



UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

**Board of Trustees  
Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee  
June 28, 2023  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Trustee Tiffany Altizer, chair of the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

In addition to Chair Altizer, committee members present were Trustees Brandon Greenaway, Stephen King and Caryl McAlpin. Board of Trustees Chair Alex Martins, Vice Chair Harold Mills and Trustee Michael Okaty also joined the meeting. Chair Altizer welcomed Trustee Greenaway, student body president, to the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee.

**MEETING MINUTES**

Trustee King motioned to approve, and Trustee McAlpin seconded. The committee unanimously approved the meeting minutes of February 23, 2023.

**REPORTS**

**Progress of Strategic Priorities (DISC-1)**

Provost Michael Johnson and Dr. Paul Dosal, senior vice president for Student Success, led a robust discussion on the progress of strategic priorities. The discussion focused on updates to investments made in three key areas of UCF's strategic plan: faculty hiring, research and student success.

Provost Johnson spoke on investments in research priorities that align with the university's strategic plan areas of focus. These are important areas to the economy of our region and Florida and fields in which UCF has strong ties with local industry. The investments include the hiring of tenured and tenure-earning faculty, faculty retention, postdoctoral scholars, research staff and seed funding.

Dr. Dosal spoke on UCF's current performance of key student success metrics, efforts underway and work needed to more rapidly advance these efforts. He stressed the importance of the role everyone has in student success at UCF. He further explained new initiatives that will focus specifically on FTIC 4-year graduation and 3-year transfer student graduation rates.

**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.

### FY2024-2025 UCF Legislative Budget Request (AESC-1)

Provost Johnson and Janet Owen, vice president for Government and Community Relations, presented the fiscal year 2024-2025 Legislative Budget Request. The request is a bold effort focused on: 1) rapidly meeting the goals of UCF's strategic plan and plans to become preeminent and AAU-eligible; 2) greatly strengthening UCF's support of Florida's high-tech economy; and 3) meeting changing expectations of students and families.

Trustee King motioned and Trustee McAlpin seconded. The FY2024-2025 UCF Legislative Budget Request was unanimously recommended for approval.

### 2023 UCF Tenure Recommendations (AESC-2)

Provost Johnson presented the 2023 UCF tenure recommendations. The 50 candidates recommended for tenure represent nine colleges and have undergone a rigorous, thorough and objective review process.

Tenure is a key factor in UCF's drive to meet metrics for preeminence and to fulfill the strategic vision of becoming a top public institution and the world's leading metropolitan research university.

Trustee King motioned and Trustee Greenaway seconded. The 2023 UCF tenure recommendations were unanimously recommended for approval.

### Tenure with Hire (AESC-3)

Provost Johnson sought tenure with hire approval for seven highly qualified faculty members who come with proven track records and clear plans and trajectories for continued success at UCF. Hiring senior faculty allows the university to rapidly advance academic excellence.

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

### UCF Educational Sites (AESC-4)

Dr. Timothy Letzring, vice provost for Academic Affairs, presented on UCF educational sites. In accordance with BOG regulation 8.009 and UCF regulation 2.034, the Board of Trustees is required to approve the closing or reclassification of Type III campuses. As a result of changes in demand, approval to close UCF Leesburg and UCF Palm Bay and reclassify UCF Ocala was sought.

Trustee King motioned and Trustee Greenaway seconded. The UCF educational sites closure and reclassification was unanimously recommended for approval.

### Conferral of Degrees (AESC-5)

Provost Johnson presented the conferral of degrees and said that UCF preliminarily projects to award 3,658 degrees during the Summer 2023 commencement ceremonies on August 4-5, 2023. Of the degrees being awarded, 2,921 are baccalaureate, 572 master's, and 165 are doctoral and specialist.

Trustees Greenaway motioned and Trustee King seconded. The conferral of degrees for the Summer 2023 commencement ceremonies was unanimously recommended for approval.

### **INFORMATION**

Three information items were included in the committee's meeting materials: 1) 2023-2024 Academic Calendar (INFO-1); 2) University Regulation UCF-3.010 Faculty Evaluation and Improvement (INFO-2); and 3) University Regulations UCF-2.003 Admission of Graduate Students & UCF-2.009 Admission of International Students. Trustees were instructed to direct any questions on these items to Dr. Timothy Letzring.

**NEW BUSINESS**

N/A

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Altizer adjourned the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee meeting of June 28, 2023, at 12:25 p.m.

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Tiffany Altizer  
Chair, Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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Associate Corporate Secretary

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