



Item: AS: A-M

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Wednesday, June 15, 2011

SUBJECT: ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF APRIL 20, 2011 MINUTES

PROPOSED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Initiate roll call to document member participation, ensure quorum, and approve the Minutes of April 20, 2011.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mrs. Sherry Plymale, Chair _____

Mr. Robert Rubin, Vice-Chair _____

Mr. Robert Stilley (ex-officio) _____

Mr. Anthony Barbar _____

Dr. Jeffrey Feingold _____

Dr. Angela Graham-West _____

Mr. Ayden Maher _____

Dr. William McDaniel _____

Dr. Julius "Butch" Teske _____

PARTICIPATING BOT MEMBERS

Mr. David Feder _____

Mr. Abdol Moabery _____

Mr. Paul Tanner _____

Mr. Thomas Workman _____



Committee on Academic and Student Affairs Meeting
Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2011

Committee on Academic and Student Affairs Chair Sherry Plymale convened the meeting. The following committee members were present: Trustee Robert Rubin; Trustee Anthony Barbar; Trustee Nancy Blosser; Trustee Jeffrey Feingold; Trustee Rajendra Gupta; University Faculty Senate President and Trustee Timothy Lenz; Student Government Association President and Trustee Ayden Maher; Trustee Robert Stilley (ex-officio); Trustee David Feder; Trustee Paul Tanner; and Trustee Thomas Workman.

FAU participants in the meeting included: Dr. Mary Jane Saunders, President; Mr. David Kian, Sr. Vice President for Strategic Relations and General Counsel; Dr. Diane Alperin, Interim Provost and Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Rosalyn Carter, Dean of the College for Design and Social Inquiry; and Andrew LaPlant, Coordinator, Board of Trustees Operations.

ASA: A-M. Approval of the Minutes

There was a motion to approve the February 16, 2011 minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

ASA: A-1. Request for Approval of New Academic Programs

Interim Provost Alperin reported that the Office of the University Provost has always worked with each college to monitor degree programs and the ability to stay current in meeting the needs of the citizens of Florida by providing viable educational or occupational objectives. A number of our degree programs are in great demand by students and in few instances, some are approved as "limited access" such as Honors, Nursing and Architecture with the number of majors capped because of facilities, equipment, or external resources. Some degree programs require a specific GPA for admission because of FAU's experiences with the academic rigor of the program or the required professional behaviors. A discussion in faculty governance earlier this year about access for all students admitted to FAU led to the development of these two new academic programs.

The Bachelor of Public Safety Administration, designed to meet the increasing need for trained public safety and emergency/disaster personnel, will provide an opportunity for students unable to access other degree programs. It will be housed in the School of Public Administration and is a collaboration between several of the schools within the College for Design and Social Inquiry, including Criminology and Criminal Justice, Public Administration, Architecture, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Social Work, and Urban

and Regional Planning. The need for trained personnel in all aspects of public safety has grown dramatically since the events of 9/11. The training and education of law enforcement, fire/rescue and disaster management professionals has become a critical need and one that has not been adequately met up to this time. This program addresses all three areas and is the only one of its kind here in Florida.

The Bachelor of Urban Design (BUD) is an undergraduate degree program for South Florida professionals and pre-professionals interested in design of the built environment toward sustainable development at the neighborhood, community, and city scale. It offers an “interdisciplinary approach” for students who plan to pursue a professional career in an urban discipline such as urban & regional planning, urban development policy, real estate development, municipal and planning law, as well as, design disciplines including architecture and landscape architecture and will require existing courses in the School of Urban and Regional Planning and the School of Architecture.

After a short discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve the Bachelor of Public Safety Administration and the Bachelor of Urban Design. The motion passed unanimously.

ASA: A-2. Request for Approval of the termination of Bachelor of German Language and Literature (16.0501).

The Office of the University Provost has always worked with each college to identify programs which no longer justify the cost of instruction on the basis of enrollment, demand, centrality to the mission of the University, or which no longer meet the needs of the citizens of Florida by providing a viable educational or occupational objective. This year we have been involved with an initiative of the Florida Board of Governors and the Council of Academic Vice Presidents on Articulation, Coordination and Coherence of Academic Delivery across the State University System. Our BA in German Language and Literature was one degree identified as having low degree productivity over a five-year period. German language courses will still be offered so enrollment will not be impacted and students will still have this option for the University Foreign Language Requirement.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the termination of the Bachelor of German Language and Literature (16.0501). The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was moved, seconded and approved unanimously.

(Prepared by L. Perez)