



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

Pre-Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting

May 23, 2022

Time Convened: 11:01 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 11:36 a.m.

Committee and Board members present:

Rahul Patel (Committee Chair), David C. Bloom, Richard P. Cole, Christopher T. Corr, James W. Heavener, Morteza “Mori” Hosseini (Board Chair), Lauren D. Lemasters, Daniel T. O’Keefe, Marsha D. Powers, and Fred S. Ridley.

Others present:

W. Kent Fuchs, President; 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; Charlie Lane, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; D’Andra Mull, Vice President for Student Affairs; Steve Orlando, Interim, Vice President for Strategic Communications and Marketing; Mary Parker, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Associate Provost; Curtis Reynolds, Vice President for Business Affairs; Eddie Daniels, Assistant Vice President for Business Services; Cathy Lebo, Assistant Provost and Director of Institutional Planning and Research; 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 9:02 a.m. He noted that this was an informational meeting only and that there would be no voting.

2.0 Roll Call

Board Staff conducted a roll call and Committee members were present except Board Vice Chair Thomas G. Kuntz.

3.0 Review Draft Agenda for April Meeting

3.1 Review Draft Minutes

Committee Chair Patel noted that we will review and approve the following minutes at the June BOT meeting:

April 22, 2022

3.2 Review Action Items

AFSSPRSC1 Tenure Upon Hire

Provost Joe Glover indicated there was only one Tenure Upon Hire case at this time, but he anticipated additional cases forthcoming before the June meeting.

- Matthew Thomas, Professor, Department of Entomology and Nematology, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

AFSSPRSC2 Degree Program Termination

Provost Glover indicated that the College of Public Health and Health Professions is requesting to terminate the Master of Occupational Therapy. This program was replaced with the Doctor of Occupational Therapy and the last student graduated in the Spring 2020.

AFSSPRSC3 Honorary Degree

Provost Glover indicated that there was one Honorary Degree candidate, Chris Malachowsky. He advised that Mr. Malachowsky is the co-founder of NVIDIA, donated the supercomputer, HiPerGator, and made a donation to the university to have his name put on the new Data Science Building to be called Malachowsky Hall for Data Science and Information Technology. Committee Chair Patel agreed and added he also serves on the UF Foundation Executive Board.

AFSSPRSC4 Annual Tenure Awards

Provost Glover indicated that this was a once-a-year report that goes through the university's process including being recommended by the Dean, the Academic Personnel Board and then by him. He stated that the report was not completed yet but would be made available before the June meeting.

New Food Service Contract

Committee Chair Patel stated that the committee would receive an additional action item request to approve the ratification of the new food service contract at the June meeting. He asked Vice President Curtis Reynolds to give the committee some background information on the contract. VP Reynolds indicated that in the last year the University evaluated 3 food service contract proposals and selected Chartwells. He stated they looked at the food quality of the plate to the student, variety of food, the value and cost and the uniqueness to the university.

VP Reynolds indicated that UF has been under the current contract with Aramark for 10 years and at the time, Aramark was the only company that presented a proposal to UF. He stated that Aramark has been on campus for more than 26 years. The new contract with Chartwells would be for 12 years. He also noted a full presentation would be given in June.

Board Chair Hosseini indicated that this process started two years ago. Feedback on food services was not positive and he asked Committee Chair Patel to look into it further. He stated the Board has worked closely with the administration on this, among other areas, for the good of the university. He indicated that VP Reynolds and his group did an amazing job. Committee Chair Patel recognized Director of Business Services, Eddie Daniels for his role in the selection process as well.

Trustee O’Keefe stated that the food service contract touches students daily and is part of the quality of living. He thanked everyone for their efforts and was very supportive.

3.3 Review Discussion Items

Admissions Update

Associate Provost and Vice President for Enrollment Management, Mary Parker will give an overview of the enrollment numbers for the incoming class as well as updates on the Division and the Strategic Enrollment Management Plan. Committee Chair Patel stated that VP Parker would give an update on the Honors Program outside of the committee.

Faculty Senate Update

Committee Chair Patel stated that the committee would get an update from Faculty Senate Chair and Trustee Amanda Phalin on what she will accomplish during her time as Faculty Senate Chair.

Student Body President Update

Committee Chair Patel stated that the committee would get an update from Student Body President and Trustee Lauren Lemasters on what she will accomplish during her time as Student Body President.

Student Life Update

Committee Chair Patel stated that the committee would get an update from Vice President D’Andra Mull in the Student Life area.

Graduate Stipends

Committee Chair Patel stated that the committee would get an update from Director of Institutional Planning and Research Cathy Lebo on the graduate stipends.

Board Chair Hosseini stated that the Board had been paying a lot of attention to the undergraduate students and that they were now turning their attention to the graduate students. He indicated that 1/3 of the student body are graduate students and that the Board wants to make sure they are treated well, and their needs are met.

New Departments

Provost Glover stated that the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has created a Department of Gender, Sexuality and Women’s Studies (GSWS) and the College of Medicine will merge the Department of Aging and Geriatric Research with the Department of Physiology and Functional Genomics into a new Department of Physiology and Aging.

Centers/Institutes

Provost Glover stated that there were two new Centers, the Institute for Computational Engineering (Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering) and the Artificial Intelligence Academic Initiative Center (AI² Center) (Office of the Provost).

Committee Chair Patel indicated that there will be three college presentations given outside the committee which will include the College of the Arts, College of Design, Construction and Planning and the College of Journalism.

4.0 New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

5.0 Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.