



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

Meeting Minutes

Telephone Conference Call

May 14, 2020

Time Convened: 12:02 p.m.

Time Adjourned: 12:30 p.m.

Committee and Board members present:

Jason J. Rosenberg (Committee Chair), David L. Brandon, Leonard H. Johnson, Thomas G. Kuntz (Board Vice Chair), Trevor Pope, Ray G. Thomas

Others present:

Joseph Glover, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Mark Kaplan, Vice President for Government and Community Relations; Sylvain Dore, Incoming Faculty Senate President and other members of the university community.

1.0 Call to Order and Welcome

Committee Chair Rosenberg welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call

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

3.0 Review Agenda for June 4, 2020 Meeting

Action Items

AFSAE1 Tenure Upon Hire

Provost Glover indicated the Tenure Upon Hire cases would be made available before the upcoming meeting and would be discussed at the June meeting.

AFSAE2 Annual Tenure Awards

Provost Glover will present the annual list of tenure awards at the upcoming committee meeting in June. The list of individuals has gone through the university's process including being recommended by the Dean, the Academic Personnel Board and the Provost.

AFSAE3 Honorary Degrees

Provost Glover presented two individuals for Honorary Degrees. Brian May, Doctor of Science, has made contributions to the understanding of astrophysics and his dual role as a scientist and an entertainer. Eugene Brigham, Doctor of Commerce, is a recognized

expert in finance and rate regulation and he is the co-author of the #1 financial test in the world.

AFSAE4 Degree Program Change

Provost Glover stated that the Warrington College of Business is requesting to decrease the number of required credits in the M.S. in Management from 32-30. This will allow students with a bachelor's degree in business to pursue the M.S. degree.

The Warrington College of Business is requesting to decrease the number of required credits in the M.S. in Entrepreneurship from 36 to 32. The reduction will provide students for greater experiential learning outside of class.

The College of Health and Human Performance is requesting to modify the common prerequisites for the B.S. in Applied Physiology & Kinesiology by eliminating the Fitness Wellness track and offer a single curriculum that would align with Exercise Physiology track.

AFSAE5 Degree Program Termination

Provost Glover stated that the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is requesting to terminate the Ph.D. in German as this program was suspended in 2008 and no students have been enrolled since that date.

Discussion Items

The following discussion items will be given at the June meeting:

- 5.1 Admissions Update
- 5.2 Student Body President Update
- 5.3 Faculty Senate Update
- 5.4 US News Metrics Update
- 5.5 Program Change

4.0 New Business

Provost Glover asked if anyone had any questions about what was happening on campus. Chair Rosenberg asked what was happening in the Fall. Provost Glover reported that 30,000 students have signed housing leases, so the students are coming back to Gainesville whether campus is closed or not.

Provost Glover stated that for the undergraduate students they would offer everything online that could be online. The things that can not be online would be done safely following social distancing guidelines. Those things would be labs and clinical experience. We have been building the online infrastructure for 10 years. We believe we provide a high quality online undergraduate education. Associate Provost Andy McCollough has been given \$1.5M to improve the course offerings of those classes that are not up to online standards will be working over the summer to bring those classes into the online mode.

Provost Glover indicated that we would have to change the culture among the students to learn to be respectful, wear masks, social distance and follow property hygiene.

We are aware that with UF Health conducting test and trace that the number of cases will go up. The key is to identify who you have encountered and then get them tested and quarantined for 14 days. We are looking at provisions as to where to have them be quarantined. Not sure if it will be in the dormitories or at the Hilton. Since the Hilton is not reserving rooms right now, they are giving UF a good rate.

Trustee Brandon asked whether the undergraduates would have the option to take online classes or attend in person. Provost Glover indicated that they will mostly be online and that he would be able to have the percentage of classes that would be online available at the June meeting.

Student Body President Pope indicated that it is critical to have in-person instruction and that he was relieved to see the enrollment numbers. Provost Glover indicated that as the pandemic broke that the University decided to overshoot the number of acceptances due to the number that were expected not to come. The original goal of 6550 incoming freshmen was based on the student to faculty ratio that we were trying to achieve of 16:1. There will be students that will decide not to come due to the economic situation.

Provost Glover stated that graduate enrollment would be impacted particularly international students due to the pandemic in other countries. This impact could hit the various colleges and departments unevenly and badly.

Trustee Brandon asked about the returning students and Provost Glover indicated that it was difficult to track and that it would evolve over the summer. Provost Glover stated that students on Pell grants would be much more impacted and will still not be able to afford to come due to having to stay home and help with family.

Student Body President Pope wanted to know how the online format for the Fall would affect the fees. Provost Glover stated that the Board of Trustees approved a different fee structure for the summer only and we are not expecting to request an adjustment at this time.

Chair Rosenberg wanted to recognize two new individuals to the meeting – Sylvain Dore, the incoming Faculty Senate Chair and D'Andra Mull, Vice President for Student Affairs.

5.0 Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.