

New College of Florida Board of Trustees
Approved Minutes of BOT Teleconference, December 16, 2013
Cook Hall Conference Room

Trustees Participating: Brad Baker; Audrey Coleman; Chairman William Johnston; Elaine Keating; Vice Chair Keith Monda; Mary Ruiz; John Saputo; Suzanne Sherman; George Skestos; Steve Snyder.
Not Participating: Daniel Ducassi; Bob Johnson; Felice Schulaner.

Call to Order and Acknowledgement of Notice of Meeting

Chairman Johnston called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM. Ms. Janney stated that the notice of meeting was published on the New College website and circulated via email to all campus constituents. She called the roll to establish who was connected to the teleconference.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Johnston requested approval of the Draft Minutes of the BOT Meeting of Nov. 16, 2013. Trustee Ruiz so moved, seconded by Trustee Coleman, and the Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

BOT Action on NCF Accountability Report 2012-13

Provost Miles explained that the 2012-13 NCF Accountability Report requires approval from the BOT prior to December 18, 2013, the deadline for submission to the Florida Board of Governors. BOG Regulation 2.002, adopted in Nov. 2009, instituted a planning and performance monitoring system for the State University System, requiring each SUS university to submit work plans and annual reports designed to inform strategic planning, budgeting, and policy decisions. Provost Miles walked the Trustees through the Report, beginning with the Dashboard on page 2. He noted that the 2013 graduating class of 198 was the largest class ever for New College, emphasized the good progress of Pell grant graduates and noted a slight decline in the 6-year graduation rate. He told the Board that the Pell grants and the 6-year graduation rates will figure into the new performance-based funding metrics. Trustee Skestos asked if students were entering NCF with the idea that the program will take more than 4 years. Provost Miles said no, that they count on four years, but the 6-year measurement is standard. Sometimes finances, health, or the situation at home, force students to take longer. Trustee Ruiz asked about the play of the thesis in the 6-year graduation rate. The Provost acknowledged that the thesis can be a hurdle, but we are trying to prepare students better for it. New College compares well with other institutions within the SUS on the 6-year rate. Trustee Sherman said that a majority of NC students graduate in four years; the Provost added that not incurring excess hours toward the BA degree was not a performance-based metric. On page 3, the data on STEM and other areas of strategic emphasis was displayed; these will count in performance-based funding. Page 4 contains the Post-Graduation Metrics, which are Florida-centric and part of performance-based funding, tough metrics for NCF. Provost Miles emphasized that the College is trying to strengthen the liberal arts connection to employment opportunities through more internships, which often open the door to well-paying jobs and more career opportunities. Page 5 describes our student and faculty achievements. Page 6, national rankings and reputation, will be a strong metric for NC and is part of the BOG's performance-based funding model. He whipped through other items in the Report which are not included in the funding model, but which are important to us: maintaining the student-faculty ratio; student-faculty achievement; student satisfaction; and community collaboration. Other areas important to NCF, but not part of any report, include: the wages of recent graduates employed out-of-state; the low student debt level our graduates carry; student engagement in community service; and long range tracking of our graduates. Trustee Ruiz asked that the names of those in the new positions of Dean of Studies and

Vice President for Advancement be included in the Report. The Provost assented. Trustee Ruiz then moved that the 2012-13 NCF Accountability Report be adopted as presented, with the names of Robert Zamsky and Shannon Duvall added, Trustee Sherman seconded, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Provost Miles concluded the discussion by stating that last week he had received benchmarks from the BOG for scoring the 2011-12 data, and that performance-based funding is going to become even more important.

Upcoming January 2014 BOT Teleconference

President O'Shea announced that a BOT Teleconference meeting would be scheduled for early January to tweak the New College of Florida Mission Statement. The New College Faculty approved the change at their December 11, 2013 meeting. The new statement would charge us with delivering "a liberal arts education of the highest quality" as opposed to "an undergraduate liberal arts education of the highest quality." The BOG requires us to make this change in order to begin discussion of adding one or more certificate or graduate degree programs. Any specific programs would, of course, need full discussion and approval by the faculty and the Trustees, plus submitting applications for their approval to SACSCOC and to the Florida Board of Governors. He added that a BOT Action Item on the Mission Change will be provided to the Trustees before the BOT Teleconference in January.

Since there was no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.at 10:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne L. Janney
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