Minutes  
Academic Affairs Committee Meeting  
UWF Board of Trustees  
February 15, 2018

Chair Adrianne Collins called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with the following committee members present: Adrianne Collins and David Ramsey.

Trustee Bob Sires was unable to attend the meeting.

Other trustees in attendance: Bob Jones, Dick Baker, Lewis Bear, Dave Cleveland, Mort O’Sullivan and Kishane Patel.

Other trustees participating by phone: Jill Singer, Alonzie Scott and Greg Britton.

Others attending:
Dr. George Ellenberg, Provost and Senior Vice President; Ms. Betsy Bowers, IVP Administrative Services; Dr. Pam Northrup, VP, Innovation and Strategic Research; Dr. Joffery Gaymon, Vice President Enrollment & Student Affairs; Dr. Kimberly McCorkle, Interim Vice Provost; Dr. Kim LeDuff, Vice President, Academic Engagement; Mr. Howard Reddy, Vice President for Advancement;Ms,, Pam Langham, General Counsel; Ms. Janice Gilley, AVP External Affairs; Mr. Dave Scott, Athletic Director; Dr. Melinda Bowers, Director, Emerald Coast Campus; Ms. Cynthia Talbert, Internal Auditor III; Ms. Katie Condon, Executive Director of Undergraduate Admissions; Mr. Matt Packard, Compliance Officer; Ms. Angie Jones, Director of Procurement; Deborah Fletcher, Interim Chief of Police; Dr. Jenae Burkart, Faculty Technology Support Specialist, ITS; Ms. Sandra Thompson, Director, ITS; Mr. Pat Crawford, Executive Director, WUWF Public Media; Dr. Brandon Frye, Dean of Students, Mr. Ross Dahlstrom, Network Engineer; Mr. Chase Green Technology Engineer, ITS, Mr. Eric Ingerman, Sound Engineer and Production Services; Ms. Becky Luntsford, Assistant Corporate Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

GREETING

Chair Collins welcomed everyone in attendance and explained the Committee had three action items on the agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Tenure as a Condition of Employment. Dr. George Ellenberg, Provost and Senior Vice President, presented this item.
The University of West Florida Board of Trustees considers all Tenure nominations as a condition of employment as needed.

The following faculty are to be considered for tenure:

**College of Education and Professional Studies**  
**Dr. Chathapuram Ramanathan**, Chair & Associate Professor, Department of Social Work  
**Usha Kundu**, MD College of Health  
**Dr. Denise Seabert**, Dean, Usha Kundu, MD College of Health; Professor, Department of Exercise Science and Community Health  

**Hal Marcus College of Science and Engineering**  
**Dr. Ashok Srinivasan**, William Nystul Eminent Scholar Chair; Professor, Department of Computer Science

Chair Collins asked for a motion recommending the full Board, at its March 22, 2018 meeting, Approve the tenure nominations as a condition of employment as presented for Dr. Chathapuram Ramanathan, Dr. Denise Seabert, and Dr. Ashok Srinivasan.

Motion by: Trustee David Ramsey  
Seconded by: Trustee Adrianne Collins  
Motion passed unanimously.

2. **Approval of Requests to Offer Two New Degree Programs.** Dr. Kimberly McCorkle, Interim Vice Provost presented this item.

The University of West Florida (UWF) proposes to offer the following two (2) new degree programs effective Fall 2018:

1. Bachelor of Science, Computer Science  
2. Bachelor of Science, Cybersecurity

**Bachelor of Science, Computer Science**

The Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (BSCS) degree program is an undergraduate program consisting of 120 credit hours intended for students interested in a career in Computer Science and Information Technology. The program is a conversion of the existing Computer Science specialization in UWF’s Computing and Information Sciences degree program. The BSCS degree program will be offered in CIP Code 11.0701. The CIP Code exists in the State University System of Florida at the master’s degree level. UWF has submitted the common prerequisites for the State Common Prerequisite Manual.
The BSCS degree program will have two concentrations, one in artificial intelligence and one in software engineering. The rigorous academic course work precedes a capstone project requiring students to apply the developed skills to design, implement, and evaluate a software product that addresses a complex, real-world problem. Graduates of the BSCS will find employment as computer scientist, software engineers, systems architect, network administrators, embedded systems programmer, software consultants, and more. Graduates from this program will also be prepared to pursue post-graduate study in related fields.

Bachelor of Science, Cybersecurity

The Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity (BSC) degree program is a conversion of the existing Cybersecurity specialization in the Computing and Information Sciences degree program. The BSC degree program requires 120 hours to complete and will serve the education and workforce needs of Northwest Florida students and employers. The degree program is broadly designed to prepare students who seek entry-level work in the rapidly expanding field of cybersecurity.

In 2016, UWF and the Cybersecurity specialization were designated as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education by the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security. The BSC degree program in CIP Code 11.1003 is the first baccalaureate level program in cybersecurity in the State University System of Florida. UWF selected CIP Code 11.1003 as it conforms to National Security Agency requirements for the designation of UWF as a Center for Academic Excellence. UWF has submitted the common prerequisites for the State Common Prerequisite Manual.

Due to high demand for cybersecurity expertise, UWF’s Cybersecurity specialization has experienced a steady increase in enrollment. The rigorous academic course work precedes a capstone project requiring students to develop a software system for a real-world client while working in small teams. Graduates of the BSC will find employment as cybersecurity analysts, data analysts, software developers, security analysts, network administrators, software consultants, and more. Graduates from this program will also be prepared to pursue post-graduate study in related fields.

Chair Collins asked for a motion recommending the full Board, at its March 22, 2018 meeting, Approve the proposed two new degree programs effective Fall 2018: Bachelor of Science, Computer Science and Bachelor of Science, Cybersecurity.

Motion by: Trustee David Ramsey
Seconded by: Trustee Adrianne Collins
Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Approval of Revisions to UWF Regulation 3.001 Admission Standards for First Time in College Student Applicants.** Ms. Katie Condon, Executive Director of Undergraduate Admissions, Recruiting and Marketing presented this agenda item.

Updates to UWF/REG 3.001 are proposed as a result of recent amendments to the BOG REG 6.002. Amendments include:

- Addition of new Redesigned SAT score concordances
- Minimum scores for admission consideration and Talented Twenty aligned with test scores outlined in BOG REG 6.008, *Postsecondary College-level Preparatory Testing, Placement, and Instruction for State Universities*

Minor updates to language regarding description of Florida public or regionally accredited high school diploma or its equivalent.

Semantic update for minimum requirements to be “considered” for admissions

Addition of ‘anthropology’ as a unit that is accepted as social science academic core.

Revisions to language regarding course unit measurement (Carnegie Units) for transcripts from home education or non-traditional high school programs.

Chair Collins asked for a motion recommending the full Board, at its March 22, 2018 meeting, Approve the revisions to UWF Regulation 3.001 Admission Standards for First Time in College Student Applicants as presented.

Motion by: Trustee David Ramsey
Seconded by: Trustee Adrianne Collins
Motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further Academic Affairs items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Luntsford, Assistant Corporate Secretary