

Committee on Educational Policy & Strategy Minutes
University of Florida Board of Trustees
November 16, 2009
10:00 a.m.
354 Tigert Hall
University of Florida

Committee Members Present via Telephone: Carlos Alfonso, Chair; Courtney Cunningham; Jordan Johnson; Dianna Morgan; Cynthia O'Connell; Danny Ponce; Steven Scott; and Al Warrington.

Committee Members Present: Jack Mecholsky

Committee Members Absent: Roland Daniels, Mac McGriff, Joelen Merkel, and Earl Powell

Others Present: Paula Fussell, Joe Glover, Patricia Telles-Irvin, and Barbara Wingo

Trustee Alfonso called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and asked Provost Glover to take the committee through the agenda.

Review of Minutes

Dr. Glover reminded the committee that no approvals take place on the conference calls and the minutes would be reviewed and approved at the December 10th meeting.

Tenure Upon Hire

Dr. Glover briefly reviewed each of the three tenure upon hire cases and stated each candidate received positive votes from their respective departments.

Gregory Gray – Professor and Chair for Department of Environmental and Global Health in the College of Public Health and Health Professions

Paul Okunieff – Professor and Chair for the Department of Radiation Oncology in the College of Medicine

Laszlo Prokai – Professor in the Department of Anesthesiology in the College of Medicine

University of Florida Regulations

Dr. Glover stated that regulations affect faculty, students and staff. The following people were available to address the regulation changes: Paula Fussell, Patricia Telles-Irvin, and Barbara Wingo.

UF-2.003 Distribution of Printed Material

Dr. Wingo explained that the university has a long standing regulation regarding leafletting on campus. This regulation provides additional modular units at the law school and medical school for distribution of printed materials as well as establishing the manner in which printed materials may be distributed.

UF-2.018 No Smoking

Dr. Glover stated this regulation is being repealed and is being replaced by UF 2.022 No Smoking and Tobacco Use.

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Dr. Wingo explained this regulation expands the no smoking regulation to “no tobacco use on campus.” She defined campus as all areas under control of the university in the county and Jacksonville, all health care facilities as well as all fraternities and sororities. She also stated the Health Science Center areas would be affected as of the date of the regulation approval and the rest of campus would go into effect on July 1, 2010.

The committee had a lengthy discussion on the implications of the regulation as well as enforcement of it. After the discussion, the committee asked to have Vice President Fussell provide the background material on the topic and have someone available to speak to the committee at the December 10th meeting to have the committee better understand the reason for the regulation change.

UF-3.002 University Financial Services

Dr. Glover stated that this regulation clarifies that a returned check will cause a hold to be placed on a student’s account.

UF-3.0022 Bill Paying, Returned Check and Electronic Transfer Items Service Charge

Dr. Glover explained that this regulation gives an exact procedure to deal with returned checks.

Degrees

B.S. in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation

Dr. Glover explained that 10-15 years ago UF requested approval from the Board of Regents to offer the bachelor, master, and PhD in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation. For unknown reasons, all degrees but the bachelors were approved. UF has been awarding the bachelors degree for years so this is to formally document approval of the bachelor’s degree.

Fees

Dr. Telles-Irvin reviewed for the committee the annual request for increase of local fees: \$1.15 increase for activity, service and health fees, and \$0.54 increase for transportation fee. She explained the increases are required for cost of energy and cost to continue, no new projects.

The committee discussed the parking fee at Shands increase from \$3.00-\$4.00 and asked that Ed Poppell e-mail the committee an update on that process and the background information.

Discussion Items:

The committee said they would wait to hear the Faculty Senate Update and Student Government Update until the December 10th meeting.

Dr. Glover informed the committee of the College of Education department re-namings.

Dr. Glover explained the December 10th meeting discussion on multidisciplinary research and expansion of veterinary medicine. Dr. Win Phillips will address the committee regarding research and Dr. Glen Hoffsis will discuss the expansion of incoming class of veterinary medicine.

Trustee Morgan asked about the findings of the undergraduate report and what does the committee need to know and monitor to move forward. Dr. Glover replied that Associate Provost Bernard Mair is working on a number of initiatives, one of which is the humanities course to be piloted in the spring. Dr. Glover said he would ask Dr. Mair and Dr. Vasudha Narayanan to attend the March meeting to discuss undergraduate education.

There was no new business, and the committee adjourned at 10:50 a.m.