



**COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC, FACULTY AND STUDENT SUCCESS,  
PUBLIC RELATIONS AND STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS**

**Pre-Meeting Minutes**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 13, 2024**

**Time Convened: 9:56 a.m.**

**Time Adjourned: 10:03 a.m.**

**Committee and Board members present:**

Rahul Patel (Committee and Board Vice Chair), David L. Brandon, John E. Brinkman, Richard P. Cole, Christopher T. Corr, James W. Heavener, Morteza "Mori" Hosseini (Board Chair), Sarah D. Lynne, Daniel T. O'Keefe, Marsha D. Powers, Fred S. Ridley, Anita G. Zucker.

**Others present:**

Kent Fuchs, Interim President; Kurt Dudas, Vice President for Strategic Initiatives; Elias Eldayrie, Vice President and Chief Information Officer; Ryan Fuller, Interim Vice President and General Counsel; Joe Glover, Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Taylor Jantz, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Mark Kaplan, Vice President for Government and Community Relations and University Secretary; David Kratzer, Senior Vice President for Construction, Facilities, and Auxiliary Operations; Maria Gutierrez Martin, Interim Vice President for Advancement; Stephen Motew, UF Health President and System Chief Executive Officer; David Nelson, Senior Vice President for Health Affairs; Mary Parker, Vice President and Chief Enrollment Strategist; Brandi Renton, Interim Vice President for Business Affairs; James Wegmann, Vice President for Communications; Heather White, Vice President for Student Life; members of the University of Florida community, and the public.

**1.0 Call to Order and Welcome**

Committee and Board Vice Chair Rahul Patel welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 9:56 a.m.

**2.0 Roll Call**

Interim Provost Joe Glover conducted a roll call, and all Committee members were present.

**3.0 Review Draft Agenda for December Meeting**

Committee Chair Patel noted the pre-meeting is for discussion only and no action will come to the Committee. The following items were addressed by the Committee:

**3.1 Review Draft Minutes**

**• June 13, 2024, August 12, 2024, and October 3, 2024**

Committee Chair Patel reminded committee members to review the draft minutes prior to the board meeting in December.

### 3.2 Review Action Items

- **AFSSPRSC1 Tenure Upon Hire**

Interim Provost Glover reviewed the five Tenure Upon Hire cases:

- Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering  
Dr. Shuai Li – Associate Professor, Department of Civil and Coastal Engineering
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Dr. Raanan Rein – Professor, Department of History
- College of Pharmacy  
Dr. Anutosh Chakraborty – Professor, Department of Pharmacodynamics
- Herbert Wertheim UF Scripps Institute for Biomedical Innovation and Technology  
Dr. Donna Zhang – Professor, Center for Inflammation Science and Systems Medicine  
Dr. Jason Yuan – Professor, Center for Inflammation Science and Systems Medicine

He noted we expect to receive additional cases and those will be provided to the Committee to review prior to the December meeting.

- **AFSSPRSC2 New Degree**

Interim Provost Glover reviewed the proposed M.S. degree with a major in Artificial Intelligence in Biomedical and Health Sciences in the College of Medicine (CIP 51.2706). This degree will allow students to become highly proficient in developing, validating, and deploying advanced AI technologies in real-world translational biomedical applications and clinical environments.

- **AFSSPRSC3 Degree Program Changes**

Interim Provost Glover reviewed the three proposed degree changes from the College of Medicine:

- Reduce the amount of credit for the Master of Science (M.S.) with a major in Genetics and Genomics (CIP 26.0801) from 33 total credits to 30 total credits.
- Modify the number of credit hours required for the Master of Science (M.S.) with a major in Anatomical Sciences Education (CIP 26.0403) from 32 total credit hours to 31 total credit hours.
- Reduce the number of credits for graduation from 192 to 184 (or 4%) and will reduce the number of weeks per LCME accreditation from 152 to 151.

### 3.3 Review Discussion Items

- **Updates**

Committee Chair Patel noted updates will be provided at the December meeting for the following:

- Admissions
- Faculty Senate
- Student Body President
- Student Life
- Academic Program Review Process

- **Centers/Institutes**

Interim Provost Glover reviewed the name changes for four Centers/Institutes:

- Space Mission Institute → Astraeus Space Institute
- Center for Smell and Taste (CST) → Florida Chemical Senses Institute (FCSI)
- Food Systems Institute → Global Food Systems Institute
- Major Analytical Instrumentation Center (MAIC) → Nanofabrication Research Facility (NRF)

#### **4.0 New Business**

There was no new business to come before the Committee.

#### **5.0 Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, Committee and Board Vice Chair Rahul Patel adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

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