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Chairperson Ann Duncan convened the Board of Governors Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting at 4:00 p.m., November 3, 2010, in the Presidents Room of the Emerson Alumni Hall on the University of Florida campus. The following committee members were present: Gallop Franklin (co-chair), Patricia Frost, Dr. Stanley Marshall, Rick Yost, and Gus Stavros. Ms. Duncan joined the meeting via conference call and asked Co-Chair Franklin to lead the agenda items.

1. Minutes of Prior Meeting

Co-Chair Franklin presented the minutes from the September 16, 2010 meeting. There were no changes to the minutes. Co-Chair Franklin asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded, and members of the Committee concurred.

2. Academic Programs

Co-Chair Franklin asked Governor Marshall to introduce Academic Programs. Governor Marshall thanked Co-Chair Franklin and introduced the programs for committee consideration:

a. Proposal for New Ph.D. in Biochemistry at Florida International University

Governor Marshall described the new degree program as a coordinated program run jointly by Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, Department of Biological Sciences, and Wertheim College of Medicine. Governor Marshall stated he and Governor Yost reviewed the proposal. Governor Marshall asked Governor Yost for comments on the program proposal. Governor Yost expressed his support for the program. Governor Marshall noted he spoke to Chancellor Brogan and expressed his disappointment in the decline of science education in the state of Florida, especially at the high school level.

Co-Chair Franklin then asked representatives from FIU for comments. Provost Wartzok stated FIU currently graduates 17 Ph.D. students in chemistry or biology per year, the majority of which are unrepresented minority students. Provost Wartzok noted the new program will continue that pattern and allow College of Medicine faculty to be involved in Ph.D. education.

Co-Chair Franklin asked if there was a motion to move the approval of the proposal for new Ph.D. in Biochemistry at FIU. Motion was made and seconded. Co-Chair Franklin asked if there were any comments or questions. Seeing none, the motion was called and the members of the Committee voted to move the program forward to the full board for consideration.

Governor Marshall invited Richard Stevens to speak about SUS academic programs. Mr. Stevens described the degree proposal approval process and the upcoming revision to Board of Governors Regulation 8.011 to align it with recent statutory changes. Mr. Stevens noted a recent proposal for a Ph.D. in Public Health at UF had been pulled from consideration by the university until conversations could be held with FAMU and other institutions regarding duplication of their programs in Public Health. Mr. Stevens suggested that future new doctoral proposals also go to CAVP for review to assess possible duplication.

4. Board Regulations

- a) Public Notice of Intent to Promulgate Regulation 6.012, Access to Certain Electronic Library Resources by Accelerated Secondary Students

Co-Chair Franklin introduced BOG Regulation 6.012, Access to Certain Electronic Library Resources by Accelerated Secondary Students. He said that pursuant to regulation procedure adopted at the meeting on March 23, 2006, the BOG is required to provide public notice 30 days before adoption of proposed regulation. Co-Chair Franklin stated that during the 2010 session, the Florida Legislature passed language requiring accelerated Florida high school students have access to electronic resources that are funded by the Florida Center for Library Automation and the College Center for Library Automation. The language also required the State Board of Education to adopt a rule and the Board of Governors to adopt a regulation to implement this policy. Board of Governors staff worked with the Florida Center for Library Automation, the College Center for Library Automation, and Florida College System (FCS) staff. The Board's draft regulation and the State Board of Education's draft rule have both been reviewed by the University Provosts, the General Councils and the Library Directors.

Co-Chair Franklin requested a motion to approve noticing the proposed regulation. The motion was made and seconded, and the members of the Committee concurred.

6. System Coordination of Academic Programming

Due to time constraints, Chair Duncan requested to move ahead to the sixth item on the committee agenda. Co-Chair Franklin introduced Chair Duncan. Chair Duncan commended the Board staff and provosts for their work in the project. Senior Associate Vice Chancellor Dorothy Minear commented on the proposed annual review of programs by the Council of Academic Vice Presidents to assess program enrollment and degrees produced. She noted this analysis will help inform greater collaboration and the establishment of thresholds to highlight programs that may need further self-study at the institutional level.

Chair Duncan stated the Distance Learning workshop is moving swiftly. She noted she expected the workshop to take place in March 2011.

5. Student Affairs Reports/Updates:

A. SUS Council for Student Affairs and SUS Workgroup on Student Health Insurance

Co-Chair Franklin introduced Dr. Ehasz of the SUS Council for Student Affairs (CSA). Dr. Ehasz thanked Chancellor Brogan for speaking to the CSA. Dr. Ehasz noted the student health insurance consortium has chosen the broker. Dr. Ehasz stated the CSA will collaborate with Senta Goudy of the Florida Office of Drug Control's Office of Suicide Prevention. She also noted that the University of Central Florida was recently recognized as a center for excellence for Veteran Students by the USDOE.

Chancellor Brogan discussed his optimism stemming from his meeting with the CSA. He noted the importance to articulate academic and student affairs collaborations in more Board of Governor endeavors. Co-Chair Franklin stated this is also important to consider in regard to student fees.

B. Florida Student Association (FSA)

Co-Chair Franklin updated the Committee on the FSA. Co-Chair Franklin noted the recent meeting in Gainesville and upcoming conference call to discuss the legislative agenda. The next meeting will be in Tallahassee in January 2011 with key stakeholders in state government.

7. Comments and Adjournment

Chair Parker commented on the issue of excessive data requests for the universities. Senior Associate Vice Chancellor Dorothy Minear stated the existence of a

workgroup to access the amount of requests and find ways to possibly condense and reduce as needed. Chair Parker noted it is important to demonstrate to the Legislature the Board is not wasting money on numerous requests. She also stated the need for a CAVP collaboration update for the upcoming Legislative session.

Co-Chair Franklin noted the importance of the Board to recognize any legislative mandate for spending that may impact the system.

Co-Chair Franklin thanked the Committee for their work and, having no further business, adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.