



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

Pre-Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting

November 14, 2023

Time Convened: 10:06 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 10:16 a.m.

Committee and Board members present:

Rahul Patel (Board Vice Chair and Committee Chair), David L. Brandon, Richard P. Cole, Christopher T. Corr, Oliva E. Green, Morteza “Mori” Hosseini (Board Chair), Daniel T. O’Keefe, Marsha D. Powers, Danaya C. Wright, Patrick O. Zalupski, and Anita G. Zucker.

Others present:

Ben Sasse, President, Scott Angle, Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Melissa Curry, Vice President for Human Resources; Elias Eldayrie, Vice President and Chief Information Officer; Amy Hass, Vice President and General Counsel; Taylor Jantz, Office of the 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 Martin, Interim Vice President for Advancement; Mary Parker, Vice President and Chief Enrollment Strategist; Curtis Reynolds, Vice President for Business Affairs; Ray Sass, Vice President for Innovation and Partnerships; Scott Stricklin, Director of Athletics; 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 Chair Rahul Patel welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Committee Chair Rahul Patel conducted a roll call, and all Committee members were present, except Board Chair Hosseini and Trustee Heavener who had conflicts.

3.0 Review Draft Agenda for December Meeting

Committee Chair Patel noted the pre-meeting is informational only and no action will come to the committee.

3.1 Review Draft Minutes

Committee Chair Patel reminded the committee that they will review and approve the June 8, 2023 minutes at the December meeting.

3.2 Review Action Items

- **AFSSPRSC1 Tenure Upon Hire**

Interim Provost Scott Angle reviewed the four Tenure Upon Hire cases submitted to the Provost Office. He noted there may be additional cases prior to the December meeting.

- Dr. Janet Robishaw, Professor and Associate Dean, Department of Comparative, Diagnostic and Population Medicine, College of Veterinary Medicine
- Dr. Charles Vite, Professor and Chair, Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine
- Dr. Simon Means, Professor and Chief, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine, College of Medicine
- Dr. Federick van Amstel, Associate Professor, School of Art + Art History, College of the Arts

Committee Chair Patel stated the four Tenure Upon Hire cases have completed the review process, which includes the President.

- **AFSSPRSC2 Degree Program Terminations**

Interim Provost Angle reviewed the four Degree Program Terminations that have been approved by the Faculty Senate. He stated that the four degrees do not have any students enrolled currently and do not plan to enroll any in the future.

- Master of Education in Mathematics Education – no students since 2018
- Master of Arts in Teaching-International Relations – no students since 1980
- Master of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering – no students since 2017
- Master of Engineering in Aerospace Engineering – no students since 2016

- **AFSSPRSC3 Degree Program Change**

Interim Provost Angle stated the College of the Arts is requesting to offer alternative core courses in the second year for the Bachelor of Science in Music Business and Entrepreneurship, to include Commercial Music Theory I and II, Commercial Aural Skills I and II, and Commercial Keyboard Skills I and II. The change was approved by the Curriculum Committee and then by the Faculty Senate in May 2023.

- **AFSSPRSC4 Centers and Institutes: Annual Reporting**

Interim Provost Angle stated the university is required to provide an annual reporting of expenditures for the prior fiscal year of all university centers and institutes that have been approved by the Board to the Board of Governors (BOG). He added that the Provost Office is currently working with the Deans to reduce the number of inactive or seldom active centers/institutes that the University has. He noted the 2022 annual BOG report shows the University eliminated 8 centers, but has opened 7 new ones.

3.3 Review Discussion Items

- **Admissions Update**

Committee Chair Patel noted Vice President and Chief Enrollment Strategist Mary Parker will give an admissions update including information on early decision, early admission, and the transfer student application process at the December meeting. .

- **Faculty Senate Update**

Committee Chair Patel noted Trustee and Faculty Senate Chair Danaya Wright will provide a Faculty Senate update at the December meeting.

- **Student Body President Update**

Committee Chair Patel noted Trustee and Student Body President Olivia Green will provide a Student Body update at the December meeting.

- **Student Life Update**

Committee Chair Patel noted Vice President for Student Life Heather White will provide a Student Life at the December meeting.

- **Rankings Update**

Committee Chair Patel stated due to the changes that the U.S. News and World Report has made to the reporting requirements, Associate Provost Cathy Lebo will provide a deep dive on what the changes are and what the University needs to do in order to get back into the Top 5.

- **New Centers/Institutes**

Interim Provost Angle noted there are two Center name changes:

- Center for Jewish Studies changed to Bud Shorstein Center for Jewish Studies (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences)
- Intelligent Critical Care Center changed to Intelligent Clinical Care Center (College of Medicine)

President Sasse shared his support of the Center for Jewish Studies naming for Bud Shorstein and noted he is doing an amazing job on campus and in the community.

4.0 New Business

There was no new business to come before the committee.

5.0 Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.