



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

Meeting Minutes

Telephone Conference Call

November 19, 2019

123 Tigert Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Time Convened: 4:02 p.m.

Time Adjourned: 4:23 p.m.

Committee and Board members present:

Jason J. Rosenberg (Committee Chair), David L. Brandon, Thomas G. Kuntz, Daniel T. O’Keefe, Robert G. Stern, Ray G. Thomas

Others present:

Joseph Glover, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Robert Gilbert, Dean for IFAS Research and Jerry Fankhauser, Assistant Director, Florida Agricultural Experiment Station-UF/IFAS.

1.0 Call to Order and Welcome

Committee Chair Rosenberg welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

1.0 Verification of Quorum

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

3.0 Review and Approval of Minutes

Committee Chair Rosenberg stated that the minutes would be approved at the December meeting.

4.0 Action Item

AFSAE1 Tenure upon Hire

Provost Glover presented the two 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.

5.0 Discussion Items

5.1 Admissions Update

Provost Glover stated that Vice President Evans would give an update at the December meeting but that he wanted to share that there was a 20% increase in the number of

applicants (45,000) on November 4, 2018 with the number of applications on November 4, 2019. Trustee Stern wanted to know whether this was consistent with other universities. Provost Glover indicated that it was probably not possible to determine but that Vice President Evans would be able to discuss further at the December meeting.

5.4 International Center Update

Provost Glover stated that Dean Leo Villalon would give an update on the International Students that are going abroad.

5.5 Student Experience Update

Provost Glover indicated that on November 12, the University held a Student Success Summit which was directed by Associate Provost Angela Lindner. There were 120 members from across campus that exchanged a lot of thoughts. Associate Provost Lindner will share the ideas that were exchanged. An introductory video that was shown at the Summit will be shown at the December Board meeting to all the Trustees.

6.0 New Business

Provost Glover indicated that Senior Vice President Jack Payne has submitted a request for board approval for direct hemp pilot program engagement with approved growers and industry. This approval is needed pursuant to the 2017 state statute for hemp pilot projects. Dean for IFAS Research Robert Gilbert indicated that this request would expand the program and help get additional funding. The three main goals of the program are to 1) identify the different varieties, 2) manage the crops and 3) reduce the invasive risk.

Board Vice Chair Kuntz questioned whether the Board of Governors would need to approve. Provost Glover stated he would contact the Board of Governors' office and get their take on whether this action item would need their approval. This action item was approved to go on the agenda on the condition that it did not need BOG approval first.

7.0 Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.