



**MINUTES**  
**Educational Programs Committee**

**University of Central Florida**  
**Board of Trustees**  
March 27, 2014  
Live Oak Center  
Conference call-in #800-442-5794, passcode 463796

**CALL TO ORDER**

Trustee Robert Garvy, chair of the Educational Programs Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Committee members Richard Crotty, Reid Oetjen, and Melissa Westbrook were present. Committee member Ray Gilley attended via teleconference. Board of Trustees Chair Olga Cavet was present.

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the January 23, 2014, meeting were approved as written.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Conferral of Degrees (EPC-1)

Tony G. Waldrop, Provost and Executive Vice President, requested approval for the Spring 2014 conferral of degrees. A motion to recommend the conferral of degrees was approved.

2016-17 Proposed Academic Calendar (EPC-2)

Maribeth Ehasz, Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services, and DeLaine Priest, Associate Vice President for SDES, presented the 2016-17 academic calendar for approval. The calendar exceeds the minimum requirement of classroom instruction days per state regulations, and it was reviewed and approved by the UCF Academic Calendar Committee, regional community college partners, and the provost. A motion to approve the 2016-17 Academic Calendar was unanimously approved.

New Degree Programs (EPC-3a-b)

Ross Hinkle, Vice Provost and Dean for the College of Graduate Studies, described the Nanotechnology, P.S.M. degree program. A motion to recommend this new degree program to the Board of Trustees was approved.

Elliot Vittes, Interim Vice Provost and Dean for Undergraduate Studies, presented a bachelor of science degree program in writing and rhetoric. A motion to recommend this new degree program was unanimously approved.

Provost's Comments

**3+ 3 Accelerated Law Programs** – Chase informed the committee that UCF has developed a 3+3 accelerated law program with Florida State University College of Law. This partnership will allow selected UCF students to earn a bachelor's degree from UCF and a *juris doctorate* degree from Florida State Law in an accelerated fashion.

**Enrollment** - Ehasz stated that summer and fall undergraduate and graduate enrollment is on a positive trend.

**Clinton Global Initiative** – Ehasz announced that for the first time this year, UCF students participated in the Clinton Global Initiative. University students from all over the world came together to showcase their proposals for creative solutions to solving international problems. UCF supported 11 students to the conference at Arizona State University. The top of award went to a UCF team for their proposal on hydroponic shade houses on the island of St. Kitts.

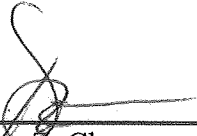
**Textbook Affordability** – Chase updated the committee regarding legislation that will likely pass requiring faculty members to provide students with details on required textbook and educational materials at least 14 days prior to the date that students can first register for classes. This legislation also requires that the same textbooks and educational materials be used for three consecutive years. Discussion regarding the concerns of this legislation followed.

**“Stress Test”** – Chase called attention to the Board of Governors announcement that there will be a need for institutions and Boards of Trustees to put each of their academic programs through a “stress test.” Details about the “stress test” are yet to be determined.

**Globalization in Higher Education** – Chase stated that she recently attended the Globalization in Higher Education conference. She commented that almost all of the conference speakers stated that American education is still desirable because it allows individuals to choose their courses and their career path. Furthermore, the key for our educational system is not so much focusing on memorizing facts, but in being innovative and creative.

Trustee Garvy adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Diane Z. Chase  
Interim Provost and Vice President

  
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Date