

MINUTES
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS/STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
BALLROOM, GRAHAM CENTER
MIAMI, FLORIDA
JUNE 14, 2007

Mr. Dasburg convened the meeting of the Academic Programs/Strategic Planning Committee of the Board of Governors at 9:30 a.m., in the Ballroom, Graham Center, Florida International University, Miami, Florida, June 14, 2007, with the following members present: Jorgé Arrizurieta, Dr. Arlen Chase, Ann Duncan, Charlie Edwards, Dr. Stanley Marshall, Frank Martin, Sheila McDevitt, Ryan Moseley, Lynn Pappas, Ava Parker, Tico Perez, Carolyn Roberts, Gus Stavros, John Temple, and Dr. Zach Zachariah.

1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held March 29, 2007

Dr. Zachariah moved that the Committee approve the Minutes of the Meeting held March 29, 2007, as presented. Mr. Temple seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

2. Approval, Regulation, University Calendars

Mr. Dasburg said the Board had approved the draft regulation on University Calendars for public notice at the March 2007 Board meeting. The regulation established common entry periods for the beginning of classes. The regulation exempted New College because of its unique January class-period and further, recognized that doctoral level professional programs might operate under different year-round calendars.

Mr. Perez moved that the Committee approve Board of Governors Regulation 6C-8.001, University Calendars, as presented. Dr. Marshall seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

3. Approval, New Degree Program, Ph.D., Genetics and Genomics, UF

Mr. Dasburg explained that the University of Florida proposed to implement an interdisciplinary Ph.D. program in Genetics and Genomics. He explained that Genetics was the study of genes, and Genomics was the study of gene sequences. He said the proposed program was in accord with the mission of the University of Florida.

Mr. Perez moved that the Committee recommend for approval the Ph.D., Genetics and Genomics, at the University of Florida, CIP Code 26.0801, as presented.

Ms. McDevitt seconded the motion. Members of the Committee concurred, with Mr. Temple voting no. Mr. Temple explained that he had a problem with approving any new programs when the SUS was unable to fund undergraduate programs appropriately. He clarified that his was a “generic” no vote.

4. Update: Forward By Design

Mr. Dasburg said the Board office had received more than 200 written surveys and in excess of 1000 “blog” posts on the Forward by Design project. He said the staff had hosted six roundtable discussions and public hearings. Approximately 100 newspaper articles and editorials had written about the project. He said the office had received dozens of emails, phone calls and letters. The Askew Institute had hosted a May meeting in Tallahassee on the “Future of the Public State University System.” In addition, Chancellor Rosenberg had participated in a statewide radio/TV call-in show.

He said he proposed that at the Board’s September 2007 meeting, the Board engage in a discussion of strategic initiatives and the end result of synthesizing all the discussions and recommendations regarding the Pappas Report. He said he was sure all the Board members had views to debate the future of the State University System going forward.

5. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m., June 14, 2007.

John Dasburg, Chairman

Mary-Anne Bestebreurtje,
Corporate Secretary