



UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

**Board of Trustees
Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee
June 11, 2025
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Tiffany Altizer, Chair of the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee, called the meeting to order at 09:45 a.m.

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

MEETING MINUTES

Trustee Cardenas motioned to approve and Trustee King seconded. The Committee unanimously approved the meeting minutes of April 16, 2025.

REPORTS

2025 UCF Post-Tenure Review (DISC-1)

Provost Michael Johnson presented an update on the outcomes associated with the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 UCF post-tenure review cycles. The process stems from new legislation passed in 2022 by the Florida Legislature, a subsequently adopted Board of Governors regulation and UCF regulation and policy. The new law created a more extensive, uniform post-tenure process across the State University System.

The Provost's update included information on the improvement plan outcomes associated with faculty who did not meet expectations during the 2023-2024 reporting cycle. The Provost also provided an overview of the outcomes associated with the 2024-2025 cycle, including those that did not meet expectations and have been issued an improvement plan.

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 15 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 Evans seconded. Tenure with hire for the 15 faculty members was unanimously recommended for approval.

General Education Program Approval (AESC-2)

Dr. Wayne Bowen, Interim Dean for the College of Undergraduate Studies, presented the UCF General Education Program (GEP) course offerings for the 2026-2027 academic year. As a result of an update in Board of Governors regulation, the GEP now requires annual review and approval by the Board of Trustees. This process allows UCF to review its GEP and identify ways to streamline it, leading to greater efficiencies for students in making progress toward their degree.

Trustee King motioned and Trustee Cardenas seconded. The General Education Program was unanimously recommended for approval.

New Degree Program Proposal – Doctorate in Social Work (AESC-3)

Dr. John Weishampel, Interim Dean for the College of Graduate Studies, presented the new degree program proposal for the Doctorate in Social Work. The new degree program capitalizes on existing strengths and recent faculty hires in the School of Social Work, with a well-documented workforce demand and need. The degree program received strong letters of support from internal and external stakeholders.

Trustee King motioned and Trustee Blanco seconded. The new degree program proposal for the Doctorate in Social Work was unanimously recommended for approval.

New Degree Program Proposal – M.S. in Nutrition and Dietetics (AESC-4)

Dr. John Weishampel presented the new degree program proposal for the M.S. in Nutrition and Dietetics. The new degree program capitalizes on existing strengths in the College of Health Professions and Sciences, the Academic Health Sciences Center and other UCF institutes and centers, with a well-documented workforce demand and student interest. The degree program received strong letters of support from industry.

Trustee King motioned and Trustee Cardenas seconded. The new degree program proposal for the M.S. in Nutrition and Dietetics was unanimously recommended for approval.

Conferral of Degrees (AESC-5)

Provost Johnson presented the conferral of degrees for the summer 2025 semester. Currently, UCF expects to award 3,994 degrees on August 1-2, 2025. Of the degrees being awarded, 3,223 are baccalaureate, 608 are master's, and 163 are doctoral or specialist degrees.

Trustee Blanco motioned and Trustee Evans seconded. The conferral of degrees for the summer 2025 commencement ceremonies on August 1-2, 2025, was unanimously recommended for approval.

DISCUSSION

2024-2025 Student Government Update (DISC-2)

Bryce Lister, former Trustee and Immediate Past Student Body President, presented on Student Government's accomplishments during the 2024-2025 academic year. He provided an overview of Student Government and information about his cabinet's 51 initiatives during his tenure, including 30 completed, eight nearly completed, seven in progress, and six never started.

Student Success and Well-Being (DISC-3)

UCF proudly enrolls the largest number of students using veteran education benefits within the State University System. Dr. Andrea Guzman, Vice President for Access and Community and Engagement, and Dr. Adrienne Frame, Vice President for Student Success and Well-Being, moderated a student panel that engaged Trustees in providing insight into the experiences of military and veteran students. The discussion included information on ongoing efforts to support industry needs for educational opportunities and workforce development for

active-duty service members. Trustees also heard about resources and programming provided by the Office of Military and Veteran Student Success.

INFORMATION

Two information items were included in the Committee's meeting materials: 1) 2025-2026 Academic Calendar (INFO-1) and 2) Accreditation Quarterly Update (INFO-2). 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 June 11, 2025, at 11:08 a.m.

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

Submitted by: _____
Michael A. Kilbride
Associate Corporate Secretary
Date _____