



**COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC, FACULTY AND  
STUDENT AFFAIRS & EXPERIENCE**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Telephone Conference Call**

**May 28, 2019**

**123 Tigert Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL**

**Time Convened: 9:02 a.m.**

**Time Adjourned: 9:37 a.m.**

**Committee and Board members present:**

Jason J. Rosenberg (Committee Chair), David L. Brandon, Morteza Hosseini (Board Chair), Leonard H. Johnson, Thomas G. Kuntz (Board Vice Chair), Dan O’Keefe, Rahul Patel, and Katherine Vogel Anderson.

**Others present:**

Win Phillips, Executive Chief of Staff, Joseph Glover, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Mark Kaplan, Vice President for Government and Community Relations; Ray G. Thomas, Incoming Faculty Senate President and other members of the university community.

**1.0 Roll Call**

Board Staff conducted a roll call of all Committee and Board members present.

**2.0 Call to Order and Welcome**

Committee Chair Rosenberg welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**3.0 Review Agenda for June 6, 2019 Meeting**

**Action Items**

**AFSAE 1 Annual Tenure Awards**

Provost Glover will present the annual list of tenure awards at the upcoming committee meeting in June. The list of individuals have gone through the university’s process including being recommended by the Dean, the Academic Personnel Board and the Provost. In addition, the faculty have had the opportunity to withdraw their packet.

**AFSAE2 Tenure upon Hire**

Committee Chair Rosenberg commended Provost Glover and the colleges on the list of amazing hires.

Provost Glover presented the nine highly accomplished faculty members who have been hired by the University subject to being awarded tenure upon hire, which requires approval of the Board of Trustees.

### **AFSAE3 Degree Program Terminations**

Provost Glover stated that the University has been in the process of cleaning up degree offerings over the last several years. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is requesting to terminate the degree-specific majors that are now under the umbrella of the Bachelor of Arts in Hispanic and Latin American Languages, Literatures and Linguistics. Therefore, the Bachelor of Arts in Portuguese Language and Literature and the Bachelor of Arts in Spanish Language and Literature are no longer needed.

### **AFSAE4 Degree Program Change**

Provost Glover stated that the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering is requesting to decrease the number of required credits by 3 for the Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from 134 to 131. The reduction in credit hours would change the Bachelor of Science from 9 semesters to 8 semesters by removing the 3-credit course of Analytical Chemistry. A review of the top 10 peer institutions revealed no other program requires the Analytical Chemistry course.

Provost Glover indicated that the range at other Top 10 public universities is between 126 to 136 with similar rates of graduation thus placing UF within the range.

Executive Chief of Staff Phillips added that graduates receiving a degree in Chemical Engineering receive a professional degree that offers a license, thus increasing their burden over 120 hours.

### **AFSAE5 Honorary Degrees**

Provost Glover presented two individuals for Honorary Degrees. Naziha Mestaoui, Doctor of Fine Arts, an internationally renowned visual artist and designer who was nominated by Dean Ozuzu. R. Walter Petty, Doctor of Science was nominated by Mike Good, former Dean of the College of Medicine. R. Walter Petty is the former chair of the Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation and founder of Exactech, a biomedical company.

## **Discussion Items**

### **Admissions Update**

Committee Chair Rosenberg indicated that Provost Glover and Vice President Evans have been very successful at increasing our student profile.

In light of the Board's desire to improve the experience that stakeholders have on the UF campus, there was discussion about various aspects of that experience, including:

- A review of campus tour protocols, currently being conducted by Vice Presidents Evans and Mitchell
- Engaging an outside firm to assist with improving the "customer experience"
- Examining the admissions yield, honors yield, and in-state yield
- Formulating a plan with deliverables and deadlines to accomplish several of these goals

- Acquiring and assessing feedback from students who choose not to come to UF

### **New Departments**

#### **5.6.1 Department of Sports Management and Department of Tourism, Hospitality and Event Management in the College of Health and Human Performance**

The former Department of Tourism, Recreation and Sport Management has been split into two departments as indicated.

#### **5.6.2 Department of Engineering Education in the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering**

Provost Glover indicated that this will be discussed at the upcoming committee meeting in June.

### **4.0 New Business**

#### **Study Abroad Update**

Provost Glover indicated that Dean Leo Villalon will be at the meeting on June 6 to discuss the study abroad program and an incident that took place while students were recently traveling in South Africa. Provost Glover believes the university handled the situation very well. The students involved were asked if they wanted to continue their study abroad experience or return. Several of the students returned to campus.

### **5.0 Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.