

Minutes
University of Florida Board of Trustees
Committee on Educational Policy & Strategy
December 1, 2011- 3:30-5:00p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Carlos Alfonso, Chair; C. David Brown; Susan Cameron; Marshall Criser; Charles Edwards; W. Michael Heekin; Alan Levine; Scott Nygren; Anthony Reynolds; Carolyn Roberts; Juliet Roulhac; Steven Scott, and Al Warrington

Absent: Charles Edwards

1. Call to Order

Committee Chairman David Brown called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

The June 9, 2011 and September 6, 2011 minutes were approved as submitted following a motion by Trustee Michael Heekin that was seconded by Alan Levine.

3. Public Appearances

Jose Soto (undergraduate) and Patrick Henry (graduate assistant) discussed the increase in fees this year and projected increases.

B.J. Villamil and Sean Fahy expressed their concern about the lack of space at the Student Union. They presented over 5,000 student letters in support of renovation of the Reitz Union.

4. Discussion Items

Unit/Degree Adjustment – Degree Name Change

Dr. Glover presented the name change from Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Biological Engineering to Bachelor of Science in Biological Engineering. There was also a change in CIP code from 14.0301 to 14.4501.

Student Government Update

Chairman Brown introduced and welcomed Anthony Reynolds. Trustee Reynolds gave a brief update on the following: 1.) U Matter, We care; 2.) Internal Assessment; 3.) Secure Location Electronic voting; and 4.) Make it Reitz Campaign

Faculty Senate Update

Trustee Scott Nygren provided a brief update on the following: 1.) Benefits Restructuring Proposal; 2.) Self-Insurance Study; 3.) Graduate Program; 4.) Effects of RCM; and 5.) New Faculty Senate website

Admissions Update

Zina Evans reported that 20,000 applications have been received to date. So far 2,300 students have shown interest in the Innovation Academy program.

5. **Action Items**

University of Florida Regulations (EP1-R11-93)

Paula Fussell reported on changes in Leave Benefits for Faculty and Staff, UF Regulation 1.201: 1.) Unused sick leave on departure will be eliminated; 2.) Maximum vacation accrual will be reduced from 480 hours to 352 hours; and 3.) Vacation payout maximum will be 240 hours.

Jamie Keith stated that the sick leave change will be effective immediately for staff. The change for faculty will be effective once the President announces the 3% increase for faculty and posts notice.

Scott Nygren stated that the Faculty Senate has had long discussions on these changes and have requested that these changes not be effective until next Fall.

Trustee Marshall Criser moved to approve these changes; Trustee Susan Cameron seconded the motion, which won unanimous approval by the Trustees.

Tenure Upon Hire (EP4)

Dr. Joe Glover presented the Tenure Upon Hire candidates for approval: George Drusano, Department of Medicine; Michal Kowalewski, Department of Paleontology (FLMNH); Robert Levy, Department of Neurosurgery; Scott Rivkees, Department of Pediatrics; and David Vaillancourt, Department of Applied Physiology and Kinesiology. Trustee Carolyn Roberts made a motion to approve tenure for all candidates; Scott Nygren seconded the motion, which won unanimous approval by the Trustees.

Tenure and Permanent Status (EP5)

Dr. Glover presented two candidates for tenure and permanent status: Lee-Ford Tritt, College of Law, and Yafeng Yin, College of Engineering. Trustee Anthony Reynolds stated that the students in the College of Law also recommended Lee-Ford Tritt. Trustee Juliet Roulhac made a motion to approve for both candidates Trustee Scott Nygren seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Full Sail University Collaboration in Media and Entertainment Business and Technology (EP6-R11-90)

General Counsel Jamie Keith stated that Trustee Michael Heekin, who has no role in the Full Sail transaction, is properly making a voting conflict disclosure under the State Ethics Law and has elected to abstain from discussion and voting on this action item because his brother's law firm and his brother are the long-standing outside general counsel for Full Sail and will represent Full Sail in the transaction. Ms. Keith noted that all Trustees have previously received copies of Trustee Heekin's disclosure and she read the disclosure into the minutes. A copy is attached and incorporated in these minutes as Exhibit A. Provost Glover then summarized the exciting collaboration being planned for Full Sail and UF that can offer opportunities for students of both institutions and economic development in the entertainment and media technology industry for Orlando and Florida. Dr. Glover stated that UF and Full Sail have different types of accreditation. UF and Full Sail will work closely with each other to ensure programs are appropriate for SACS. Dr. Glover introduced Isis Jones, the Provost of Full Sail University. Trustee Alan Levine stated that he is in support of this collaboration. Trustee Al Warrington

made a motion to approve the Action Item and R11-90 endorsing the collaboration. Trustee Marshall Criser seconded the motion, which won unanimous approval.

Honorary Degree Candidates (EP7)

Scott Nygren presented each candidate and commented on their accomplishments: 1.) William Morgan; 2.) Robert Rietti; 3.) William Evans; 4.) Robert Lindgren; and 5.) James Free. Trustee Michael Heekin made a motion to approve all candidates. Trustee Carolyn Roberts seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Florida Center for Library Automation Annual Report (EP3)

Dr. Glover stated that this may be the last report to approve since the status of FCLA will likely change through legislative action. Trustee Nygren moved approval, seconded by trustee Roulhac and action item EP6 was unanimously approved.

UF Annual Report

(http://www.ir.ufl.edu/oirapps/factbooktest/bog/bog_annual_report_default.aspx) (EP9)

Dr. Glover commented that this report consists of statistics with a small amount of narrative. Trustee Scott Nygren made a motion to approve EP7 and Trustee Juliet Roulhac seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Fees (Activity and Service, Health, Athletic) (EP8)

Then-Interim Vice President for Student Affairs David Kratzer stated that the Fee Committee consists of 4 students and 4 faculty and staff: Students: Ben Myers, T.J. Villamil, Christina Bonarrigo, Joe Pardo; Faculty & Staff: Jonathan Earle, Paula Fussell, Bob Miller, and Jeanna Mastrodicasa. No increase was proposed for health or athletic fees. With the \$1.51 increase in the activity and service fee, the available capacity will be used for the Reitz Union project.

President Machen spoke in favor of the fees proposal and congratulated all who worked on the Committee and Reitz project. Trustee Al Warrington made a motion to approve the fees proposal and Trustee Michael Heekin seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

New Undergraduate Enhancement Fee (EP2)

Dr. Glover stated that the purpose of this fee is to enhance the educational opportunities afforded to undergraduates. President Machen reiterated that this fee only impacts undergraduate students. He made reference to the handout Comparison of Tuition and Mandatory Fees for AAU Public Institutions. He stated that UF's tuition is half of other institutions. The proposed 5% fee on undergraduate students will support enhancing stipends of graduate teaching assistants and hiring additional graduate teaching assistants. Trustees Alan Levine and Steve Scott spoke in favor of this fee. Trustee David Brown also supported the fee and commended the President on proposing this fee. Trustee Levine made a motion to approve, and Trustee Carlos Alfonso seconded the motion. Trustee Anthony Reynolds did not vote and the remainder of the Trustees approved this new fee.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:40p.m.

Attachment: Trustee Heekin's voting conflict disclosure.