



UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

**Board of Trustees
Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee
December 4, 2025
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Tiffany Altizer, Chair of the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

In addition to Chair Altizer, Committee members present were Vice Chair Rick Cardenas and Trustees Luci Blanco, Mark Filburn and Stephen King. Board of Trustees Chair Alex Martins, Vice Chair Bill Christy and Trustees Jeff Condello, Thomas McNamara, John Miklos and Jeff Vahle also joined the meeting.

MEETING MINUTES

Trustee Cardenas motioned to approve and Trustee Filburn seconded. The Committee unanimously approved the meeting minutes of September 22, 2025.

ACTION

At Chair Altizer's request, Youndy Cook, Vice President and General Counsel, confirmed there were no disclosures of conflict of interest from the trustees.

Tenure with Hire (AESC-1)

Provost Buckwalter sought tenure with hire approval for three highly qualified faculty members who come with a proven track record and a clear plan and trajectory for continued success at UCF. Hiring senior faculty allows the university to rapidly advance academic excellence.

Trustee King motioned and Trustee Filburn seconded. Tenure with hire for the three faculty members was unanimously recommended for approval.

Conferral of Degrees (AESC-2)

Provost Buckwalter presented the conferral of degrees for the fall 2025 semester. Currently, UCF expects to award 6,108 degrees on December 12-13, 2025. Of the degrees being awarded, 4,953 are baccalaureate, 1,048 are master's, and 109 are doctoral or specialist degrees.

Trustee Blanco motioned and Trustee Filburn seconded. The conferral of degrees for the fall 2025 commencement ceremonies on December 12-13, 2025, was unanimously recommended for approval.

DISCUSSION

Math Launch (DISC-1)

Provost Buckwalter, Dr. Paige Borden, Chief Analytics Officer, and Dr. Melissa Dagley, Executive Director for iSTEM – Initiatives in STEM, presented on UCF's Math Launch program. The program addresses math

readiness for incoming students to ensure they can succeed in their STEM majors. Math Launch continues to yield a positive return on investment for students enrolled in the program, the School of Data, Mathematical and Statistical Sciences and STEM disciplines.

INFORMATION

Six information items were included in the Committee's meeting materials: 1) Strategic Metrics Update (INFO-1), 2) Accreditation Quarterly Update (INFO-2), 3) UCF Strategic Metrics Update (INFO-3), 4) Regulation Update – UCF-2.034 Educational Sites (INFO-4), 5) Regulation Update – UCF-3.010 Faculty Evaluation and Improvement (INFO-5) and 6) Regulation Update – UCF-3.014 Faculty and Administrative and Professional Development Leave Programs (INFO-6). Trustees were instructed to direct any questions on this item to the Board Office.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought before the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Altizer adjourned the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee meeting of December 4, 2025, at 10:13 a.m.

Reviewed by: _____
Tiffany Altizer
Chair, Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee

Date

Submitted by: _____
Michael A. Kilbride
Associate Corporate Secretary

Date