



Item: AS: A-M

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

SUBJECT: ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF JUNE 5, 2014 MINUTES

PROPOSED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Initiate roll call to document member participation, ensure quorum, and approve the Minutes of June 5, 2014 meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Paul Tanner, Chair _____

Dr. Julius "Butch" Teske, Vice-Chair _____

Mr. Anthony Barbar (*ex officio*) _____

Mr. Daniel Cane _____

Mr. Michael Cepeda _____

Ms. Mary Beth McDonald _____

Dr. Ronald Nyhan _____

Mr. Thomas Workman (*ex officio*) _____

PARTICIPATING BOT MEMBERS

Mr. David Feder _____

Dr. Jeffrey P. Feingold _____

Mr. Abdol Moabery _____

Mr. Robert Rubin _____

Mr. Robert Stilley _____



**Committee on Academic and Student Affairs
Meeting Minutes – June 5, 2014
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Committee on Academic and Student Affairs Chair Paul Tanner called the meeting to order and requested a roll call to confirm a quorum. In addition to Committee Chair Tanner and Vice Chair Julius Teske, the following committee members were present: Trustee Anthony Barbar (*ex officio*), Trustee Thomas Workman (*ex officio*), Trustee Daniel Cane, Trustee Michael Cepeda, Trustee Mary Beth McDonald, and Trustee Ronald Nyhan.

AS: A-M Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the April 10, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made to approve the minutes as distributed. **The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

AS: A-1 Request for Approval of Amendments to Regulation 4.006

Mr. David Kian, vice president for legal affairs and general counsel, presented the proposed amendments to the regulation that governs Student Government and Registered Student Organizations at Florida Atlantic University. The adjustments reflected best practices and experiences within the Division of Student Affairs, which worked closely with the Office of the General Counsel to adjust the policy language. The definitions were adjusted, as well as internal procedures regarding the eligibility requirements for officers of Registered Student Organizations and the creation of student interest groups. Trustee Cane verified with Mr. Kian that the proposed amendments would make it easier for organizations to form, and Trustee McDonald commented that the number of students was lower than she expected. Interim Vice President Corey King responded that it was somewhat standard throughout the state. Trustee Cepeda explained some of the details regarding the funding of student organizations. Vice-Chair Teske confirmed with Mr. Kian that all organizations require

a professional faculty or staff member to serve as an advisor. Chair Tanner highlighted the changes in requirements for student leaders, which Trustee Cepeda supports.

The request was unanimously approved by the Committee.

AS: A-2 Request for Approval of Amendments to Regulation 4.007

Mr. Kian then presented the proposed amendments to the Student Code of Conduct. The language reflects updates to the regulation in light of recent Title IX guidance from the Federal Government. The proposed changes include additional information regarding University procedures for investigating and processing complaints involving sexual violence or sexual harassment, as well as provisions related to drug and alcohol offenses that were clarified and reorganized. Finally, the procedures for making a complaint to the Dean of Students were modified to account for the oral reporting of potential violations of the Code. President Kelly reiterated that the University takes these changes very seriously and has a zero tolerance policy towards sexual violence and harassments. Trustee Cepeda shared some of the educational initiatives that the University conducts, as well as some state initiatives.

The request was unanimously approved by the Committee.

AS: A-3 Request for Approval of Honorary Doctorate Nominations

Dr. Gary Perry, provost and vice president for academic affairs, presented two requests for approval of honorary doctorate nominations. The first was for Chief Jim Henson of the United Keetowah Band of Cherokee Indians, who was nominated by Dr. John Lowe in the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing. Chief Henson has engaged nursing faculty and students in talking circles and created access for research for more than seven years. The second nomination was for Aaron Higer, who was nominated by Dr. Leonard Berry, Director of the Florida Center of Environmental Studies. Mr. Higer's research has led to the first-ever applications of aerial photography and remote sensing techniques to hydrobiological research.

The requests were unanimously approved by the Committee.

AS: A-4 Request for Approval of a New Academic Program – Doctor of Social Work

Dr. Perry introduced Dr. Michele Hawkins, associate provost, who presented a proposal for a new professional Doctorate in Social Work (DSW). The degree program

would be the first of its kind in the state of Florida, as an advanced clinical practice degree emphasizing evidence-based clinical social work services provided to individuals, families, and groups, especially in health and mental health care settings. She presented the workforce demands in the local community, which reflected an overwhelming need for additional mental health professionals. Trustee Cane verified with Dr. Hawkins that there are no degree programs like this in the state, and Trustee McDonald verified that this would be a practitioner's degree. Trustee Nyhan explained the University Faculty Senate's approval process of new degree programs to shed light on the financial, workforce demand, and academic reviews involved in the process. Vice Chair Teske requested additional information regarding the placement rates of students in these degree programs. Dr. Hawkins replied that these students have a background in practice, and when they graduate, they will go into more advanced practice areas as well as leadership positions. Board Chair Barbar verified with Dr. Hawkins that the Board of Governors is receptive to such a degree program.

The request was unanimously approved by the Committee.

AS: I-1 Provost's Update

Dr. Perry gave an update on performance funding, as well as initiatives that were undertaken to promote student success. The university chose six strategies to improve its standing in the state's performance funding initiative, including a) increasing the number of academic advisors, b) purchasing and implementing advising software, c) launching "Jump Start" pilot for summer admits, d) developing study plans known as "Flight Plans," e) launching a bachelor of general studies, and f) launching "Major KnOWLedge" career module. Dr. Perry also shared assessment and sustainability measures that will be taken to ensure ongoing support of this improvement plan. Trustee McDonald requested information about advisors and at-risk students. Trustee Cepeda commented on the comprehensive nature of the "Flight Plan." Trustee Cane suggested incentivizing performance for academic advisors, as well as confirming the training of advisors for innovative and intensive advising practices.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. **The meeting was adjourned.**