University of
Central
Florida

MINUTES
Educational Programs Committee
University of Central Florida
Board of Trustees
March 24, 2016
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 10:20 a.m. Committee members Ken Bradley, Keith Koons, Beverly Seay, and Cait Zona were present. Also present were Board of Trustees Chairman Marcos Marchena and trustees Ray Gilley and William Yeargin.

MINUTES
The minutes from the January 28, 2016, meeting were approved as written.

NEW BUSINESS

Conferral of Degrees (EPC-1)
Dale Whittaker, Provost and Executive Vice President, requested approval for the Spring 2016 conferral of degrees. A motion to recommend the conferral of degrees was unanimously approved.

2018-19 Proposed Academic Calendar (EPC-2)
Maribeth Ehasz, Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services, and DeLaine Priest, Associate Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services, presented the 2018-19 academic calendar for approval. Priest noted that spring break was scheduled for the same week as Valencia College to accommodate students who attend both institutions. The calendar meets the minimum requirement of classroom instruction days per state regulations, and it was reviewed and approved by the UCF Academic Calendar Committee. A motion to approve the 2018-19 Academic Calendar was unanimously approved.

New Degree Programs (EPC-3a-c)
Mubarak Shah, Interim Vice Provost and Dean for the College of Graduate Studies, presented the master of science in biomedical engineering degree program and the master of science in data analytics degree program. A motion to recommend these new degree programs to the Board of Trustees was unanimously approved.

Elizabeth Dooley, Dean of the College of Undergraduate Studies and Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning, presented the entertainment management bachelor of science degree program. A motion to recommend this new degree program to the Board of Trustees was unanimously approved.

<u>Advancing Student Success Through the Use of Predictive Analytics</u> – Ehasz and Dooley reported on the ways that UCF is advancing student success through the use of predictive analytics. The purpose of these efforts is to

- increase the number of students attaining a degree,
- reduce the time to attain a degree,
- reduce unintended excess hours,
- incorporate student success measures through program review, and
- promote scholarly engagement with student success.

Special attention was given to the implementation of the Education Advisory Board Student Success Collaborative Campus, a predictive analytic tool that will launch on April 4, 2016.

<u>College of Medicine Milestones</u> – This presentation was postponed.

<u>Programs for Students with Unique Abilities Report</u> – Whittaker stated that UCF is looking forward to new opportunities upon being designated as the home for the statewide Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities. He thanked Senator Andy Gardner and his wife Camilla for their support, and he thanked Governor Scott for signing the new center and $8 million of funding into law.

Adam Meyer, Executive Director for Student Accessibility Services and Inclusive Education Services, and Pamela Carroll, Dean of the College of Education and Human Performance, highlighted what is happening at UCF for students with disabilities, including the new Inclusive Education Services for students with intellectual disabilities. In addition, Carroll offered a brief overview of the vision for the statewide Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities, which will be housed at UCF.

<u>Provost's Update</u>
Whittaker provided the following updates.

- Whittaker introduced Kiminobu Sugaya, professor in the Burnett School of Biomedical Sciences who studies stem cell therapies for neurodegenerative diseases and Ayako Yonetani, professor and violinist in the Music Department. Sugaya discussed his research on the effect of music on brain function, and Yonetani played a Handel Concerto.
- Whittaker noted the following important events.
  - UCF secured $20 million for UCF Downtown.
  - UCF secured $15 million for the International Consortium for Advanced Manufacturing Research.
  - Florida Interactive Entertainment Academy was ranked as the No. 1 graduate video gaming school in North America by *The Princeton Review* and *PC Gamer* magazine.
  - UCF placed first place in state funding performance process and is the only university to rank in the top three for all four years that performance funding has been awarded.
  - UCF is recognized as an "emerging preeminent" school, which earns additional state funding.
  - UCF researchers surpassed $100 million in total awards, nearly 20 percent more than this time last year.
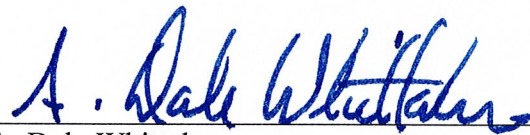
- Whittaker listed the following activities in progress or completed:
  - Fall 2020 goals for seven attributes of success are almost completed by deans,
  - academic budget model for redistributing funds is in the late stages of redesign,
  - five-year plan toward preeminence has begun,
  - five-year space development plan is in progress,
  - faculty hiring continues,
  - three dean candidates for the College of Arts and Humanities invited to visit campus, and
  - vice president of research and dean of the College of Graduate Studies position description completed.

Whittaker recognized that the meeting was Diane Chase's last Educational Programs Committee with UCF and congratulated her on her new position as Provost and Executive Vice President of the University of Nevada Las Vegas beginning May 1. Garvy also thanked Chase for her contributions to the university and to the Educational Programs Committee.

Garvy stated that a date will soon be announced for a special Educational Programs Committee meeting where Dooley will discuss undergraduate education.

Trustee Garvy adjourned the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: _A. Dale Whittaker_   _5-16-16_
                   A. Dale Whittaker   Date
                   Provost and Executive Vice President