



**Board of Trustees Academics and Campus Environment Committee**

**NOTES**

**Thursday, May 14, 2020  
Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting**

**I. Call to Order and Comments**

Chair Charles Tokarz welcomed and thank those in attendance, and called the meeting to order at 9:50 AM and a quorum was confirmed by Vice President and Assistant Corporate Secretary Cindy Visot with the following committee members present:

Trustee Stephanie Goforth  
Trustee Michael Griffin  
Trustee Oscar Horton  
Trustee Deanna Michael  
Trustee Claire Mitchell  
Trustee Byron Shinn  
Trustee Charles Tokarz

**II. Public Comments Subject to USF Procedure**

Chair Tokarz confirmed there were no requests for public comment.

**III. New Business Action Items**

- a. Approval of November 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes
  - i. February 18, 2020 Meeting
  - ii. April 16, 2020 Workshop

Chair Tokarz asked the committee if any edits needed to be made to the minutes and the committee confirmed there were none. A motion for approval was made by Trustee Horton with a second from Trustee Griffin and was approved unanimously by the committee.

- b. Faculty Nominations for Tenure, Tampa

Chair Tokarz introduced Senior Vice Provost Dwayne Smith to introduce both tenure items for the Tampa campus. Dr. Smith provided an overview of the differences between faculty nominations for tenure and tenure as a condition of employment. Dr. Smith then gave a summary of the faculty who were being presented for tenure, including key demographic statistics.

A motion for approval was made by Trustee Michael with a second from Trustee Goforth and was approved unanimously by the committee.

c. Tenure as a Condition of Employment, Tampa

Dr. Smith continued on with the next tenure item and provided summaries of the five candidates: Drs. Marcus Cooke, Liane Robertson, Stanley M. Stevens Jr., Edwin Michael and Jason Salemi. Dr. Smith noted that the five candidates would all continue to help raise the profile of the university as a world-class research institution.

A motion for approval was made by Trustee Michael with a second from Trustee Goforth and was approved unanimously by the committee.

d. Faculty Nominations for Tenure, St. Petersburg

Regional Chancellor Martin Tadlock presented the item, which included four faculty members being considered for tenure.

A motion for approval was made by Trustee Goforth with a second from Trustee Michael and was approved unanimously by the committee.

e. Faculty Nominations for Tenure, Sarasota-Manatee

Regional Chancellor Karen Holbrook presented the item, which included two faculty members being considered for tenure.

A motion for approval was made by Trustee Shinn with a second from Trustee Michael and was approved unanimously by the committee.

f. Degree Program Termination, M.A. Adult Education

Chair Tokarz reminded the committee that one of their charges is ensuring that needs and making sure they are prepared to enter the workforce upon graduation. Vice Provost Terry Chisolm presented the item and provided an overview for the rationale in the termination, including the retirement of key program faculty and declining enrollments. Current students in the program were made aware of the intent to close the program and were provided new schedules to allow them successful degree completion.

A motion for approval was made by Trustee Goforth with a second from Trustee



A motion for approval was made by Trustee Shinn with a second from Trustee Mitchell and was approved unanimously by the committee.

#### IV. Adjournment

Chair Tokarz asked if any committee member had final comments. Trustee Michael introduced the committee to Timothy Boaz, the incoming president of the consolidated Faculty Senate and therefore, the new faculty representative on the Board of Trustees and Academics and Campus Environment Committee. Trustees thanked Dr. Michael for her service and valuable input over her tenure on the Board.

Chair Tokarz echoed the comments of the committee and thanked everyone for attending and the presenters for their work. The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 AM.