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Governor Norman Tripp, Chair, convened the meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee at 2:00 p.m. Members present were Wendy Link; Tony Bennett; Matthew Carter; Patricia Frost; Manoj Chopra; H. Wayne Huizenga, Jr.; and Elizabeth Webster.

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Chair Tripp called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Minutes from November 7, 2012

Mr. Carter moved that the Committee approve the minutes of the meeting held November 7, 2012, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Chopra and members of the Committee concurred.

3. Academic Program Approval Process in the State University System

Chair Tripp recognized Dr. Jan Ignash, Vice Chancellor, to provide an overview of the academic program approval processes employed nationally, to outline the responsibilities and regulations that pertain to the Committee, and to provide a brief introduction to the Board's Academic Coordination Project.

Dr. Ignash discussed a State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO) survey that revealed that the majority of university systems throughout the country conduct both program review and program approval. She listed the areas presented to the Board for approval as new degree programs at the doctoral level, termination of doctoral programs, and substantive revision of existing doctoral programs. Local boards of trustees approve bachelors, masters, and specialist degree programs, but if a degree program requests an exception to the 120-credit hour degree rule or requests Limited Access status then the program comes before the Board. Dr. Ignash stressed the importance of reviewing and understanding all Board Regulations, particularly Chapter 8 (Educational Delivery) which contains criteria for program regulation. Dr. Ignash also

suggested that the Committee review the State University System Academic Program Inventory on the Board website.

Chair Tripp asked Dr. Ignash to discuss the ramifications of Board Regulation 8.012, Academic Program Termination. Dr. Ignash responded that a university, in complying with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, would have to make arrangements to teach out enrolled students before being granted the ability to terminate a program.

4. Update on the Academic Program Coordination Work Group

Chair Tripp recognized Dr. Tony Waldrop, Provost of the University of Central Florida, to provide an update on the system-wide academic program coordination initiative being led by the Council of Academic Vice Presidents (CAVP).

Dr. Waldrop summarized Work Group priorities, including the duplication of programs, level of degree production, student demand, workforce and economic development needs, financial resources, and potential collaborations between universities when considering program coordination within the System. Dr. Waldrop said each university has an appointee on the committee, with Dr. Mark Workman serving as co-chair. The group has developed a process to review all levels of degree programs using a form to evaluate each program individually. The Work Group either clears the proposed program as having no concerns or identifies problem areas prior to the program's submission to a university's board of trustees or to the Board of Governors. Dr. Waldrop mentioned that CAVP has also been looking at existing programs to monitor degree production and unnecessary duplication, and the Work Group will report on all existing programs at its next meeting. Dr. Waldrop said the Work Group views itself as a standing committee and that it will meet four times a year.

5. Limited Access Status for the Bachelor of Social Work at the University of North Florida

Chair Tripp explained that the rationale for Limited Access status was that the program's accrediting body, the Council for Social Work Education, requires that faculty-to-student ratio not exceed 1 to 25. High student demand, a limited number of supervised internship experiences, and limited program resources were additional reasons for the request. Chair Tripp noted that the request had been approved by the UNF Board of Trustees and reviewed by Board staff.

Mr. Carter made a motion that the committee recommend that the full Board approve limited access status for the Bachelor of Social Work, CIP code 44.0701, at the University of North Florida effective Fall Term 2013. Ms. Link seconded the motion, and the Committee concurred.

6. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Chair Tripp commended President Hitt and the University of Central Florida for their rapid and thorough response to the shooting incident on campus a few weeks before the meeting. Having no further business, Chair Tripp adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Norm Tripp, Chair

Melissa Giddings,
Student Intern