

MINUTES
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STRATEGIC PLANNING & ACADEMIC & SYSTEM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
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Mr. Martin convened the meeting of the Strategic Planning and Academic and System Oversight Committee of the Board of Governors at 9:00 a.m., in Room 1703, Turlington Building, Tallahassee, Florida, August 6, 2009, with the following members present: John Barnes, Sheila McDevitt, Carolyn Roberts, Commissioner Eric Smith, Dr. Judith Solano, and Gus Stavros. Dr. Stanley Marshall, Ava Parker, Tico Perez, and Norm Tripp participated by telephone.

1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held June 18, 2009

Ms. McDevitt moved that the Committee approve the Minutes of the Meeting held June 18, 2009, as presented. Mr. Stavros seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

2. Request for "Limited Access" Status, B.S., Sport Management, FSU

Mr. Martin said that in accordance with Board Regulation 8.013, Florida State University had requested Limited Access status for the newly implemented Bachelor of Science degree in Sport Management because of limitations in the number of personnel, program budget, and classroom space available. He said that at the June meeting, the Board had approved FSU's request for a Ph.D. in Sport Management as part of its efforts to reorganize the College of Education and pull out the sport management programs as they were no longer a good fit in that College. He said if the Board approved this request for limited access status, applicants who met academic requirements would be rank ordered by the department based on overall GPA; the top 100 students would be accepted into the Sport Management program.

Mr. Tripp moved that the Committee approve Limited Access status for the Bachelor of Science in Sport Management, at Florida State University, CIP Code 31.0504, as presented. Dr. Marshall seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

Mr. Martin said that because limited access needed to be in effect for students starting class on August 24, 2009, he asked for an additional motion to waive the policy of waiting to the next scheduled Board meeting for final approval. Dr. Marshall moved that the Committee approve the waiver of the two-step process to allow the Board to take final action on this request at this meeting. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

3. Request for “State of Florida Institute/Center” Status for the Florida Small Business Development Center Network, hosted at the University of West Florida

Mr. Martin said that the Board had previously agreed to discontinue the designation of Type I Centers for those research or service endeavors that were Systemwide in nature and had participation by multiple SUS institutions. As a result, all entities previously classified as Type 1 Centers lost that designation. Former Type 1 Centers, as well as new entities, had been invited to apply for the new status of State of Florida Centers. He noted that this request by the Florida Small Business Development Center Network, hosted at the University of West Florida, was the first to request this new designation.

Dr. LeMon said the Florida Small Business Development Center had existed since 1978. He said the Center received both state and federal funds, and had a budget of about \$12 million. He explained that being designated as a “State of Florida Institute/Center” allowed the Center to request funding in the Board’s Legislative Budget Request, following approval of the requested funding by the Council of Academic Vice Presidents.

Ms. McDevitt moved that the Committee approve the Small Business Development Center Network, hosted at UWF, as a State of Florida Center, as presented. Mr. Barnes seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

Mr. Martin inquired if the Committee would agree to waive the two-step process to allow the Board to take final action on this request at this meeting. Commissioner Smith moved that the Committee waive the two-step process. Mr. Barnes seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

4. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Mr. Martin said at the June meeting, the Board had authorized staff to make technical changes to the State University System Academic Degree Program Inventory to align it with new federal reporting requirements for doctoral programs. He said the project had been completed and that only one university decided to split an existing program into two different reporting categories. He said that the University of Florida had split the program in Curriculum and Instruction, and had chosen to classify the Ph.D. as a Research Doctorate and the Ed.D. track as a Professional Doctorate. He said the final System tally, as reclassified under the new federal taxonomy, included 29 Professional Doctorates, 284 Research Doctorates, and no programs classified as Other Doctorates.

He reported that over the next few months, Board and university staff would be engaged in converting the degree inventory to the new CIP 2010 edition to be prepared to meet federal reporting requirements which would be effective in the summer of 2010.

He commented that this process might result in some degree programs being reclassified into new CIP Codes that more accurately reflected their curriculum and purpose. He said it was unlikely that any aspect of this project would require Board action. He said he wanted to advise the Board of the types of activities required of university and Board staff so the State University System could continue to be in compliance with state and federal laws, and SUS students could continue to qualify for financial assistance.

Mr. Martin advised the Committee that the Board regulation for new degree approval establishes a process for this Board to consider new doctoral degree proposals in June and December of each year. He said it was now the time to issue a call for proposals to be considered in December of this year. He said staff had inquired of the universities if there were proposals being submitted for approval. He said two universities had indicated that they would likely have doctoral proposals for submission to the Board Office in January for consideration by the Board in June 2010. He suggested that the Committee instruct staff to issue the call for proposals in January for June 2010 Board consideration. Dr. Solano inquired whether this delay would cause any concern to the universities. Mr. Martin responded that he believed that this would not be a problem. Members of the Committee agreed with the suggestion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m., August 6, 2009.

Frank T. Martin, Chair

Mary-Anne Bestebreurtje,
Corporate Secretary