

Board of Governors, State University System of Florida
Strategic Planning and Academic and System Oversight Committee
Academic Programs Team
January 21, 2009 - 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

NOTES

Attendees: Governor Stanley Marshall, Governor Tico Perez, Governor Ann Duncan, Governor Gus Stavros, Chancellor Mark Rosenberg (BOG), President Judy Genshaft (USF), Provost Ralph Wilcox (USF), Richard Stevens (BOG), Danielle Duffourc (BOG), Kristie Harris (BOG), Mikey Bestebreurtje (BOG), Jon Rogers (BOG), Vikki Shirley (BOG), Nancy McKee (BOG), Dorothy Minear (BOG), Kevin Sneed (USF Health), Michael Hoad (USF Health).

Call to Order and Opening Comments:

Governor Marshall called the meeting to order. He thanked Governor Perez for filling in for Governor Temple as the budget committee representative. He noted that Governor Martin might be unable to attend due to travel and welcomed Governor Stavros and Governor Duncan to the conference call.

USF Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.):

Governor Marshall instructed everyone who had access to the meeting documents to look at attachment 4, the key staff observations from review of the USF Pharmacy proposal. He read some of these observations out loud for those who did not have the document. He asked USF to provide a brief overview of the proposal and the changes that had been made since the November meeting. President Genshaft noted that the revised budget would enable the program to be completely self funded for the three planning years. In addition, she pointed out that the revised proposal included letters of support from many local companies in the Tampa area, that there was adequate student demand, and that this was a high-wage/high-demand occupation in Florida.

Provost Wilcox stated that the proposal was pulled from the November meeting to address concerns voiced by BOG members, and that the University remains committed to the implementation of the Pharm.D. program and the production of highly skilled pharmacists. He said that a lag in program approval would slow down the accreditation process and push out program implementation. He stated that, because the proposed program would be five years in length, pushing the date for first enrollment out one year would mean no graduates until 2016 or 2017, which might be too late given the current shortage of pharmacists. He outlined USF's four reasons for seeking BOG approval at the present time: 1.) to allow for pursuit of professional accreditation, 2.) to allow for responsible spending of private dollars, 3.) to signal statewide commitment and enable fundraising efforts, and 4.) to seek legislative approval.

Provost Wilcox then went over the changes to the proposal. He stated that the program would be housed as a school in the College of Medicine, rather than as a standalone college, to enable the sharing of resources, and that implementation had been pushed back to 2011,

with the first class of graduates in 2015. He also said that the need statement was strengthened and letters of support were included.

Chancellor Rosenberg asked for clarification about what would happen budget-wise in 2010 to prepare for the 2011 implementation year. Provost Wilcox stated that the University would comply with the Board of Governors' Legislative Budget Request guidelines. A funding request would be brought forward to the Board. If the Board approved, the request would go to the Legislature. Should the Board disapprove or the Board approve and the Legislature decline funding, it would then be incumbent on the USF Board of Trustees to determine a course of action, either delaying implementation for one year or finding alternative funding sources to sustain the program; fund raising and internal reallocation were mentioned as options.

Governor Marshall then stated that Provost Wilcox made it clear that a plan was in place should the State be unable to fund the program in 2011. Governor Perez said that his concerns about this program not overriding the Board of Governor's legislative agenda process and seeking legislative funding had been satisfied.

Richard Stevens clarified that the purpose of this meeting was to provide information to the Academic Programs Team about this program, and that no up or down vote was necessary. Governor Perez stated that he felt that the Academic Program Team should move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation, based on the assurances given by the University at this meeting. Governor Marshall agreed.

Limited Access for USF Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design:

Governor Marshall suggested that the Team move on to the Limited Access request. He stated that this request seemed straight forward and asked if there were any questions.

Provost Wilcox provided a brief explanation of the request, stating that this was a new program which elevated the Graphic Design track of the BFA in Studio Art. He pointed out that UF and FSU have Limited Access status for their Graphic Design programs.

Governor Marshall recommended moving this request forward.

Call for Doctoral Proposals:

Richard Stevens explained that the Board of Governors' new degree approval regulation calls for review of doctoral proposals twice a year, in June and November. Because of the time involved in staff analyses and Board member review, this would be the time to post a call for proposals if the Board members felt that it was appropriate to consider new doctoral proposals given the current financial situation. Governor Marshall stated that the Board would welcome the call for proposals.

Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Governor Marshall asked if there were any concluding remarks prior to adjournment. Governor Stavros stated that there was a great need for pharmacists on Florida's west coast and that he was impressed by the Board's recognition of the need for medical schools in prior

years. He also thanked Governor Marshall for the opportunity to state the need for pharmacy education in front of this committee. Governor Marshall thanked Governor Stavros and his wife for all that they have done for education in Florida.

Governor Marshall also thanked Governor Perez for filling in for Governor Temple, and thanked President Genshaft and Provost Wilcox for their efforts. He adjourned the meeting.

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