

Committee on Educational Policy & Strategy Minutes
University of Florida
Board of Trustees
June 3, 2004
1:15 – 3:15 p.m.
President's Room 215C, Emerson Alumni Hall

All Committee Members Present: Dianna Morgan, Chair, Pierre Ramond, Jamal Sowell, and Albert Thweatt, Jr.

Others Present Include: David Colburn, Joe Glover, Mike Martin, Win Phillips and Mike Rollo.

Committee Chair Dianna Morgan called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m. and requested a motion to approve the minutes for the March 4, 2004 committee meeting. Dr. Thweatt made the motion to approve and Dr. Ramond seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Trustee Morgan then turned the meeting over to Provost Colburn. Dr. Colburn asked for the committee's approval of the tenure upon hire cases. The committee discussed ways to reduce the amount of paper included in the committee material by attaching a summary of each tenure case instead of including the individual's entire c.v. Dr. Ramond suggested posting the curriculum vitas (c.v.) on a password protected website. Dr. Thweatt motioned to approve the tenure upon hire cases, Dr. Ramond seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Dr. Colburn then discussed the annual tenure and permanent status cases. The committee discussed the process of nomination for tenure and permanent status, the strong body of assessment, and if there was any dissatisfaction of the process. Dr. Thweatt motioned to approve the cases, Dr. Ramond seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The next agenda item discussed was the proposal of new degrees. Dr. Jill Varnes summarized the degrees of B.S. in Physical Education, B.S. in Sport Management and the M.S. with a major in Sport Management. Dr. Elizabeth Shenkman discussed the M.S. in Epidemiology. The committee discussed the costs of the programs and how they fit into the strategic plan. Trustee Morgan commented that President Machen will discuss how these fit into the strategic plan at the fall board meeting, but these are important degrees, and she asked the committee for a motion to approve the new degrees. Dr. Ramond made the motion, Dr. Thweatt seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Colburn then discussed the proposed tuition increases agenda item. He stated that the 7.5% in-state and the 12.5% out-of-state increases are mandatory. The university has the option of an additional 2.5% increase for out-of-state students with the exception of Veterinary Medicine and Medicine since UF is well about the national average in these two areas. The committee discussed various issues regarding the increases such as what

other Florida universities are doing as well as the tuition increase percentages from last year. Trustee Sowell suggested that it is important to convey that UF's tuition is still very low and to convey where the additional funds are to be used. Trustee Morgan agreed, and Dr. Ramond suggested providing a document that gives the upside and downside of tuition increase and then in the future it can show comparison of all the items the tuition increase has improved. Trustee Morgan asked for a motion to approve the 2.5% tuition increase for all out-of-state students with the exception of the Colleges of Veterinary Medicine and Medicine. Dr. Thweatt made the motion, Dr. Ramond seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

The University of Florida Rules was the next agenda item discussed. Dr. Glover summarized the rules that were pulled from approval at the March 4th committee meeting with the exception of one rule that was still being considered. Trustee Sowell motioned for Rules 6C1-1.001, 6C1-1.101, 6C1-7.004, 6C1-7.025 to be approved. Dr. Thweatt seconded, and the rules were approved unanimously.

Dr. Colburn then asked the committee to address two issues that were not available until after the agenda was formed. The first item was the Legislative Budget Request (LBR) that needed to be submitted to the Board of Governors (BOG) by June 11th. The committee discussed the requests and the timing of the due date. There was discussion as to whether or not the Board of Trustees meetings needed to be adjusted to allow time for review before the deadline to the BOG. Dr. Colburn commented that last year the LBRs were due in July so it would be difficult to adjust the Trustees meetings since the date is not consistent each year. Dr. Colburn then went on to explain that the President indicated he would like to have UF put forward six proposals and the BOG would handle the salary issue. Dr. Thweatt asked for clarification on what was being asked of the committee. Dr. Colburn responded that the committee needed to approve in principle the LBRs, and that the formal LBRs that were submitted would be provided to the trustees. Trustee Morgan asked for a motion to approve in principle the LBR priorities and that the formal documents would be seen at the September meeting. Dr. Ramond asked how critical the wording of the requests was, and Dr. Colburn replied that the wording was not that critical fundamentally, but UF must have Board of Trustees (BOT) support in order to submit to the BOG. Trustee Morgan made the motion to approve the LBRs in concept, Trustee Sowell seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The second item added to the agenda was Block Tuition. Dr. Colburn stated that the BOG has requested if UF's BOT is supportive of block tuition for UF. Trustee Morgan clarified that UF needs to convey to BOG its support of block tuition as a concept and stated a few benefits block tuition provides. The committee then discussed the perceived benefits of block tuition, whether or not peer institutions have implemented similar programs, and the details of what students would be affected by block tuition and to what degree. Dr. Colburn commented that the President favors block tuition and the Governor is supportive of the idea. Dr. Ramond motioned to give the BOG UF's support of block tuition, Dr. Thweatt seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The committee then moved on to the discussion items of the agenda. Dr. Sheila Dickison gave the committee an update on the Honors Program and Students.

Dr. Colburn gave the committee figures on freshmen admits and explained that the figures are admits, not enrolled because the enrollment figures are not yet available. Dr. Colburn gave the following figures and stated that he would provide the actual figures at the September meeting.

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2004</u>
African American	975	1331
Hispanic	1340	1450

Dr. Colburn stated that the number of minority students applying to UF continues to expand.

Dr. Mike Rollo, Chief Stump and Mr. Norb Dunkel gave the committee an update on campus safety. Chief Stump informed the committee of the various programs and services the University Police Department provide. Mr. Dunkel explained the ways housing provides safety to its residence.

Trustee Morgan then explained that the BOG Accountability Measures agenda item would be held until the full BOT meeting.

Dr. Glover then addressed the Collective Bargaining Update agenda item. He reminded the committee that they agreed to recognize the GAU once they had obtained the necessary signatures. GAU has done so, but the signatures are being certified by PURC. Once certification has been completed, the university will have an obligation to bargain with that unit. UF is waiting to hear from PURC on the structure of the bargaining unit. Dr. Glover explained that there are three options as to the structure of the bargaining unit:

1. Certify all faculty as the bargaining unit
2. Remand for additional hearings
3. IFAS, Law, HSC should be polled to see if they want to be included as part of the bargaining unit

Dr. Ramond asked if there was a date on when their decision will be heard, and Dr. Glover commented that the date has not been given.

Dr. Colburn then discussed the transfer of the Geomatics program from the College of Engineering to the College of Agricultural & Life Sciences and asked Dean Jimmy Cheek to briefly comment on the transfer.

The next discussion item was department name changes.

<u>Former Dept Names</u>	<u>New Dept Names</u>
Dept of Exercise & Sport Sciences	Dept of Applied Physiology & Kinesiology
Dept of Recreation, Parks & Tourism	Dept of Tourism, Recreation & Sport Management

Dept of Health Services Administration

Dept of Health Services Research,
Management, & Policy

Dept of Health Policy & Epidemiology

Dept of Epidemiology & Health Policy
Research

The last agenda item discussed was the creation of the new department of Criminology, Law and Society. Dr. Colburn asked Dr. Lonn Lanza-Kaduce to briefly comment and he explained that the creation of the department stemmed from the services the center provides and as a mechanism to assist with recruitment.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.