



**MINUTES**  
**Educational Programs Committee**  
**University of Central Florida**  
**Board of Trustees**  
November 17, 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 11:00 a.m. Committee members Ken Bradley, Chris Clemente, and Keith Koons were present. Also present were Board of Trustees Chairman Marcos Marchena and trustees Clarence H. Brown III, Joseph Conte, Alex Martins, and David Walsh.

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the September 15, 2016, meeting were approved as written.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Conferral of Degrees (EPC-1)

Dale Whittaker, Provost and Executive Vice President, requested approval for the Fall 2016 conferral of degrees. A motion to recommend the conferral of degrees to the Board of Trustees was unanimously approved.

Amendment to University Regulation UCF-2.009 Admission of International Students (EPC-2)

Cynthia Young, Vice Provost for Faculty Excellence and International Affairs and Global Strategies, requested approval to amend University Regulation 2.009, which incorporates admission requirements for international students. In addition to university admission requirements, international students whose native language is not English must show proficiency by meeting additional requirements. The proposed amendments to this regulation add multiple new ways to meet the requirements. A motion to recommend the amended regulation to the Board of Trustees was unanimously approved.

2016-17 Tenure with Hire (EPC-3)

Whittaker discussed the process for granting tenure to individuals who have come from outside of the university and whose credentials have been reviewed using the university's standards for tenure. Tenure with hire was requested for Dr. Keisha Hoerrner, Nicholson School of Communication. A motion to recommend the tenure with hire recommendation to the Board of Trustees was unanimously approved.

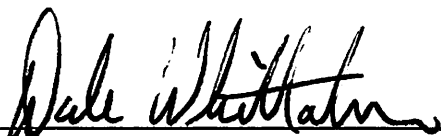
Provost's Update

Whittaker provided the following updates

- Faculty Spotlight: Bradley J. Willenberg (INFO-1) – Whittaker introduced Bradley Willenberg, assistant professor of medicine. Willenberg presented a short summary describing two of his main research project 1) a project focused on building a transplantable kidney and 2) a project developing new mosquito surveillance tools with colorimetric readouts.

- National Academy of Inventors - The UCF launched its chapter of the National Academy of Inventors. Twenty-nine faculty members were inducted into the first class. Collectively, they hold 541 issued patents, 64 licenses, and 20 startup companies.
- DirectConnect Annual President's Meeting – Whittaker reported on the recent DirectConnect annual president's meeting and shared plans to meet regional and state demand for more nurses with the consortium's recommendation to pursue additional nursing degrees at several DirectConnect partner state colleges.
- Collective Impact Strategic Planning Update (INFO-2) – Whittaker reported on the institutionalization of the Collective Impact Strategic Plan, including annual provost forums to track the university's progress in key metrics. He specifically addressed research and graduate programs, as well as faculty excellence.
- Forward by Degrees (INFO-3) – Whittaker shared a video from the university's submission to the \$100 million MacArthur Foundation challenge, focused on eliminating income as a predictor of college success. He cited recent data showing an increasing gap in low- and high-income students' graduation rates, and he spoke about UCF's work with other institutions in the University Innovation Alliance to help close this gap.

Trustee Garvy adjourned the joint committee meeting at 11:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:   
 A. Dale Whittaker  
 Provost and Executive Vice President

12/19/2016  
 Date