



Item: AS: A-M

**COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**

**Tuesday, December 15, 2015**

**SUBJECT: ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 20, 2015 MINUTES**

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Initiate roll call to document member participation, ensure quorum, and approve the Minutes of October 20, 2015 meeting.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mr. Daniel Cane, Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Dr. Julius "Butch" Teske, Vice-Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Anthony Barbar (*ex officio*) \_\_\_\_\_

Dr. Christopher Beetle \_\_\_\_\_

Dr. Michael Dennis \_\_\_\_\_

Ms. Kathryn Edmunds \_\_\_\_\_

Dr. Jeffrey Feingold \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Paul Tanner \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTICIPATING BOT MEMBERS**

Ms. Mary Beth McDonald \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Abdol Moabery \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Robert Rubin \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Robert Stilley \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Thomas Workman \_\_\_\_\_



**Committee on Academic and Student Affairs  
Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2015**

Committee on Academic and Student Affairs Chair Daniel Cane called the meeting to order and requested a roll call to confirm a quorum. In addition to Chair Daniel Cane, the following committee members were present: Trustee Anthony Barbar (ex-officio), Trustee Christopher Beetle, Trustee Michael Dennis, Trustee Kathryn Edmunds and Trustee Paul Tanner. Also present was Trustee Mary Beth McDonald, Trustee Robert Rubin, and Trustee Robert Stilley.

**AS: A-M Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the June 15, 2015 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 Academic Program Reviews – College of Science**

Provost Gary Perry introduced, Interim Dean of the College of Science, Dr. Janet Blanks. Dr. Blanks presents the results of the 2014-2015 program review for the College of Science to the Board. Six departments were reviewed in addition to the Environmental Science program and the Center for Complex Systems and Brain Sciences. Dr. Blanks points out the College of Science as being the second most popular college, with 18% of FAU's total population. She also mentions the amount of Bachelor's degrees awarded since AY 2007-08 has increased by 57%. There are 41 programs in the College of Science; 15 are undergraduate, 20 are graduate, and 6 are certificates. Dr. Blanks reviews each department and informs the Board of the faculty in those departments, as well as the amount of undergraduate and graduate students enrolled. Dr. Blanks goes over the Pillars and Platforms for the College of Science. She then discusses Science's service and outreach opportunities. Next, Dr. Blanks goes over the five recommendations to the Board. After Dr. Blanks' presentation, there is a discussion on one of the recommendations to increase graduate assistant stipends and to provide healthcare and whether it would need to be applied across the university. There is also discussion on the amount of involvement in undergraduate research from the College of Science, to which Dr. Donna Chamely-Wiik estimates that about half of undergraduate research participants comes from the College of Science. Chair, Daniel Cane calls for a motion to approve. The motion is seconded and approved unanimously.

**AS: I-1. Provost's Update**

Provost Perry gives an update on the new faculty that joined this year. There are about 100 new faculty members; 30% are tenure track, 70% non-tenure track. Dr. Perry discusses the enrollment

figures. We have an average G.P.A. of 3.7 and ACT score of 22 for incoming students. This was also the largest FTIC class, with 3,534 students. Dr. Perry points out that enrollment in upper division undergraduate courses is down, however this is because of graduating 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year students and is no cause for concern. He then discusses the increased admission standards for next year, which include raising the required G.P.A. to 3.6 from 3.3. Dr. Perry also mentions the FAU High School Expo that will be occurring on October 24<sup>th</sup>. He concludes his update.

### **AS: I-2. Annual Accreditation Update**

Dr. Russ Ivy gives a presentation on annual accreditation received in addition to SACS. He explains that it is necessary for certain programs to be accredited in order for students to get jobs or certain licensures. Dr. Ivy is happy to announce that there were no issues with accreditation this year. There were six visits last year. Dr. Ivy reviews some of the accrediting organizations, including ABET and LCME, and the length of the accreditation received. Dr. Ivy presents a handout of the annual GME DIO's report to the Board. He then reports that the ACGME will be coming this year to do a site visit of the College of Medicine to assess its Residency program. Dr. Ivy concludes his presentation and answers questions from the Board. There is a brief discussion on the costs associated with being accredited.

### **AS: I-3. Report on Undergraduate Research & Inquiry**

Provost Perry introduces Dr. Donna Chamely-Wiik, Director of Undergraduate Research. Before Dr. Chamely-Wiik starts her presentation, she addresses a couple questions previously asked by the Board. Dr. Chamely-Wiik goes on to discuss the intent to incorporate research intensive courses into the undergraduate curriculum, as well as co-curricular opportunities for students to do some research outside of the classroom. Another goal for Undergraduate Research is to encourage student and faculty support and recognition. Overall, it is the Office of Undergraduate Research's mission to change the culture of FAU and have the university recognized and distinguished for its efforts in engaging students in undergraduate research. Dr. Chamely-Wiik reviews goals for the upcoming year and stats from previous years. Two students currently participating in undergraduate research talk about their experience to the Board. Dr. Chamely-Wiik answers any questions the Board has to satisfaction.

### **AS: I-4. Student Affairs Update**

Dr. Corey King introduces Dr. Larry Faerman as the new Executive Director of Housing & Residential Life. He has been working for the University for 15 years and is an alumnus, as well. Dr. King highlights two areas of Student Affairs that he would like to update the Board on; Campus Recreation and Counseling and Psychological Services.

Dr. King introduces Laura Johnson, Director of Campus Recreation. Laura gives a presentation to the Board. She reviews the various types of fitness offered and the amount of students who participate in these fitness classes or programs. Laura talks about the different sports clubs offered to students. Thirty percent of students participating in intramural sports are first year students. Campus Recreation is also the lead employer of students on campus with over 165 students employed in 20 different positions.

Dr. King introduces Dr. Amber Lyda, who will be sharing information on behalf of Dr. Kirk Dougher. Dr. Lyda gives a presentation on Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) to the Board. She starts by sharing the growth statistics CAPS has seen over the past year. CAPS was accredited by the International Association of Counseling Services and was commended for being a model counseling center across the nation. Dr. Lyda reports a 94% satisfaction rating among students at the university. CAPS is seeking additional accreditation and will be visited by the organization in February. Dr. Lyda also discusses the various outreach strategies CAPS has been implementing around campus to help students learn coping mechanisms and also talk more about suicide prevention. Dr. Lyda talks about the involvement in Housing and Residential Life. Faculty, Staff and Students who deal primarily with students are being trained to identify students in distress. She concludes her presentation by answering any questions the Board has to satisfaction.

Dr. King introduces Keven Allen and Beth Johnston who have information about guest speaker, Nick Vujicic. Nick will be speaking publicly on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> to talk about anti-bullying and suicide prevention. The event is open to the public.

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