



Board of Trustees

**Board of Trustees
Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee
October 19, 2022
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Joseph Conte, vice chair of the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee, called the meeting to order at 11:17 a.m. He then directed Trustee Tiffany Altizer to preside over the meeting.

In addition to Vice Chair Conte and Trustee Altizer, other committee members present were Trustees Stephen King, Daniella Lopez, and Caryl McAlpin. Board of Trustees Chair Alex Martins, Trustees John Miklos and Michael Okaty also joined the meeting.

MEETING MINUTES

Trustee McAlpin motioned to approve, and Trustee Lopez seconded. The Academic and Student Success Committee unanimously approved the meeting minutes of May 25, 2022.

ACTION

2022 SUS Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability Annual Report (AESC-1)

Dr. Timothy Letzring, vice provost for Academic Affairs, presented the 2022 SUS Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability Annual Report. UCF again fulfilled state requirements with 98.5 percent compliance in Fall 2021 and 97.5 percent compliance in Spring 2022. The Library Resources program led to student savings of \$1,834,892 for the year, which is a year-over-year increase of \$970,000.

Vice Chair Conte motioned to approve, and Trustee McAlpin seconded. The committee unanimously approved the 2022 SUS Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability Annual Report.

Tenure with Hire (AESC-2)

Provost Michael D. Johnson sought tenure with hire approval for nine highly qualified incoming faculty members who underwent extensive review before being presented to the Board:

- Frank “Adrien” Bouchet, College of Business Administration, professor in the Department of Integrated Business;
- Joel T. Cramer, College of Health Professions and Sciences, senior associate dean of Academic and Faculty Affairs in the college and professor in the School of Kinesiology and Physical Therapy;
- Paul J. Dosal, College of Arts and Humanities, senior vice president for Student Success and professor in the Department of History;
- Michael Duignan, Rosen College of Hospitality Management, associate professor in the Department of Tourism, Events, and Attractions;

- B. Grant Hayes, College of Community Innovation and Education, dean of the college and professor in the Department of Counselor Education and School Psychology.
- Omar Martinez, College of Medicine, associate professor of medicine in the Department of Population Health Sciences;
- K-J Mathieson, College of Arts and Humanities, associate professor in the School of Visual Arts and Design;
- Stephen Pratt, Rosen College of Hospitality Management, professor in the Department of Tourism, Events, and Attractions; and
- Ghaith Rabadi, College of Graduate Studies, professor in the School of Modeling, Simulation, and Training.

The provost said the market is highly competitive for hiring outstanding senior faculty such as these. He said a tenure system is a fundamental requirement for UCF to be able to compete and attract top senior faculty. Vice Chair Conte asked if the nine faculty being presented for tenure with hire are in congruence with UCF's strategic plan's research goals and in meeting other key university performance goals. The provost confirmed the hires align with UCF's strategic plan and goals. To achieve preeminence and become a top 50 public university, and eventually reach the top 25, the provost said UCF must increasingly build strengths in its research programs and in student success across the university. Hiring outstanding senior faculty members like the ones presented is essential for elevating the departments and units they join, the provost said.

Trustee McAlpin motion to approve, and Trustee Lopez seconded. The committee unanimously approved tenure with hire for the nine faculty members.

Specialized Admissions Degree Programs (AESC-3)

Dr. Letzring presented on specialized admissions degree programs, previously known as Limited Access programs. Due to a recently amended Board of Governors regulation, the Limited Access program designation is retired and now replaced with the Specialized Admissions designation. All State University System institutions are required to submit initial applications for Specialized Admissions for all previously designated Limited Access programs. UCF is submitting eight programs for Specialized Admissions designation.

Vice Chair Conte motioned to approve, and Trustee McAlpin seconded. The committee unanimously approved the eight Specialized Admissions degree program applications.

New Degree Program Proposal – Master of Science in Business Analytics (AESC-4)

Dr. Letzring presented on the new M.S. in Business Analytics program proposed by the Department of Economics and Department of Statistics and Data Science. The program builds on UCF's strength in the field and addresses a growing area of need across all sectors.

Vice Chair Conte expressed his full support of this degree program and asked which jobs were calling for this type of degree. Dr. Letzring expressed the skills provided by this degree program are applicable across all sectors, and the need for businesses to analyze data is becoming a key piece of all different sectors of business. Chair Martins and Trustee Altizer also expressed their support for this addition to UCF's offerings.

Vice Chair Conte motioned to approve, and Trustee McAlpin seconded. The committee unanimously approved the new degree program.

UCF 2022-2023 Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund Proposals (AESC-5)

Provost Johnson outlined three UCF 2022-2023 Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund proposals being made to the state under a new competitive grand fund created by the 2022 Florida Legislature. The proposals build upon the College of Nursing's strong partnerships with AdventHealth, Orlando Health, and Nemours Children's Hospital to address the state's nursing shortage and workforce demands. The LINE funding, if approved, provides a dollar-for-dollar match by the state. The three proposals seek \$382,000 in funding to match that amount in committed funds by the three partners.

Chair Martins asked whether there was a limit to how much could be requested. Provost Johnson and Dr. Mary Lou Sole, dean of the College of Nursing, indicated this was the second round of call for proposals from the Board of Governors. About \$800,000 in funding remains from the original \$6 million made available to the State University System.

Trustee Altizer asked Dr. Sole about the impact these dollars would have on UCF's nursing program. Dr. Sole indicated the funding would help jump start initiatives the partner institutions have wanted to do with UCF. These include dedicated education units that provide a different model for clinical education that will improve patient care and provide more internships.

Chair Martins indicated a correction was needed on the agenda memo for the item to indicate the \$6 million in funding available instead of the \$19 million listed.

Trustee McAlpin motioned to approve, and Trustee Conte seconded. The committee unanimously approved the three UCF 2022-2023 LINE Fund proposals.

INFORMATION

Two information items were included in the committee's meeting materials: 1) FY23 Work Plan and Charter Review (INFO-1) and 2) Accountability Plan Review (INFO-2). Trustees were instructed to direct any questions on these items to Dr. Paige Borden, chief analytics officer.

NEW BUSINESS

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Altizer returned the floor to Vice Chair Conte, who adjourned the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee meeting of October 19, 2022, at 11:53 a.m.

Reviewed by: _____ Date _____
Joseph Conte
Vice Chair, Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee

Submitted by: _____ Date _____
Mike Kilbride
Associate Corporate Secretary