

Committee on Educational Policy & Strategy Minutes
University of Florida Board of Trustees
June 13, 2005
1:15 – 2:30 p.m.
The Biltmore Hotel – Bowman Room
Coral Gables, Florida

Committee Members Present: Dianna Morgan, Chair; Courtney Cunningham, Kim Tanzer and Joe Goldberg

Others Present: Manny Fernandez, Bernie Machen, Joe Glover, Patricia Telles-Irvin, Doug Barrett, Kyle Cavanaugh and Jimmy Cheek

Committee Chair Dianna Morgan called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and welcomed new trustees Goldberg and Tanzer and new Vice President Cavanaugh.

Action Items

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Cunningham moved to approve the March 21, 2005 minutes. Trustee Goldberg seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Tenure Upon Hire

Dr. Glover requested the committee's approval of the granting of tenure upon hire to 12 new faculty members. Trustee Tanzer moved to approve the granting of tenure upon hire to these new faculty and to forward the matter to the full board of trustees for approval and Trustee Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

New Degree Programs

Dr. Glover clarified for the committee that only one new degree program would be before the committee for action, the LL.M. in International Taxation and informed the committee that the other degree programs originally under consideration, the M.S. with a major in real estate, the M.S. with a major in Animal Molecular & Cellular Biology and Ph.D. with a major in Animal Molecular & Cellular Biology, would likely be brought back to the board of trustees for approval in the fall. Dr. Glover provided an overview of the LL.M. in International Taxation to the committee. He indicated that offering the new degree is consistent with the university's strategic plan and likely to be highly successful quickly as it will be part of the law school's tax program which is one of the best in the country. Trustee Tanzer made a motion to approve this new degree program and forward to the full board of trustees for approval and Trustee Cunningham seconded the motion. The committee unanimously approved this item.

Proposed Changes to University of Florida Rules

Changes to eight University of Florida rules (6C1-3.0375, 6C1-6.009, 6C1-7.010, 6C1-7.013, 6C1-7.019, 6C1-7.042, 6C1-7.0441, 6C107.048) were next considered by the committee. Dr. Glover provided a brief overview of the changes. Trustee Tanzer informed the committee that all of the proposed rule changes were supported by the Faculty Senate. Trustee Tanzer made a motion to approve all of the rule changes and Trustee Golberg seconded her motion. The committee then unanimously approved the rule changes.

Tenure and Promotion

Dr. Glover provided the committee with an explanation of the tenure and promotion process. Dr. Glover provided the committee with the President's nominations for tenure, explaining that the board of trustees has delegated authority for promotion to the President. Trustee Fernandez requested that next time the board be provided with a comparison to all faculty in the college and to tenured faculty to provide some additional perspective on the information. Trustee Tanzer made a motion to approve the President's nominations and forward them to the full board of trustees for approval. Trustee Goldberg seconded the motion and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

UF Accountability Goals for Next Reporting Year and for 2012

Dr. Glover provided the committee with background information regarding the accountability goals, stating that the goals are statutorily required and indicating that the university's funding is tied to meeting these goals. The committee had an extensive discussion regarding the accountability goals and ways the university could easily and without much expense improve certain of the performance areas, such as the six-year graduation rate and minority degree production. Trustee Goldberg made a motion to approve this item and forward it to the full board of trustees for approval and Trustee Cunningham seconded the motion. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

Board Resolution Regarding Facility Clearance

Dianna Morgan provided the committee with an overview of this resolution, explaining it is necessary to agree to exclude all trustees from the receipt of classified government information to avoid each trustee needing to receive security clearance from the Department of Defense as otherwise required by DOD regulations. Trustee Cunningham made a motion to approve this resolution and forward to the full board of trustees for approval and Trustee Goldberg seconded the motion. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

Tuition

Dr. Glover next provided the committee with an overview of legislation from the past legislative session affecting the setting of tuition and with a summary of tuition increases for the upcoming school year. Dr. Glover explained that resident undergraduate tuition

and fees for all new and continuing students will increase by almost 5% as will non-resident undergraduate tuition and fees for continuing students. Non-resident undergraduate tuition and fees for new students will increase by approximately 8.8%. Resident graduate and professional school tuition and fees for continuing students will increase nearly 5%, while graduate and professional school tuition and fees for continuing non-residents do not change because of the tuition legislation that was passed. Resident graduate and professional school tuition and fees for new students will increase somewhere between 13.5% and 17% while graduate and professional school tuition and fees for new non-residents do not change because of the tuition legislation. The committee discussed the changes and how these changes related to other AAU schools and Dr. Glover stated that UF's out of state tuition is in line with, or above, other AAU schools but its in-state tuition is well below AAU schools. Trustee Goldberg requested a vote on each specific proposal individually and the other committee members agreed. The committee voted as follows:

Undergraduate Tuition. Trustee Tanzer made a motion to approve, Trustee Goldberg seconded and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

Graduate Tuition. Trustee Tanzer made a motion to approve, Trustee Cunningham seconded and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

Law. Trustee Tanzer made a motion to approve, Trustee Cunningham seconded and the committee approved the motion, with Trustee Goldberg voting against the measure.

Dentistry. Trustee Cunningham made a motion to approve, Trustee Tanzer seconded and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

Pharmacy. Trustee Cunningham made a motion to approve, Trustee Tanzer seconded and the committee approved the motion, with Trustee Goldberg voting against the measure.

Medicine. Trustee Tanzer made a motion to approve, Trustee Morgan seconded and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

Veterinary Medicine. Trustee Cunningham made a motion to approve, Trustee Tanzer seconded and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

College of Public Health and Health Professions. Trustee Goldberg made a motion to approve, Trustee Tanzer seconded and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

Honorary Degrees

The committee considered recognizing the granting of honorary degrees to Dr. Nick Bodor and Edward Villella. Trustee Cunningham made a motion to approve the recognition of honorary degrees and to forward this matter to the full board of trustees for

approval. Trustee Tanzer seconded the motion and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

Discussion Items

Tuition Principles and Flexibility

Trustee Morgan discussed the creation of a narrative document the purpose of which is to provide general guidelines regarding tuition adjustments and communications regarding these adjustments. Trustee Morgan stated that the document would be sent to the President for review and comment and then returned to the committee. President Machen indicated that he would also solicit input on the document from the Faculty Senate and students. He emphasized the need to recognize that tuition is not just a cost reimbursement mechanism; it is a market tool and setting tuition at AAU levels would result in vast improvements in faculty.

Alliance Program

Dr. Glover very briefly touched upon the Alliance Program and three new locations.

Academic Learning Compacts

Discussion of this item was postponed until the fall.

Dr. Glover provided brief updates on the Board of Governor's discussions on targeted programs and on the legislative budget requests.

Trustee Cunningham motioned to adjourn, the motion was seconded, and the meeting was adjourned..