



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

Pre-Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting

August 4, 2021

Time Convened: 1:02 p.m.

Time Adjourned: 1:40 p.m.

Committee and Board members present:

Rahul Patel (Committee Chair), David C. Bloom, Cooper L. Brown, Richard P. Cole, James W. Heavener, Thomas G. Kuntz, Morteza “Mori” Hosseini (Board Chair), Daniel T. O’Keefe, Fred S. Ridley, and Anita G. Zucker.

Others present:

Joseph Glover, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Amy Hass, Vice President and General Counsel, Mark Kaplan, Vice President for Government and Community Relations and University Secretary, Nancy Paton, Vice President for Strategic Communications and Marketing, Mary Parker, Vice President for Enrollment Management, Angela Lindner, Associate Provost and Cathy Lebo, Assistant Provost, and 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 1:02 p.m. He noted that this was an information meeting only and that there would be no voting.

2.0 Roll Call

VP Liaison Glover conducted a roll call of all Committee and Board members present.

3.0 Review Agenda for September Meeting

3.1 Review Action Items

BT Tenure Upon Hire

Provost Glover indicated there are at least two Tenure Upon Hire cases but that all the materials have not come in yet. He indicated they would be shared before the board meets in September.

BT Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability Report

Provost Glover indicated that this is an annual report that is due to the Board of Governors each year. The purpose is to lower the costs of textbooks and instructional materials. He stated that it has saved millions of dollars. The report will be available before the board meets in September.

BT University Press of Florida Annual Report

Provost Glover indicated that this is an annual report that is due to the Board of Governors each year. He stated that the Press was doing relatively well considering the pandemic. The committee will have the report before the board meets in September.

3.2 Review Discussion Item Performance Funding

Committee Chair Patel asked Provost Glover to briefly review each of the 10-performance metrics but indicated that there would be a deeper dive at the retreat. Provost Glover presented the UF Accountability Report from the June Board of Governors' meeting that included the performance metric slides. He indicated that the Board of Governors chose 10 metrics they would score the universities on. State funding, in part, depended on our performance in these categories. It was important to score 90 points or better to avoid any penalties and get the maximum amount of funding. There was considerable discussion regarding Metric 10 and how the Board of Governors scores on this metric. Trustee Kuntz stated he was very troubled because it was impossible to excel and discussed whether we could change this metric. Assistant Provost Lebo indicated she was preparing a list of possible items that this goal could be changed to. Chair Hosseini stated that he hopes to recommend an alternative for metric 10. Provost Glover indicated they would look at the different possibilities of changing Metric 10 to something else.

4.0 New Business

Committee Chair Patel welcomed Vice President for Enrollment Management Mary Parker to the meeting.

5.0 Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.