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ACADEMIC PROGRAMS/STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
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Mrs. Roberts convened the meeting of the Academic Programs/Strategic Planning Committee of the Board of Governors at 10:20 a.m., in Smathers Library East, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, March 29, 2007, with the following members present: Jorgé Arrizurieta, Commissioner Blomberg, Dr. Arlen Chase, Ann Duncan, Frank Harrison, Dr. Stanley Marshall, Frank Martin, Sheila McDevitt, Lynn Pappas, Ava Parker, Tico Perez, Gus Stavros, John Temple, and Dr. Zach Zachariah.

1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held January 25, 2007

Ms. McDevitt moved that the Committee approve the Minutes of the Meeting held January 25, 2007, as presented. Mr. Temple seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

2. Approval, Regulations

Dr. LeMon explained the process for the adoption of Board regulations. He said the Board had a two-step process for the adoption of regulations. Regulations were first brought to the Board for approval to notice and for public comment; they were then brought to the Board a second time for approval. He said the regulations on the agenda for approval dealt with academic program review, program authorization, and program termination. He said the regulations codified provisions previously found in statutes, rules, Chancellor's Memoranda, and other policy statements. He said these regulations covered academic program areas and defined the relationships and varying duties for the universities, for the University Boards of Trustees and for the Board of Governors. He explained that some of these responsibilities derived from the Constitution; some were made in the spirit and intent of the state's "2 plus 2" articulation agreement between the community colleges and the State University System. He said most of the requirements in these regulations were already in existence. He explained that staff had received comments from the universities, as well as from Board members, since these regulations had been noticed. These suggestions were incorporated in the regulations, as presented in the agenda.

Dr. LeMon explained the framework of the regulations. He said the model was one of shared responsibility between this Board and the university boards of trustees. The regulations described the levels of compliance for universities and the process for

new program authorization, termination and program review. He said the regulations covered Program Authorization, Program Termination, Limited Access Programs, Exception to 120 Credit Hours, Program Review, and Academic Learning Compacts. He said the regulations specified criteria for considering new programs, including quality control measures, and a common proposal format.

Ms. Duncan inquired about the Degree Program Inventory. She said she was aware of a tracking program at FSU. Dr. LeMon said this was an ExpertNet program. He said the Board office did keep an SUS Inventory of Academic Programs which was an official list of all academic programs offered in the System. He explained that ExpertNet was a tool used to attempt to identify the research expertise within the SUS. He noted that the identification of expertise was voluntary.

Mr. Perez moved that the Committee approve the following Board Regulations, as presented in the agenda: BOG Regulation 6C-8.011, Academic Program Authorization; BOG Regulation 6C-8.012, Academic Program Termination; BOG Regulation 6C-8.013, Limited Access; BOG Regulation 6C-8.014, Exception to the 120 Credit Hour Requirement for Baccalaureate Programs; BOG Regulation 6C-8.015, Academic Program Review; and BOG Regulation 6C-8.016, Academic Learning Compacts. Ms. Duncan seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

3. Approval, Notice of Draft Regulations

Dr. LeMon said the staff had also placed on the agenda two additional regulations to be noticed for public comment. The proposed regulation on university calendars established the common entry periods for the three semesters and recognized the special structure of New College so that it was exempt from the Spring term common entry period. He said the second regulation proposed for notice described the Incentive/Efficiency Program. He explained that staff recommended the repeal of this regulation at the BOG level because each university now had a Board of Trustees with personnel authority for university employees. This was a regulation more appropriate at the university level.

Ms. Duncan moved that the Committee approve the Notice of Intent to amend BOG Regulation 6C-8.001, University Calendars, and the Notice of Intent to Repeal BOG Regulation 6C-8.010, Incentive/ Efficiency Program, as presented. Dr. Chase seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

4. Approval, New Degree Programs

A. Doctor of Physical Therapy: FIU, UCF, UNF

Dr. LeMon explained that the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapist Education (CAPTE) and the American Physical Therapy Association support the elevation of physical therapy degree programs to the doctoral level. He said that CAPTE estimated that by 2008, 90 percent of all physical therapy programs would be offering the Doctor of Physical Therapy. He said the programs within the SUS needed to be elevated to the new doctoral level, or the programs would no longer be competitive for students. He noted that the programs were consistent with the strategic goal of creating access to and production of degrees in an area that meets documented statewide professional and workforce needs in the health professions. He noted that the Board had already approved the DPT for the physical therapy programs at USF and at UF. He also commented on the differentiation of these doctoral practice programs with the Ph.D.

Mr. Temple said he was concerned about the addition of two new doctoral programs prior to the Board acting on recommendations made in the Pappas Report. He said he understood the distinction with the Ph.D., as well as the accreditation issue, but he was still concerned about the addition of any advanced degree program in light of the Pappas Report. He added that in the Strategic Plan, the Board had identified the need for teachers, nurses and engineers. He said he did not view the definition of "health professionals" this broadly.

Dr. LeMon said these types of practical doctorates were now offered in several fields, including allied health, physiology, audiology, and occupational therapy. He said there was a domino effect for programs once the accrediting body recommended the degree program be at the doctoral level and a program wanted to continue to be accredited. He said he recognized "credential creep," but without accreditation there was no program. He said he had seen similar activity with the requirement for the Pharm.D. by its accrediting body. He noted that physical therapy was an expensive program.

Mrs. Roberts said this was the level degree required if the program were to continue as an accredited program. Dr. Chase noted that if the Board did not support the proposed doctorate, this would effectively end the program despite significant university investment.

Ms. Parker inquired about the addition of a doctorate at UNF; this seemed to change its mission. President Delaney said the program was already at UNF as a masters program. He said the university needed to move the program to the doctorate to continue to be accredited. He noted that this was not a research intensive program, such as would be the case for a Ph.D. Ms. Parker asked how many of the universities had the Masters in Physical Therapy. Dr. LeMon responded that there were a total of seven programs in the System. After these three were approved, there were still two Masters programs, one at FGCU and one at FAMU.

Ms. Pappas said she viewed this as a process that could not be stopped mid-stream. The Board had already approved two of these new doctoral programs; the Board needed to allow these to go forward as well. She said the Board was the victim of a process outside its control. She said the requests were reasonable.

Dr. Zachariah said he had supported the DPT for UF. He said he understood that if the requests were not approved, the Masters program would close. He said he understood the CAPTE position as supportive of the transition to the doctorate, but not mandating the move. He said it was important to give the Board correct information. Dr. LeMon noted that 90 percent of the programs in the country had moved to the DPT. He said, technically, the universities could keep the Masters programs, but the graduates of these programs would not be viable. He added that there was no prohibition on the Masters programs. Dr. Chase said he was concerned about retaining faculty in a program that would not be accredited.

Mr. Perez moved that the Committee approve the Doctor of Physical Therapy, Classification of Instructional Program Code 51.2308, at Florida International University, at the University of Central Florida, and at the University of North Florida, as presented. Dr. Chase seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred unanimously.

B. Doctor of Nursing Practice, UNF

Dr. LeMon introduced Dr. Mark Workman, Provost, UNF. Dr. Workman said the proposed Doctor of Nursing Practice was a practice-focused, rather than a research-focused, degree program. He said the graduates of the program would serve a critical health care need in Jacksonville, noting that there were more than 20 hospitals in the Jacksonville metropolitan area. He said UF had a DNP program offered at its Shands Jacksonville campus, but the UNF program would be distinct. He said there was a high demand for educators in the field, as well as a

need for clinicians. He said the program was consistent with UNF's mission, in addressing the needs of the region as well as advancing intellectual capital in the region.

President Delaney said there were great needs for health care professionals in the area. He said the program would educate nurses; it was not an expensive research program.

Mr. Temple inquired which other universities offered the DNP. Dr. LeMon responded that it was offered at UF and at USF. He said this program was before the Board for approval because UNF did not offer the Ph.D. in Nursing. He said the Board had authorized universities with a nursing doctorate program to implement a DNP program with approval from their Board of Trustees and BOG staff confirmation that all criteria had been met. Those programs were not brought to this Board for approval.

Dr. Zachariah moved that the Committee approve the Doctor of Nursing Practice, Classification of Instructional Program Code 51.1601, at the University of North Florida, as presented. Mr. Temple seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

5. Update: Forward by Design

Chancellor Rosenberg advised the Committee that the Board had held a Public Hearing on the Forward by Design initiative in Orlando, at UCF, on February 27, 2007, and a Roundtable Discussion with community leaders in Panama City on March 23, 2007. He said staff were planning three additional Roundtables in Northeast Florida, Central Florida and South Florida, and a final Public Hearing in Tallahassee. He reported that there had been over 200 responses to the survey posted to the Board's website.

Ms. Parker inquired about the attention given to the Roundtable held in Panama City. Dr. Rosenberg said the Roundtable was held at a high school and nine community leaders had been invited to participate. The participants had discussed the need for access, the production of degrees and financial aid. He reported that nobody had come to the public hearing portion of the meeting, but that he was satisfied with the discussions of the focus group. He said the participants had expressed a desire for more internships, and additional financial aid, especially need-based aid. He said there had also been discussion of the need to expand distance education.

Ms. Parker suggested that the Chancellor consider holding these sessions in conjunction with existing forums, such as mayors' town hall meetings, to increase attendance. Mr. Arrizurieta suggested that the Chancellor might want to take

advantage of Legislators being in Tallahassee for Session. Dr. Rosenberg responded that he had had two opportunities to make formal presentations about the initiative to legislative committees, and that he had also had quite a few private conversations with members of the Legislature. He said he had assured them that the Board had not made any final decisions on the recommendations of the Pappas Group. He noted that the Askew Institute would also be discussing higher education in Florida and this initiative at its meeting in mid-May. Board members would be invited to attend.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m., March 29, 2007.

John Dasburg, Chairman

Mary-Anne Bestebreurtje,
Corporate Secretary