



UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

Chairs and Directors Regular Meeting  
June 2, 2021

## MINUTES

### Attendance

**Dean's Office:** R. Caldwell, M. Dagley, E. del Barco, T. Dupras, D. Orchard, A. Spiotti

**Chairs:** J. Colwell, E. Hoffman (for G. Worthy), F. Jentsch, X. Li, L. Mustaine,  
J. Schultz, S. Zhang

**Directors:** D. Beidel, P. Bohlen, K. Hamann, S. Masyada, M. Sigman, J. Bacchus, R. Littlefield

### • **Announcements**

**Dupras**

The Dean shared the good news that Governor DeSantis signed the 21-22 state budget this morning and there were no vetoes impacting UCF.

The Legislative Budget Request of \$1,050,000 (nonrecurring) for UCF RESTORES are safe for the next fiscal year.

The Dean (on behalf of Dr. von Kalm) asked for names to be submitted for the Fall Distinguished Speaker Series. If a unit had already brought a speaker in during the spring 2021 semester, the unit could submit another name for the 21-22 AY cycle. The rebranded DSS is aimed at bringing in external speakers. Danielle and Judy are exploring an internal speaker series. Centers/Institutes will be added to the distribution list for speaker requests.

Welcomed Dr. Josh Colwell as the new Chair of the Department of Physics.

### • **June 23 – Return to Campus**

**Dupras**

- Dr. Mustaine asked about face-to-face events. Covid-19 event policy and restrictions are lifted and policy is no longer in effect, so face-to-face events can resume.
- Bringing staff back **June 23**. Seresa worked on email to go out to clarify options given:
  - ❖ Potentially working three days on campus, two days remotely  
For two-month period – requires no form.  
There are also variables as to how to work remotely for the 16 hours.
  - ❖ After that period, a form will be required.
  - ❖ Any request to work remotely for over two days will require special permission.  
Working remotely 100% is rare and the staff person would have to go through Compliance.
  - ❖ Staff members who are student-facing will return at the start of Summer B term, hence the June 23<sup>rd</sup> date.
  - ❖ Please feel free to reach out with specific questions.
  - ❖ Dr. Hamann asked if it would be possible for staff to file a form later. They can.
  - ❖ If there is a justification, just attach to form. Do not list medical reasons – protected information.

- Advising: Advisors will rotate - in person and virtual. This expands ability for services. Expanding into evening also. Some students prefer a virtual environment. New schedule will be announced once formed and approved.
- Dr. Dagley asked about pre-existing(pre-Covid) telecommuting agreement. These will be looked at individually. There is a year limit and then they are revisited.
- Dr, Hamann asked about Covid reports. The system has not yet shut down. There will be changes coming shortly to address this.

- **President's Strategic Investment Fund**

**Dupras**

- Sent email last week. There have been different interpretations of the shared information.
- Many details need to be added. Hopefully, next week will be rolled out.
- There will be pots of recurring and non-recurring money. I(\$20M non-recurring, \$20M in match (provided by colleges), and \$10M recurring. Invest \$50M into strategic ideas. Please start thinking about potential ideas, both recurring and non-recurring.
- These ideas should be big ideas. Technology, Wait List Initiative, Graduate Student Stipends were mentioned.
- Look at areas where UCF needs to improve rankings and benefit college.
- Connect to President's vision.
- **Tentative Deadlines: July 1** non-recurring and **September 10** for recurring (although these dates may change once rolled out)..
- The \$50M came about since the state is not keeping the 6% withheld from the SUS and from Carry Forward funds.

- **Return to Pre-COVID Research Activities**

**del Barco**

- Meeting with Dr. Klonoff to discuss.
  - Allowing everyone to come back to continue research. June 23 – no more restrictions related to research. Human subjects, animals - the same protocol as pre-pandemic. Email sent out on June 4.
  - Filing IRB right now – with Covid restrictions or not question. Dr. del Barco thought without.

Dean shared the slide of the University's new organizational Framework. Attached to these Minutes. Shared at President's Leadership Council as well as the April meeting of the BOT.

Richard Caldwell reported that the technology fee projects are on hold.

Meeting Adjourned 1:50pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Maggie LeClair

## **Reminders**

Chair/Director <b>ONLY</b>	June 16, 2021, 1pm
Chair/Director <b>REGULAR</b>	June 30, 2021, 1pm
Independence Day Holiday	July 5, 2021