



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

**Tuesday, February 22, 2022
Microsoft Teams**

MINUTES

ACE committee Chair Oscar Horton welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. He asked Kiara Guzzo to call the roll.

Kiara Guzzo called the roll:

Trustee Tim Boaz
Trustee Julia Cunningham – Did not participate
Trustee Oscar Horton
Trustee Luran Monbarren
Trustee Fredrick Piccolo
Trustee Melissa Seixas

Chair Horton announced that there were no requests for public comment.

I. New Business – Action Items

Approval of November 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Chair Horton requested a motion to approve the November 22, 2021 minutes. Trustee Piccolo made a motion to approve with a second from Trustee Boaz. The November 22, 2021 minutes were approved.

II. New Business – Information Items

Strategies for Enhancing Research Expenditures at USF

The *One USF* Research Enterprise spans several fields of global impact and encompassed \$568M in research efforts in FY21. The interdisciplinary research cuts across healthcare, engineering, Cyber, arts, education, sciences, and much more, captured in several of our research surveys, ranking USF departments and faculty among the top in the nation. USF continues to strengthen its initiatives and methodologies for enhancing research productivity and accurately reporting research expenditures.

USF Provost Ralph Wilcox made comments on the Strategic Plan 2022 – 2027.

In pursuit of excellence, there will be an ACE Committee Accountability Plan Workshop on April 19, 2022 to consider approval for the Accountability Plan 2022.

This is an examination of plans to enhance our research productivity which is critical for our preeminence status and it better positions USF for AAU membership.

Interim Vice President for Research and Innovation Sylvia Thomas and the USF General Counsel Gerard Solis presented.

A power point was provided which highlighted the following:

- BOT ACE Committee - Strategies for Enhancing Research Expenditures at USF
- The Research Enterprise of One USF spans nationally and internationally.
- The Path Forward and Strategic Areas of Focus.

General Counsel Gerard Solis reported on the expansive USF Research Enterprise. He thanked Interim Vice President Sylvia Thomas and her team for their dedication and hard work. The power point continued.

- Initial Strategies for Enhancing Reporting of Research Expenditures at USF.
- HEARD Research Productivity
- The range of activities involving Moffitt Cancer Center.
- The impact of USF Research Apart from HERD Survey

Chair Horton had a question concerning research dollars and ways to report research enterprise.

Trustee Boaz had questions concerning changes in the way we report effort and capturing expenditures.

President Rhea Law made comments relating to expanding the research across USF.

Advancing the Student Journey at USF

Paul Dosal, Vice President for Student Success presented.

A review of the student success journey at USF, from recruitment to enrollment, graduation, and job placement. Included will be an overview of student debt and default with strategies we have implemented to enhance the journey toward degree completion and career success.

A power point was provided which highlighted the following:

- In Pursuit of Excellence
 - Goal 1 Student Success at USF and Beyond
 - Goal 4 A Diverse and Inclusive Community for Learning and Discovery
- Summer Fall / FTIC Applicants, Admits & Enrolled
- Academic Profile of Incoming FTIC Students
- Undergraduate Student Enrollment – Fall 2000 – Fall 2021
- Race/Ethnicity of Undergraduate Students 2000 – 2021

Chair Horton commented on the diversity at USF and had questions relating to marketing strategies.

Billy Jo Hamilton, Director, University Scholarships & Financial Aid Services at USF presented on the following:

- Performance Based Funding

- Average Net Cost for a 4 Year USF Degree
- USF Cost of Attendance
- USF Cost of Attendance – Florida Resident Undergraduate in On-Campus Housing
- USF Cost of Attendance – Non Resident Undergraduate in On-Campus Housing
- FTIC Student Debt Upon Graduation
- FTIC Student Debt for the SUS
- FTIC Debt for USF Students Graduating July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 – Race/Ethnicity
- 10 Year Federal Cohort Default Rate (Default calculation changed from a 2 to 3-year rate in 2010)

Vice President for Student Success Paul Dosal continued the power point.

- FTIC Retention Rate – Race/Ethnicity – Full Time Only
- FTIC Academic Progress Rate
- FTIC 4- Year Graduation Rate – Race/Ethnicity – Full Time Only
- FTIC 6 -Year Graduation Rate- Race/Ethnicity – Full Time Only
- FTIC 6-Year Graduation Rate – Pell Recipients
- Enhancing Our National Model For Student Success
- Baccalaureate Degrees Awarded
- Baccalaureate Degrees Awarded in Areas of Strategic Emphasis

Dean of Muma College of Business Dean Moez Limayem continued the power point.

- Student Talent Development and Career Placement
- MyFloridaFuture Dashboard
- U.S. Dept. of Education College Scoreboard
- Enhancing Student Talent

Vice President Paul Dosal continued.

- Highlights – Points of Pride- Areas of Strategic Focus for Improvement

Vice President Dosal reported that there is still work to do in the areas of APR and Retention.

Trustee Boaz had a question on a section of the chart relating to costs for books and supplies. He also commented on the frozen tuition fees. Trustee Boaz had additional questions concerning the FTIC student debt head count federal metric.

Trustee Piccolo questioned if USF could request tuition increases.

Chair Horton thanked everyone for their impressive presentations. Having no further business Chair Horton adjourned the ACE Committee meeting.