



UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

**Board of Trustees  
Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee  
February 22, 2024  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Trustee Tiffany Altizer, chair of the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

In addition to Chair Altizer, committee members present were Vice Chair Rick Cardenas and Trustees Joseph Conte, Brandon Greenaway and Stephen King. Board of Trustees Chair Alex Martins, Vice Chair Harold Mills, and Trustees Bill Christy and Jeff Condello also joined the meeting.

**MEETING MINUTES**

Trustee Greenaway motioned to approve, and Trustee King seconded. The committee unanimously approved the meeting minutes of November 16, 2023.

**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 Johnson sought tenure with hire approval for four 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 Conte motioned and Trustee King seconded. Tenure with hire for the faculty member was unanimously recommended for approval.

**Conferral of Degrees (AESC-2)**

Provost Johnson presented the conferral of degrees for the Spring 2024 commencement ceremonies. As of now, UCF expects to award 8,868 degrees on May 3 – 4, 2024. Of the degrees being awarded, 7,665 are baccalaureate, 1,047 are master's, and 156 are doctoral or specialist degrees.

Trustee Greenaway motioned and Trustee Cardenas seconded. The conferral of degrees for the Spring 2024 commencement ceremonies was unanimously recommended for approval.

**DISCUSSION**

**Accreditation Update (DISC-1)**

Dr. Timothy Letzring, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, presented an update on UCF’s accreditation activities related to applying for accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). As part of the next steps, UCF will seek an accelerated application process with HLC. While this process unfolds, UCF will continue preparing for the reaffirmation process with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

**Progress of Strategic Priorities (DISC-2)**

Provost Johnson and Drs. Paige Borden, Chief Analytics Officer, Winston Schoenfeld, Interim Vice President for Research and Innovation, and Paul Dosal, Senior Vice President for Student Success, presented an update on strategic metrics and priorities.

Provost Johnson discussed updates relating to faculty hires resulting from internal and state investments to bolster research focus areas important to the economy and that build upon UCF’s strengths. Drs. Borden, Schoenfeld and Dosal presented data and efforts associated with three of four remaining preeminence metrics. Based on this data, UCF has achieved two additional major milestones by surpassing preeminence metrics for post-doctoral scholars and science and engineering research expenditures. UCF leadership continues to advance efforts toward achieving the FTIC four-year graduation rate metric, which would allow UCF to attain the number of metrics needed to be designated as a preeminent university by the State University System.

**INFORMATION**

Two information items were included in the committee’s meeting materials: 1) Strategic Metrics Update (INFO-1) and 2) University Regulation UCF 3.015 Promotion and Tenure of Tenured and Tenure-earning Faculty (INFO-2). Trustees were instructed to direct any questions on these items to Dr. Paige Borden.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was brought before the committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Altizer adjourned the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee meeting of February 22, 2024, at 10:06 a.m.

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

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Date

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael A. Kilbride  
Associate Corporate Secretary

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Date