

Minutes
University of Florida Board of Trustees
Committee on Educational Policy & Strategy
June 7, 2012

1. **Call to Order**

Chairman David Brown called the meeting to order at 3:30pm. He recognized and welcomed two new Board members, Chris Corr and Cheri Brodeur.

Committee Members Present:

C. David Brown (Chair); Susan Cameron; Chris Corr; Marshall Criser; Charles Edwards; W. Michael Heekin; Alan Levine; Scott Nygren; Anthony Reynolds; Carolyn Roberts; Juliet Roulhac; Steven Scott, and Al Warrington . There were no absences.

Also Present: Bernie Machen, Joe Glover, Dave Kratzer, Jamie Lewis Keith, Pamela Pallas, Win Phillips, Jack Payne, David Guzick, Paula Fussell, Zina Evans, Matt Fajack, David Norton, Elias Eldayrie, Jane Adams and Curtis Reynolds.

2. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

The December 2, 2012, March 28, 2012, and May 3, 2012 minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

3. **Action Items**

EP1. Baby Gator Child Development & Research Center Fees for 2012-13:

Pamela Pallas, Director of Baby Gator Child Development and Research Centers at UF, presented the proposed fees for the 2012-13 Fiscal Year. She noted that Baby Gator provides high quality care and early education to children of UF students, staff, and faculty. It is an auxiliary of UF, operating under the Department of Human Resource Services. The fees charged for the care and services provided by Baby Gator are required by statute to be approved by the Board of Trustees. The Baby Gator Advisory Board, comprised of parent representatives, representatives of colleges and departments in partnership with Baby Gator, University Finance, Student Services, and Human Resources staff, and Baby Gator teacher representatives, reviewed the annual budgets for each center and unanimously approved the fees for 2012-13. Ms. Pallas stated that the proposed rates are competitive within the community but they were not able to meet demand currently and that no increase was requested last year. She said that there were over 300 children on the waiting list for this facility. They are also operating another facility on the P.K. Yonge campus. After discussion, Trustee Carolyn Roberts made a motion to approve the proposed fee increase; Trustee Susan Cameron seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Trustees.

EP2. Tenure Upon Hire:

Provost Joe Glover presented three candidates for tenure: James Baciak, Department of Materials Science & Engineering, Ronald Cohen, Department of Aging & Geriatrics Research, and Brent Sumerlin, Department of Chemistry. Trustee Al Warrington made a motion to approve all three candidates; Trustee Juliet Roulhac seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Trustees.

EP3. Annual Tenure Awards:

Provost Joe Glover provided an overview of the tenure process and stated that President Machen has recommended the award of tenure for certain faculty meeting the requirements of the University's tenure policy. Dr. Glover then referenced the highlighted summary provided in the Board materials. Trustee Alan Levine made a motion to approve the award of tenure to the recommended faculty; Trustee Michael Heekin seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Trustees.

EP4. Program Terminations:

Provost Glover explained that the Board of Governors requires periodic reviews of all academic programs to determine whether they remain viable academic offerings. Programs that have been inactive or which are not planned to be reactivated must be closed. There have been no students enrolled in the engineering programs noted below for many years and no graduates. There are only very few non-thesis students in the agriculture and life science program noted below, who will be accommodated in a new non-thesis option in another existing program. The Faculty Senate approved the engineering requests at their January 26, 2012 meeting, and approved the termination of the Master of Family, Youth and Community Services and Master of Health Sciences Program at their November 17, 2011 meeting.

Provost Glover presented the following programs for termination: Aerospace Engineering (CIP Code 14.0201); Agricultural & Biological Engineering (CIP Code 14.0301); Computer Engineering (CIP Code 14.0901); Electrical Engineering (CIP Code 14.1901); Environmental Engineering Sciences (CIP Code 14.1401); Master of Family, Youth & Community Services (CIP Code 19.0707); Master of Health Science Program (CIP Code 51.0000); Materials Science & Engineering (CIP Code 14.1801); Mechanical Engineering (CIP Code 14.1901); and Nuclear Engineering (CIP Code 14.2301). Trustee Marshall Criser made the motion to approve these program terminations as presented; Trustee Michael Heekin seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Trustees.

EP5. Honorary Degrees

Provost Glover presented three Honorary Degree candidates and commented on their accomplishments: 1) MaryAnn Cofrin; 2) Daniel Lewis; and 3) Jerry Uelsmann. These candidates were approved by the Faculty Senate at their April 12, 2012 meeting. Trustee Charles Edwards made a motion to approve all Honorary Degrees as submitted; Trustee Cheri Brodeur seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Trustees.

EP6. Naming of the Department of Neurosurgery in the College of Medicine:

Senior Vice President for Health Affairs David Guzick stated that in recognition of a \$10 million gift commitment by the The Lillian S. Wells Foundation, Inc. to support brain tumor research in the Department of Neurosurgery in the College of Medicine, we are requesting approval to name the Department of Neurosurgery as "The Lillian S. Wells Department of Neurosurgery." Trustee Al Warrington made a motion to approve this naming; Trustee Juliet Roulhac seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Trustees.

EP7. UF Work Plan

Provost Glover provided a PowerPoint presentation of the UF 2012-13 Work Plan. The proposed committee action is to determine and add the BOT's request for a Differential Tuition increase and approve the proposed UF 2012-13 Work Plan. Following a lengthy discussion,

Trustee Al Warrington made a motion to approve the Work Plan with a request for a 15% increase in differential tuition; Trustee Susan Cameron seconded the motion, which was approved by the Trustees, with Trustee Villamil voting against the tuition increase.

EP8. University of Florida Regulations

Vice President and General Counsel Jamie Lewis Keith summarized the proposed regulation changes. Ms. Keith noted that Board of Governors' final approval is required for regulations that pertain to tuition and fees (UF Regulation 3.0375) and student fees (UF Regulations 3.0372 [codifies student activity fees already approved by the BOT], and 7.056 [P.K. Yonge fees]). Regarding Regulation 3.0375 (tuition), Ms. Keith noted it is proposed that the President be authorized to request approval from the Board of Governors for the differential tuition percentage that is approved by the Trustees at the Board meeting (15% is proposed). It is also proposed that the President be authorized to insert in the regulation the percentage that is ultimately approved by the Board of Governors. The final percentage will be effective upon the President's posting of notice on the regulation development website, with notice to the Trustees. Trustee Charles Edwards made a motion to approve these regulations as presented (with the 15% tuition differential increase); Trustee Steve Scott seconded the motion, which won approval by the Trustees, with one vote from Trustee T.J. Villamil against the tuition increase.

4. Discussion Items

- 4.1 National Merit Program – Zina Evans stated that UF will not participate in 2013-14 which is consistent with actions by other peer universities.
- 4.2 Student Government Update – T.J. Villamil reported that Student Government has a big year ahead and students are participating. He thanked all who helped with initiatives and support by the administration, staff and students.
- 4.3 Faculty Senate Update – Cheri Brodeur thanked Scott Nygren for his great leadership over the past year and stated that she is excited about the opportunity to work with the Faculty Senate on a variety of projects this coming year.
- 4.4. Admissions Update – Zina Evans reported that there are 340 students who will enroll in the Innovation Academy in January 2013.

5. Information Item

Provost Glover stated that Florida Center for Library Automation was being terminated as an AISO, since it is being included in the Florida Virtual Campus.

6. Personal Appearances

- 6.1 Kelsy Autle – 2nd year Masters Student, presented her alternatives to the Budget Plan. Chairman Brown thanked Kelsy for taking the time to present at the meeting.
- 6.2 Jose' Soto – Graduate Assistants United, presented his opposition to raising student tuition and encouraged UF to use reserves to meet the deficit. Chairman Brown thanked Jose' for taking the time to present at the meeting.

7. Adjourn

At 5:49 p.m., Trustee Al Warrington made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by several other Trustees, which was unanimously approved by Trustees.