



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

Meeting/Telephone Conference Call Meeting

June 2, 2017

123 Tigert Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

Time Convened: 3:01 p.m.

Time Adjourned: 3:41 p.m.

1.0 Verification of Quorum

While a quorum was not required for this purely informational meeting, a quorum of the Committee on Educational Policy and Strategic Initiatives was present.

Members present were:

David L. Brandon, James W. Heavener, Mori Hosseini, Leonard H. Johnson, W. Smith Meyers, Rahul Patel, Robert G. Stern, and Anita G. Zucker. Trustees Jason Rosenberg, Marsha Powers, David Quillen, Steve Scott and David Thomas were unable to attend.

Others present were:

Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Joseph Glover, Interim Vice President and General Counsel Amy Hass, Vice President and Chief Information Officer Elias Eldayrie, Vice President for Student Affairs David Parrott, Vice President for Research David Norton, Vice President for University Relations Jane Adams, Associate Provost Angel Kwolek-Folland, Senior Director of Government Relations and Assistant University Secretary Melissa Orth, Executive Assistant Brigit Dermott and Executive Assistant Becky Holt.

2.0 Call to Order and Welcome

Provost Glover called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. This meeting was an informational meeting to prepare for the June 8, 2017 regular meeting, and no action was planned or taken at this preparatory meeting.

3.0 Review and Approval of Minutes

Provost Glover stated that the minutes will be reviewed for approval at the June 8, 2017 meeting.

4.0 Action Items

Provost Joseph Glover presented the Action Items that were to be addressed at the June 8, 2017 meeting.

EP1. Annual Tenure Awards

Provost Glover explained that annual tenure awards are for faculty who have gone through the complete tenure process, who have been reviewed by the Department, the College Dean, the Academic Personnel Board, and who have been recommended for the award of tenure by the Provost. At the time of the meeting, Human Resource Services was preparing the final chart to be uploaded into the Board materials prior to the June 8 meeting.

EP2. Tenure Upon Hire

Provost Glover stated that there are six 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.

The individuals recommended for tenure upon hire were as follows:

1. Dr. Michael J. Daniels – College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Professor, Department of Statistics

Dr. Michael Daniels earned his Sc.D. in Biostatistics with minors in Theoretical Statistics and Cancer Biology from Harvard University in 1995 and his AB in Applied Mathematics from Brown University (magna cum laude) in 1991. His prior institute is the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Daniels is a Fellow of the ASA and an Elected Member of the International Statistical Institute. He is supported by a PI NIH RO1 granted related to Bayesian methods for missingness and causality in cancer and behavior studies. He is an outstanding member to his profession by serving as associate editor for several leading journals and is one of the most recognized and highly regarded statisticians in the world.

2. Dr. Marcia DiStaso – College of Journalism and Communications, Associate Professor and Department Chair, Department of Public Relations

Dr. Marcia DiStaso earned her B.A. in Economics with a minor in Political Science from the University of South Florida in 1996, her M.A. in Mass Communications with specializations in Public Relations and Management from the University of South Florida in 2004 and her Ph.D. in Communication with specializations in Public Relations and Accounting from the University of Miami in 2007. Her prior institution is Penn State University. Dr. DiStaso won the Public Relations Educator of the Year Award from the Public Relations Society of American in 2016. She was recognized by the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication-- the most prestigious academic association in mass communication education in the country--as an AEJMC Emerging Scholar. She is also a member of the Arthur W. Page Society which “consists primarily of chief communications officers of Fortune 500 corporations, the CEOs of the world’s largest public relations

agencies, and leading academics from the nation's top business and communications schools who have distinguished themselves teaching corporate communications.”

3. Dr. Panagiotis Ch. Anastasopoulos – Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering Associate Professor, Department of Civil and Coastal Engineering, Engineering School of Sustainable Infrastructure and Environment

Dr. Panagiotis Anastasopoulos earned his B.S. in Business Management and Economics from Athens University of Economics and Business from Athens University of Economics and Business, Athens, Greece in 2004, his M.Sc. in Civil Engineering from Purdue University in 2007 and his Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from Purdue University in 2009. His prior institute is the University of New York (SUNY). Dr. Anastasopoulos is an internationally recognized expert in transportation infrastructure systems safety, reliability, and sustainability, who uses big data analytics and statistical/economical modeling to integrate human behavior and transportation decision making into autonomous and connected vehicle technologies. He has secured more than \$3.5M in competitive research grants of which \$2.1M comes from federal sources including the Federal Highway Administration. Dr. Anastasopoulos serves on the Editorial Boards of 6 prestigious journals in the interdisciplinary fields of transportation, general civil engineering, accident research, and economics.

4. Dr. Lili Du – Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering, Associate Professor, Department of Civil and Coastal Engineering, Engineering School of Sustainable Infrastructure and Environment

Dr. Lili Du earned her Ph.D. in Decision Sciences and Engineering Systems from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 2008, an M.S. in Operations Research and Statistics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 2007, an M.S. in Industrial Engineering from Tsinghua University, Beijing China in 2003 and a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Xi'an Jiaotong University, Xi'an, Shanxi, China in 1998. Her prior institution is Illinois Institute of Technology. Dr. Du is an internationally recognized expert in Transportation Systems, including connected and autonomous vehicle systems and big data analytics. She has been funded in over \$1M in total awards through competitive research grants from the National Science Foundation, the Illinois DOT and the U.S. DOT, including the prestigious NSF Career Award.

5. Dr. David Hasen – Levin College of Law, Professor of Law

Dr. David Hasen earned his B.A. in History from Reed College in 1984, his Ph.D. in the Department of Government from Harvard University in 1993 and his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1996. His prior institute is the University of Colorado Law School. Dr. Hasen has been given praise from leading tax scholars around the nation for his scholarship. He is able to take on big policy subjects and has interesting ideas. Dr. Hasen's scholarship was highly praised by all of the faculty who voted at the faculty meeting and was described by one of the faculty at the meeting as “transformative.”

6. Ms. Jennifer Setlow – College of the Arts, Associate Professor, School of Theatre and Dance and Associate Dean for Student and Academic Affairs

Ms. Jennifer Setlow earned her M.F.A. in Theatre (Design) from the University of California, San Diego in 2002 and her B.A. in Theatre from Swarthmore College in 1995. Her prior institution is Arizona State University Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts. Ms. Setlow is the co-author of Lighting and Design Idea, which is part of the Wadsworth Series in Theatre. Ms. Setlow's lighting designs have been seen at theatres of national repute around the United States. She was the recipient of the 2006 NAACP Image Award for her lighting design for Intimate Apparel at San Diego Repertory Theatre.

EP3. University of Florida Work Plan 2017

Provost Glover reviewed the Work Plan that the University must submit to the Board of Governors, which sets forth UF's goals and projections for the next five years. He asked that the Trustees look at page 5 which lists the three Key Initiatives and Investments the University has made. Provost Glover indicated he would give an update on Top 10 and Preeminence at the June 8, 2017 meeting.

EP4. New Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Education Sciences

Provost Glover stated that the proposed Bachelor of Arts in Education Sciences degree will enable students to interpret foundational ideas in educational practices and policies, educational psychology, human exceptionalities, educational statistics and measurement, and educational technologies from a multidisciplinary perspective. Students will be able to apply foundational ideas to problems of practice in formal and informal education and training settings as well as evaluate the impact of innovative, viable education solutions. The Bachelor of Arts in Education Sciences degree was approved by the Curriculum Committee and then by the Faculty Senate at their May 11, 2017 meeting.

EP5. Facility Security Clearance

Vice President for Research David Norton stated that the Department of Defense requires the Board to appoint a management committee to have access to classified information that UF uses in certain research, and to adopt a resolution that Trustees will not require such access, listing all Trustees, if the Trustees do not want to be individual security-cleared. This action is required whenever new Trustees are appointed or begin their service on the Board. Faculty Trustee David Quillen and Student Trustee Smith Meyers have begun their service, prompting the need for this resolution.

EP6. University of Florida Regulations

Interim Vice President and General Counsel Amy Hass noted that there is a summary of all regulation changes in the Board materials, as well as lined copies of the regulations showing the changes. Ms. Hass provided a summary of the regulation changes as follows:

3.0375 Tuition Cost

The proposed amendment removes obsolete language referring to previous years' fee tiers. It also updates the regulation to reflect the current tuition set by the legislature for the 2017-2018

school year. The sole change to tuition cost from the 2016-2017 tuition rates is an increase in the repeat surcharge rate from \$177.57 to \$181.12, as set by the BOG.

4.007 Confidentiality of Student Records and Applicant Records

The proposed amendment adds “minors, certificates” and “concentrations” to the categories of student directory information. The additions reflect the current, more diverse set of academic credentials offered by the university and are made to permit disclosure of the broader array of academic credentials, which benefits students. In addition, the provision regarding requests for nondisclosure of directory information is revised slightly to eliminate referencing a specific form. This change is made in order to accommodate for a flexible process forthcoming under a new student records system that may not involve paper forms.

5.0 Discussion/Informational Items

- 5.1 Admissions Update** – Vice President for Enrollment Management Zina Evans will give an update at the meeting.
- 5.2 Student Body President Update** – Student Body President Smith Meyers will give an update at the meeting.
- 5.3 Performance Based Funding Choice Metric 10** – Provost Glover will propose Metric 10 to be the 6-year graduation rate and will ask the Trustees discuss at the meeting.
- 5.4 Student Speech Panel** – Provost Glover indicated that Trustee Rosenberg asked for a discussion related to students’ exposure to a diversity of viewpoints. Vice President for Student Affairs David Parrott, Dean of the College of Journalism and Communications Diane McFarlin and Associate Director of the Bob Graham Center Sheila Dickison will present on this topic.
- 5.5 Higher Education and Florida’s Future** – Provost Glover will present a PowerPoint in response to the Governor’s letter asking 6 questions for the Trustees to review and discuss.
- 5.6 Department Closure** – Provost Glover indicated that the Department of Behavioral Science and Community Health in the College of Public Health and Health Professions has closed.
- 5.7 Degree Name Change** – Provost Glover indicated that the name of the B.S. in Astronomy has been changed to B.S. in Astrophysics within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.
- 5.8 Program Changes** – Provost Glover indicated that the following degrees were adding “s” to end of “Science” within the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences
 - 5.8.1 Bachelor of Science in Soil and Water Sciences
 - 5.8.2 Master of Science in Soil and Water Sciences
 - 5.8.3 Doctor of Philosophy in Soil and Water Sciences
- 5.9 Centers and Institutes** - Provost Glover provided information about a new center that has been created. It does not require Board action but it is being presented for information.

5.9.1. International Center for Adaptation Planning and Design (ICAPD)

6.0 New Business

There was no new business to come before the Committee.

7.0 Adjourn

The Committee on Educational Policy and Strategic Initiatives call/meeting was adjourned at 3:41 p.m.