

**Minutes  
Educational Programs Committee**

**University of Central Florida**

**Board of Trustees**

**January 26, 2012**

**9:45 – 10:30 a.m.**

**Live Oak Center**

**Conference call-in phone #800-442-5794, passcode 463796**

The Honorable Robert A. Garvy called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. Present was Trustee Richard T. Crotty. Trustees John Sprouls and Ray Gilley participated by telephone. Also attending were Chair Michael J. Grindstaff, Vice Chair Olga Calvet, Trustees Alan Florez and Matthew McCann, and committee liaisons Provost and Executive Vice President Tony Waldrop and Executive Vice Provost Diane Chase.

The minutes from the November 17, 2011, meeting were approved as written.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Accreditation update.** Diane Chase, Executive Vice Provost, provided information about regional and discipline-specific accreditation. UCF has maintained continuous accreditation since 1970 through the peer-review oversight of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. The goal of SACSCOC is to ensure that institutions of higher education meet expected levels of quality. UCF's accreditation was reaffirmed in 2006, and university personnel are currently developing a comprehensive Fifth-year Interim Report that is due to SACSCOC in March 2012. The next full SACSCOC reaffirmation review will be in 2016.

**Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) Gallery.**

Funded by the National Science Foundation, the mission of the Innovation through Institutional Integration (ICubed) project is to create integration and synergy among the many research and education activities at UCF in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math. Michael Georgiopoulos, Interim Assistant Vice President for the Division of Research and Commercialization, explained that one way to achieve that mission is to encourage faculty members and research students within STEM-related disciplines to collaborate with faculty members and students in art and design courses to produce STEM inspired paintings, sculptures, illustrations, and posters.

One example of this collaboration involved physics and painting students. Costas Efthimiou, Associate Professor in physics and ICubed co-principal investigator, and physics student Christopher Frye explained how they presented and discussed with students in an advanced painting class basic ideas of relativity and quantum mechanics and also philosophical implications of modern physics. Carla Poindexter, Associate Professor in the School of Visual Arts and Design, commented that the resulting non-traditional assignments inspired some students to create futuristic visualizations of the abstract ideas presented to them, while other students illustrated the scientific principles.

School of Visual Arts and Design students Emily Daniels, Alea De Bengson, and Drew Powers presented their paintings and explained how they were inspired by the scientific presentations.

**Provost's Update.** Tony Waldrop, Provost and Executive Vice President, announced that Dr. Paul Jarley was selected as the new Dean for the College of Business Administration, effective July 1, 2012. Jarley is currently dean of the Lee Business School at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas.

For the benefit of new Board of Trustee members, Waldrop introduced the deans present at the meeting, who provided a brief overview of their college or area:

- José Fernández, Dean, College of Arts and Humanities
- Michael Frumkin, Dean, College of Health and Public Affairs
- Deborah German, Vice President for Medical Affairs and Dean, College of Medicine
- Ross Hinkle, Interim Dean, College of Graduate Studies
- Michael Johnson, Dean, College of Sciences
- Foard Jones, Interim Dean, College of Business Administration
- Sandra Robinson, Dean, College of Education
- Marwan Simaan, Dean, College of Engineering and Computer Science
- Elliot Vittes, Interim Vice Provost and Dean, Undergraduate Studies
- Alvin Wang, Dean, Burnett Honors College

Trustee Garvy adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.