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Chairperson Ann Duncan convened the Board of Governors Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting at 9:00 a.m., January 20, 2011, in the Conference Center on the University of West Florida campus. The following committee members were present: Gallop Franklin (co-chair), Patricia Frost, Dr. Stanley Marshall, Frank Martin, Gus Stavros, and Dr. Rick Yost. Commissioner Eric Smith was absent.

1. Minutes of Prior Meeting

Chair Duncan presented the minutes from the November 4, 2010 meeting. There were no changes to the minutes. Chair Duncan asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded, and members of the Committee concurred.

2. Board Regulations

a) Public Notice of Intent to Amend Regulation 7.005, Residency for Tuition Purposes

Chair Duncan introduced Vikki Shirley to discuss Regulation 7.005 related to Residency for Tuition Programs. Ms. Shirley stated that the primary amendment to this regulation involves the process by which a student can seek reclassification of his or her status from out-of-state to in-state for tuition purposes. Based on reports issued by Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA), the Legislature amended the residency statute to place a higher burden on students who were initially classified as non-residents to seek reclassification. The Law requires students to provide convincing documentation that supports permanent legal residency in Florida for a 12 month consecutive period prior to seeking reclassification. The amendment to revision 7.005 implements this new criterion by requiring students to provide a minimum of 3 documents that support their permanent residency status in Florida, and those documents are set forth in statute. The documents also must verify that the student has relinquished their residency status in the prior state.

Vikki Shirley also asked for authorization to publish the regulation as a rule in the Florida Administrative Weekly and to post the regulation as a proposed regulation on the Board's website.

Chair Duncan then posed a question regarding veterans and their residency status based on issues raised at the Veterans' Symposium. Richard Stevens addressed her question, explaining that although there is a reluctance to open the Residency Statute, the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs has passed language that would give veterans at least a year after leaving the service to prove that they have not established residency elsewhere.

Chair Duncan asked for comments or questions. Seeing none, Chair Duncan requested a motion to approve the proposed Regulation. The motion was made and seconded, and the members of the Committee concurred.

b) Public Notice of Intent to Amend Regulation 8.011, New Academic Program Authorization

Chair Duncan introduced Richard Stevens to discuss Regulation 8.011 related to the Authorization of New Academic Degree Programs. Regulation 8.011 is being amended in part to conform to statutory changes from 2010 and in part to clarify policies regarding the approval process. Richard Stevens addressed the changes to Regulation 8.011, and Vikki Shirley provided an overview of Florida's partnership and commitments with the US Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR).

Chair Duncan requested input on the draft regulation from President Ammons and additional clarification from Mrs. Shirley regarding Florida's relationship with OCR, namely if all three educational sectors were held to the same OCR commitments. Mrs. Shirley clarified the OCR partnership was with the entire state of Florida. Chair Duncan requested a motion to approve the proposed Regulation. The motion was made and seconded, and the members of the Committee concurred.

3. Academic Programs

Chair Duncan introduced the following program at UF:

a) Ph.D. in Public Health, CIP 51.2201 (University of Florida)

Chair Duncan introduced Dr. Joseph Glover, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, from the University of Florida. Dr. Glover reviewed the new College of Public Health and introduced its Dean, Dr. Michael Perri to explain the academic aspects of the program. Dr. Perri outlined the public need, the workforce needs, and the research opportunities for the state of Florida.

Chair Duncan clarified budget estimates and noted the letters of support from USF, FIU, and FAMU. Chair Duncan asked if there were any comments or questions. Governor Martin sought clarification on workforce demands both within Florida and nationally. Dr. Cynthia Hughes-Harris, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at FAMU, spoke on the overlap and the opportunity for collaboration among similar programs within the state university system.

Chair Duncan asked for a motion to approve the Ph.D. in Public Health at UF. The motion was seconded and the members of the Committee concurred.

b) Limited Access for BA/BS in Entrepreneurship (University of South Florida - St. Petersburg)

Governor Marshall asked for a motion to approve the Limited Access program. Chair Duncan clarified for the committee the motion is for the approval of Limited Access for the USF - St. Petersburg program since the campus is separately accredited. Chair Duncan asked if there were any comments or questions. Seeing none, the motion was seconded and the members of the Committee concurred.

4. System Coordination of Academic Programming

Chair Duncan introduced Dr. Ralph Wilcox, Executive Vice President and Provost at the University of South Florida. Dr. Wilcox noted the collaboration of the Ad Hoc Committee with Board of Governors staff and members of the Council of Academic Vice Presidents (CAVP) to analyze and report on degree productivity and collaboration. Dr. Wilcox described the thresholds utilized to determine degree productivity in the systematic annual review process. Programs that fall short of the threshold shall be placed in one of five categories: continuation, explore new collaborations in joint delivery, other corrective action, place in inactive status, or terminate the program. Chair Duncan commented on the importance of using the information in a positive manner.

5. Student Affairs Reports/Updates:

a) SUS Council for Student Affairs

Chair Duncan asked Dr. Ehasz to update the Committee on the activities of the SUS Council for Student Affairs. Dr. Ehasz stated the SUS Workgroup on Student Health Insurance Purchasing Consortium, under the leadership of Dr. Mike Rollo, VP for Student Affairs at FGCU, is in the process of refining quotes from two carriers, with an agreement implementation date is Fall 2011, and hope to have a full report of the results at the March 2012 meeting.

Dr. Ehasz noted the quick response of the SUS institutions in regard to recent social media events and the shooting in Arizona. Dr. Ehasz assured the members that the SUS campuses are prepared for such events and offered to present additional information to the committee upon request.

b) Florida Student Association (FSA)

Co-Chair Franklin updated the Committee on the FSA and reported on the January FSA meeting. Co-Chair Franklin discussed plans for FSA television commercials for the legislative session. Co-Chair Franklin noted the "Rally in Tally" will take place in Tallahassee on March 22 after meeting with key stakeholders in state government. The next FSA meeting will be at FCGU on January 29, 2011.

Co-Chair Franklin stated the FSA is currently looking at the need for additional student life facilities across the SUS. Co-Chair Franklin discussed the CITF and how the FSA is exploring ways to utilize it to create opportunities for student life facilities expansion.

6. Distance Learning Workshop Update

Chair Duncan discussed the upcoming March 2011 Distance Learning Workshop and the importance for full participation. Chair Duncan stated the workshop will include the formulation of common definitions for distance learning, overview of models currently used within the state, identifying best practices and strategies for quality assurance. Chair Duncan questioned the challenges and opportunities when formulating policy in regard to distance learning.

7. Adjournment

Chair Duncan thanked the Committee for their work and having no further business adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.