call regarding the department name change of the Department of Health Outcomes and Policy to the Department of Health Outcomes and Biomedical Informatics in the College of Medicine. No other information was requested.

## **5.7 Centers/Institutes**

Provost Glover indicated that information was provided on the March 20, 2018 conference call regarding the new centers that have been created and the center name changes that have taken place. They do not require Board action but were presented for information. No other information was requested.

## **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 adjourned the Committee on Educational Policy and Strategic Initiatives meeting at 12:27 p.m.