



Item: AS: A-M

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Subject: Roll Call and Approval of March 26, 2019 Minutes

PROPOSED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Initiate roll call to document member participation, ensure quorum, and approve the Minutes of March 26, 2019 meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Abdol Moabery, Chair	_____
Mr. Robert Rubin, Vice Chair	_____
Mr. Anthony Barbar, ex-officio	_____
Dr. Michael Dennis	_____
Dr. Jeffrey Feingold	_____
Mr. Brad Levine	_____
Mr. Kyle MacDonald	_____
Dr. Kevin Wagner	_____

PARTICIPATING BOT MEMBERS

Mr. Brent Burns	_____
Mr. Shaun Davis	_____
Dr. Malcolm Dorman	_____
Ms. Mary Beth McDonald	_____
Mr. Robert Stilley	_____



**Committee on Academic and Student Affairs
Meeting Minutes – March 26, 2019**

Committee on Academic and Student Affairs Vice-Chair Robert Rubin called the meeting to order and requested a roll call to confirm a quorum. In addition to Vice-Chair Robert Rubin, the following committee members were present: Trustee Anthony Barbar (*ex-officio*), Trustee Michael Dennis, and Trustee Kevin Wagner. Also present were the following: Trustee Brent Burns, Trustee Shaun Davis, Trustee Mary Beth McDonald, and Trustee Robert Stilley.

AS: A-M. Roll Call and Approval of Minutes from the January 29, 2019 Committee on Academic and Student Affairs.

The minutes from the January 29, 2019 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 Proposal to Designate the FAU Community Health Center within the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing as a Federally Qualified Health Center

Associate Dean Karethy Edwards, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing, presented the request for approval of a proposal to designate the FAU Community Health Center within the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). She noted that in 2014 the College of Nursing launched the Community Health Center (CHC), a nurse-managed community health clinic that provides comprehensive primary and preventive health care and related services to residents of its medically underserved service area in West Palm Beach, Florida, and which also serves as a teaching/learning site for FAU's nursing students and other allied health students and trainees. She said that transitioning the CHC to FQHC status would provide the CHC with a more sustainable financial model that qualifies the Center for more federal funding opportunities.

FQHC status is a congressionally-defined federal designation given to health centers that meet a set of requirements that include: non-profit status, community governance, location in and service to underserved/low income people, provision of a set of required services, and service to all members of the community, regardless of ability to pay, with availability of a sliding fee scale. Associate Dean Edwards presented a presentation that outlined the rationale behind the proposal, which included receiving an annual HRSA grant worth \$650,000, qualifying for higher Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement rates, and the expectation of increased research funding. She also described the strategies that are currently in place at the CHC to mitigate risk and described how transitioning to FQHC status would affect them. She also described the proposed relationship with the federally required co-applicant and the responsibilities for compliance of all involved stakeholders.



Trustee Dennis asked about how independent the nurse practitioners were at the CHC, and whether that would change with the FQHC status. Associate Dean Edwards replied that we follow all state

professional requirements for nurse practitioners and that will not change. Trustee Stilley asked whether the CHC does any tele-medicine. Associate Dean Roberts confirmed that it does, and that we plan to expand that. Trustee Davis asked General Counsel David Kian for his opinion on the risks created by converting the CHC to FQHC status. Mr. Kian replied that he and his Office had worked very closely with the College and the Provost's Office as they developed the proposal, pressing significantly on issues related to governance and risk. As a result, Mr. Kian was comfortable with the risk profile and supported the proposal. He noted that the Board would have to relinquish control of the CHC to a joint board comprised of University officials and community representatives, but he observed that FAU would still employ all Center employees and exercise financial control over the FQHC. He said that in a worst case scenario, the FAU could close the FQHC on three months' notice, which limited our exposure to approximately \$78,000 in wind down costs.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the request. With no further questions or discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

AS: I-1. Proposed Reassignment of the Department of Exercise Science and Health Promotion to the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Dr. Bret Danilowicz, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, presented a proposed reassignment of the Department of Exercise Science and Health Promotion to the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science. FAU's Department of Exercise Science and Health Promotion (ESHP), currently located in the College of Education, has proposed to move to the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science. The ESHP department has over 1,000 undergraduate majors, ranking as one of the largest undergraduate degree programs at the university. Graduates pursue careers in diverse fields such as physical therapy, sports medicine, cardiac/pulmonary rehabilitation, corporate fitness, medical school, allied health, coaching (strength and conditioning), country club fitness, and other industry positions. ESHP also offers a Master of Science (M.S.), in which students select from different tracks of study (strength & conditioning, exercise physiology, and health promotion). In addition to academic programs, ESHP faculty members also conduct research using the department's advanced laboratories for biochemistry, human performance, and muscle physiology. Reassigning the department to the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science is consistent with a growing national trend of aligning ESHP-type programs with other applied sciences.

AS: I-2. Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute – Pillar Update

Dr. Jim Sullivan, Executive Director of the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, gave an update on the status of the strategic plan pillar for ocean science/engineering and environmental sciences. He noted that HBOI has raised the profile of the pillar through public lectures, media, and outreach.



HBOI is growing the pillar with five new faculty and five new administrative hires. There have been several research highlights including a \$5 million-dollar grant from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency. HBOI is also moving towards classified research and is in the process of becoming a cleared facility. He noted that HBOI received two additional federal appropriations - \$15 million for persistent maritime surveillance and \$2 million for domestic aquaculture development. Finally, as of August 2018, HBOI started the Florida Center for Coastal & Human Health to study algae blooms.

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