



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

Pre-Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting

November 14, 2022

Time Convened: 11:01 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 11:50 a.m.

Committee and Board members present:

Rahul Patel (Committee Chair), David L. Brandon, Richard P. Cole, James W. Heavener, Morteza “Mori” Hosseini (Board Chair), Thomas G. Kuntz, Lauren D. Lemasters, Daniel T. O’Keefe, Amanda J. Phalin, Marsha D. Powers, Fred S. Ridley, and Anita G. Zucker.

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; Mary Parker, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Associate Provost; Curtis Reynolds, Vice President for Business Affairs; Heather White, Vice President for Student Life; Olga Weider, Assistant Vice President and University Controller; 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 11:01 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.

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:

June 16, 2022

November 14, 2022

3.2 Review Action Items

AFSSPRSC1 Tenure Upon Hire

Provost Joe Glover indicated there were 4 Tenure Upon Hire cases at this time, but he anticipated additional cases by the end of the week that would include the Scripps campus.

- Dr. Lisiane Pruinelli, Associate Professor, Department of Family, Community and Health System Science, College of Nursing
- Dr. Bonnie Dorr, Professor, Department of Computer and Information Sciences and Engineering
- Dr. T. Dean Pringle, Professor and Center Director, Department of Animal and Dairy Sciences/North Florida Research and Education Center, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences
- Dr. Peter W. Swaan, Dean and Professor, College of Pharmacy

Provost Glover indicated there would be a large number of additional cases and that if any of the Trustees had questions that they could contact him after they have reviewed the packets. Board Chair Hosseini stated that Scripps has incredible researchers and that the Provost should review the packets and ensure that they meet UF's criteria for tenure. Provost Glover indicated that Senior Vice President David Nelson was in the process of reviewing the packets now.

AFSSPRSC2 Instructional Site for West Palm Beach Global Center for Technology and Innovation

Provost Glover indicated that the University is starting a new instructional site in West Palm Beach beginning in the Fall 2024. For that to happen he indicated that the University would need to get Board of Trustee approval before sending to the Board of Governors for approval in January 2023 which would be approved at their March 2023 meeting. At the same time, SACSCOC will need to be notified as well and provide approval.

Committee Chair Patel recommended at the December meeting the preliminary draft action item be approved and that if any modifications need to be made that Board Chair Hosseini would have the authority to make those changes. If there are significant changes, then it would need to go back to the Board for approval.

Board Chair Hosseini asked when the advertising for students would start for this new program and wanted to know if things were being too rushed. Provost Glover indicated that recruiting would be done in Fall 2023. He indicated that working professionals in West Palm Beach would be the ones interested at first and then over time the recruiting would expand to students around the state, national and internationally.

Committee Chair Patel asked that Provost Glover and Vice President for Enrollment Management Parker put together a preliminary timeline for a discussion at the December BOT meeting. President Fuchs indicated that 2024 is very aggressive and a good goal date. He stated that we should not wait until 2025 and that UF has sent out letters to other universities for their support and address any concerns. President Fuchs indicated that speed was not as important as the world class quality of everything. Board Chair Hosseini agreed but noted it may not be until 2025 when we are ready.

Board Vice Chair Kuntz offered his support but raised questions regarding the financial prospective and that very little work had been done on how much the University was going to spend on this project. He has a high degree of concern behind the lack of financial modeling which is very complicated. Committee Chair Patel suggested that he work with Provost Glover to come up with a checklist of all items to be addressed. Provost Glover indicated that Huron Consulting Group has already looked at market rate tuition and that the finance group should look back at the framework. He also noted some checklist items were a part of the BOG template. Board Chair Hosseini requested a presentation on the financials. Committee Chair Patel indicated that he would work with Provost Glover and others to present a comprehensive, high-level overview to the BOT in December. Vice Chair Kuntz added that the FCI Committee will also need to be involved and approve.

AFSSPRSC3 New Degree

Provost Glover indicated that the College of Veterinary Medicine is proposing a new Master's in Preventive Veterinary Medicine that will prepare veterinarians for leadership roles in management or research of diseases in livestock, poultry, and wildlife populations. He noted this has been reviewed and went through the regular academic approval process.

AFSSPRSC4 Degree Program Changes

Provost Glover indicated that the College of Design, Construction and Planning is requesting to reduce the number of credit hours from 36 to 30 for the Master of Construction Management. The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences is requesting to reduce the number of credit hours from 36 to 30 for the Material of Science with the major in Interdisciplinary Ecology (Thesis and Non-Thesis). He noted this has been reviewed and went through the regular academic approval process.

AFFSPRSC5 Centers and Institutes Annual Expenditures Report

Provost Glover indicated this was a new Board of Governors requirement that the Board of Trustees approve a summary of expenditures for the centers and institutes.

AFFSPRSC6 Centers and Institutes Evaluation/Review

Provost Glover indicated that this was a new Board of Governors requirement that the Board of Trustees approve a summary of the evaluations/review of the centers and institutes.

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.

Faculty Senate Update

Committee Chair Patel stated that the committee would get an update from Faculty Senate Chair and Trustee Amanda Phalin on what is happening with the faculty.

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 Heather White in the Student Life area.

AI Across the Curriculum and QEP

Provost Glover indicated that the committee would get an update from Kati Migliaccio and Jane Southworth, Co-Chairs for QEP on AI Across the Curriculum.

Hamilton Center Update

Provost Glover indicated that John Stinneford, Director of the Hamilton Center will give an update on what he has been doing in the Center.

Centers/Institutes

Provost Glover stated that there were four new Centers/Institutes as follows:

- Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment (College of Medicine)
- Hamilton Center for Classical and Civic Education (Office of the Provost)
- UF Health Aortic Disease Center (College of Medicine)
- Florida Institute for National Security (Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering)

Provost Glover indicated that the last two college presentations will be given outside the committee which will include the College of the Arts and the College of Health and Human Performance.

4.0 New Business

Faculty Senate Chair Phalin indicated that she may not be a member of the Board of Trustees after Thursday as the Faculty Senate would be voting on a no confidence vote on the Faculty Senate Chair and that she may be removed from office. If that happens, she indicated that the Chair-Elect, Danaya Wright would then be the new Faculty Senate Chair.

Board Chair Hosseini stated that Faculty Senate Chair Phalin has been doing an amazing job representing the faculty by standing up and getting results. Board Chair Hosseini requested that she stay involved with the Baby Gator project to get the job done. He also indicated that she should continue to pursue the recommendations for faculty pay that they have had in conversations.

President Fuchs commented that it would be a travesty if the faculty vote for no confidence of Faculty Senate Chair Phalin. He also indicated that Student Body President Lauren Lemasters would be giving her State of the University address later today.

Board Chair Hosseini asked Trustee Richard Cole to stay on top of the mental health issues with Student Body President Lauren Lemasters. Trustee Cole indicated that he was working on it.

Trustee Patel noted that Trustee Phalin has done a tremendous job exercising her fiduciary duties on the board of trustees.

5.0 Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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