



UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

MINUTES
Educational Programs Committee
University of Central Florida
Board of Trustees
May 18, 2017
FAIRWINDS Alumni Center

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Robert Garvy, chair of the Educational Programs Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Committee members Ken Bradley, Nicholas Larkins, Beverly Seay and Bill Self were present. Also present was Chairman Marcos Marchena trustee David Walsh and trustee John Sprouls joined the meeting via teleconference.

MINUTES

The March 16, 2017, meeting minutes were approved as written.

NEW BUSINESS

2017 Tenure Recommendations (EPC-1)

Dale Whittaker, Provost and Executive Vice President, reviewed the tenure process. During this year's process, President Hitt and Provost Whittaker reviewed tenure applications and recommended that the candidates be approved for tenure. A motion to recommend the 2017 tenure recommendations to the Board of Trustees was unanimously approved.

2017-18 Tenure with Hire (EPC-2)

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 10 faculty members. A concern was voiced that some of the faculty members on the list were not new hires and that the issue had not been brought to the faculty senate. A motion to recommend the 2017-18 tenure with hire to the Board of Trustees was unanimously approved.

2017-18 UCF Work Plan (EPC-3)

Paige Borden, Associate Provost for Academic Program Quality and Associate Vice President for Institutional Knowledge Management, reviewed an update of UCF's 2017-18 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 2017-18 UCF Work Plan to the Board of Trustees was unanimously approved.

Ready, Set, Work Initiative – Progress Update (INFO-1)


Maribeth Ehasz, Vice President, Student Development and Enrollment Services, presented Ready, Set, Work, a student success initiative that is in response to the challenge issued by Governor Scott in 2015. Ehasz reported outcomes in several areas including student selection of best degree, encouraging students to participate in career readiness programs, and finding work in their perspective fields after graduation.

Provost's Update

Whittaker provided the following updates.

- New Instructional Site – Valencia College East (INFO-1) - The university plans to expand its successful partnership with Valencia College by adding criminal justice programming at the Valencia College East campus and at Valencia College's School of Public Safety, both located in East Orlando. By expanding collaborative ties between the two institutions, UCF students' will gain unique access to specialized facilities, equipment, and experiences associated with the Valencia College School of Public Safety.
- Faculty Spotlight (INFO 2) - Dr. Candice Bridge an Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry and the UCF National Center for Forensic. Dr. Bridge studied chemistry at Howard University and completed her doctoral and post-doctoral research in analytical chemistry focusing on forensic science at UCF. She provided an overview on her research in new forensic techniques to aid criminal investigations.
- Time to Degree (INFO-3) - Whittaker updated the committee on the myth of time to degree and universities' four-year graduation rate. The myth is that people cannot get a degree in four years and institutions are not doing enough. Whittaker gave a step by step breakdown on time to degree.
- Higher Education and Florida's Future (INFO-4) - Whittaker reported on Governor Scott's April letter on Higher Education and Florida's Future, which cited Florida's rankings in higher education, affordability and graduation rates. Governor Scott submitted six items that he would like to see addressed and discussed during the Board of Trustees meeting. Dr. Whittaker reviewed these items for the committee.

Trustee Garvy adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

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

7/24/17
Date