



MINUTES
Educational Programs Committee

University of Central Florida
Board of Trustees
January 29, 2015
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 Weston Bayes, Richard Crotty, and Reid Oetjen were present. Board of Trustees Chair Olga Calvet was present.

MINUTES

The minutes from the November 20, 2014, meeting were approved as written.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposal to Establish a New Type I Campus (EPC-1)

A. Dale Whittaker, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, provided background information regarding the proposed UCF Downtown campus. This campus will allow UCF to develop an innovative living and learning environment that capitalizes on the economic, social, and cultural activity of downtown Orlando. The Proposal to Establish a New Type 1 Campus outlines plans for UCF Downtown and the academic programs proposed for that location to accommodate student and program growth. A motion to recommend the approval in concept for the Board of Governors of the State University System of Florida Proposal to Establish a New Type I Campus was approved.

Garvy acknowledged the provost and his staff for the comprehensive report and the extensive work that went into it. Whittaker recognized those who contributed to the proposal for his or her efforts.

Benchmarking (INFO-1)

M. Paige Borden, Assistant Vice President for Institutional Knowledge Management, provided benchmarking data related to the percentage of undergraduate student credit hours taught by instructor type and also presented a comparison of institutional student to faculty ratios.

Faculty Hires Presentation (INFO-2)

Whittaker provided information on the 100 new faculty members UCF is hiring using performance funding. These hires will help to close the gap in areas of high enrollment and to grow faculty in areas of strategic emphasis. The university has launched a national campaign to attract the best faculty prospects, to help raise the university's level of recognition beyond the state, and to communicate a long-term commitment to building UCF's tenure-track faculty.

Whittaker thanked Grant Heston, Associate Vice President for Communications and Public Affairs, and his communications and marketing team for leading the faculty hires media campaign.

Provost's Update

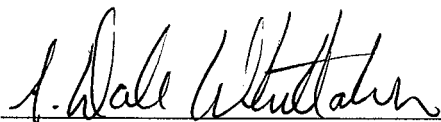
Whittaker provided the following updates.

- **Faculty Cluster Initiative** – It is anticipated that 30-35 proposals will be received from groups of faculty, and approximately 40 percent of the 100 new faculty positions will be allocated to the Faculty Cluster Initiative. A majority of these will go for faculty in areas of strategic emphasis.
- **International Year of Light** – The United Nations has recognized the importance of raising global awareness of light-based technologies by proclaiming 2015 as the International Year of Light. This is an excellent opportunity for CREOL.

Whittaker expressed UCF's collective grief over the passing of Dr. Charles Townes who was the inventor of the laser and namesake of UCF's Townes Laser Institute.

- **International Consortium for Advanced Manufacturing Research Center** – The Osceola Campuses International Consortium for Advanced Manufacturing Research Center's \$110 million research proposal to the Department of Defense has been selected as one of three finalist proposals.
- **COACHE Survey** – UCF is in the process of conducting a Harvard-based faculty survey on attitudinal climate and engagement called the COACHE (Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education) survey. This instrument surveys the work life, work satisfaction, and engagement of faculty. The results of this survey will be used to guide UCF's policies and practices.
- **SACSCOC reaffirmation** – The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges reaffirmation report is progressing with drafts of 50 percent of the standards completed and with the selection of a Quality Enhancement Plan in its final stages.

Trustee Garvy adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: 
A. Dale Whittaker
Provost and Vice President
for Academic Affairs

3-12-15
Date