



UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

**Board of Trustees
Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee
December 05, 2024
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 Vice Chair Rick Cardenas and Trustees Joseph Conte, Stephen King, Bryce Lister and Caryl McAlpin. Board of Trustees Chair Alex Martins, Vice Chair Michael Okaty and Trustees Bill Christy, Jeff Condello, Danny Gaekwad and John Miklos also joined the meeting.

MEETING MINUTES

Trustee Conte motioned to approve and Trustee Lister seconded. The Committee unanimously approved the meeting minutes of September 27, 2024.

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.

New Degree Program Proposal – M.S. and Ph.D. in Planetary and Space Sciences (AESC-1)

Dr. Timothy Letzring, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, presented the new degree program proposal for the M.S. and Ph.D. in Planetary and Space Sciences. The new degree program directly advances the State University System's strategic goals and ties directly into the state's space economy, as it continues to grow and builds on UCF's strength as a strong partner to the space enterprise. The degree program received strong letters of support from area companies engaged in planetary and space enterprises.

Trustee King motioned and Trustee Lister seconded. The new degree program proposal for the M.S. and Ph.D. in Planetary and Space Sciences was unanimously recommended for approval.

UCF Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program Renewal Application (AESC-2)

Dr. Winston Schoenfeld, Vice President for Research and Innovation, presented the UCF Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program renewal application. The UCF Toni Jennings Exceptional Education Institute is leading the five-year renewal application to implement UCF's Inclusive Education Services Program. Inclusive Education Services improve the independence and employability of some people with intellectual and developmental disabilities by placing them in a college environment in a structured and supported way.

Trustee Lister motioned and Trustee Cardenas seconded. The UCF Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program renewal application was unanimously recommended for approval.

Conferral of Degrees (AESC-3)

Provost Johnson presented the conferral of degrees for the fall 2024 semester. Currently, UCF expects to award 5,954 degrees on December 13 – 14, 2024. Of the degrees being awarded, 4,878 are baccalaureate, 980 are master's, and 96 are doctoral or specialist degrees.

Trustee Lister motioned and Trustee Cardenas seconded. The conferral of degrees for the fall 2024 commencement ceremonies on December 13 – 14, 2024, was unanimously recommended for approval.

DISCUSSION

UCF Strategic Investments (DISC-1)

Provost Johnson and members of the leadership team presented on UCF strategic investments to advance research, student success, faculty recruitment and operational efficiencies. Over the past few years, UCF has been fortunate to receive more than \$75 million in state investments to support UCF's growth as Florida's Premier Engineering and Technology University. These investments have allowed the hiring of faculty in strategic research areas of emphasis and in core areas to advance student success. The hiring of faculty will also enable UCF to reach the strategic plan faculty FTE goal of 2,100, reduce our student-faculty ratio and reach our strategic plan goal of \$350 million in research funding by 2027.

Strategic Enrollment Planning (DISC-2)

Provost Johnson, Paige Borden, Chief Analytics Officer, and Rebeca Richards, Associate Provost for Integrated Academic Planning and Chief of Operations for Academic Affairs, presented on UCF's strategic enrollment planning efforts. These efforts focus on the development of steps associated with a rolling five-year enrollment time horizon, including assessing each year, considering known impacts and adjusting out years. Dr. Borden indicated this planned growth would average about 0.9% annually, with a shift in the student mix growing slightly toward graduate students and non-Florida students. These efforts would occur in conjunction with the five-year campus planning and five-year budget planning processes to produce a holistic university planning process.

INFORMATION

Two information items were included in the Committee's meeting materials: 1) Strategic Metrics Update (INFO-1) and 2) Accreditation Quarterly Update (INFO-2). Trustees were instructed to direct any questions on these items 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 December 05, 2024, at 12:02 p.m.

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

Date

Submitted by: _____
Michael A. Kilbride
Associate Corporate Secretary

Date

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