



**MINUTES**  
**Educational Programs Committee**  
**University of Central Florida**  
**Board of Trustees**  
May 21, 2015  
*FAIRWINDS* Alumni 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 9:00 a.m. Committee members Richard Crotty, Keith Koons, and Cait Zona were present. Board of Trustees Chair Olga Calvet was present.

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the March 26, 2015, meeting were approved as written.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Tenure Recommendations (EPC-1)

A. Dale Whittaker, Provost and Executive Vice President, reviewed the promotion and tenure process. During this year's process, President Hitt and Provost Whittaker reviewed tenure applications and recommended that 12 candidates be approved for tenure. A motion to recommend the 2015 tenure recommendations was approved.

UCF 2015 Work Plan (EPC-2)

Paige Borden, Assistant Vice President for Institutional Knowledge Management, reviewed an update of UCF's 2015 Work Plan that will be presented in June to the Florida Board of Governors. With the understanding that additional minor updates or modifications may be made to the plan, a motion to recommend the 2015 University Work Plan to the Board of Trustees was approved.

Garvy thanked Borden for the work that went into completing the plan.

Classification of Instructional Programs Code Changes (INFO-1)

Diane Chase, Vice Provost for Academic Program Quality, informed the committee that CIP code changes for the Communications, M.A.; Advertising-Public Relations, B.A.; Chemistry, M.S.; and Political Science, Ph.D. have been submitted to the Florida Board of Governors. Changes to the CIP codes for these programs will have no negative impact on students or faculty members.

Provost's Update

Whittaker provided the following updates.

- **Faculty Recognition** – Whittaker introduced Deborah Beidel, Pegasus Professor, Professor of Psychology, and Professor of Medical Education. Dr. Beidel discussed her work as the director of UCF RESTORES (Research and Treatment on Response to Extreme Stressors), a clinical research center dedicated to the study of all facets of

anxiety, trauma, and post-traumatic stress disorder. Whittaker thanked Beidel for advancing understanding and scholarship, training students, and treating lives.

- **Pegasus Professors** – Whittaker gave a brief overview of the UCF Pegasus Professor award and announced that this year’s recipients are Mohamed Abdel-Aty of the College of Engineering and Computer Science, Humberto Lopez Cruz from the College of Arts and Humanities, Avelino Gonzalez from the College of Engineering and Computer Science, Kerstin Hamann from the College of Sciences, and Cynthia Young from the College of Sciences.
- **Creation of a College of Undergraduate Studies** – Whittaker announced that based on recommendations from the review of undergraduate education at UCF by the John N. Gardner Institute for Excellence in Undergraduate Education, the Office of Undergraduate Studies will become the College of Undergraduate Studies.
- **Dean Searches**
  - Dean of the Office of Undergraduate Studies and Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning – candidate interviews are in the final phase and a decision is expected to be announced soon.
  - Dean of the College of Education and Human Performance - Sissi Carroll from Oklahoma State University has been selected. She will start in late July.
  - Dean of the College of Nursing – Interviews of the two final candidates are expected to be finished in June.
- **UCF Downtown** – Whittaker updated the committee on the progress of the proposed UCF downtown campus. He stated that UCF is not expected to know the results of the state budget until the end of the legislature’s special summer session. He also stated that the phasing for the proposed academic plan and buildings will be completed soon.

Introduction of New Educational Programs Committee Members

Trustee Garvy introduced and welcomed Keith Koons and Cait Zona as new members of the Educational Programs Committee.

Trustee Garvy adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



A. Dale Whittaker  
Provost and Vice President  
for Academic Affairs

7/20/15  
Date