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Item: AS: A-M

## COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Subject: Roll Call and Approval of April 16, 2024 Minutes

### PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

INITIATE ROLL CALL TO DOCUMENT MEMBER PARTICIPATION, ENSURE QUORUM, AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2024 MEETING.

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Daniel Cane, Chair	_____
Dr. Kimberly Dunn, Vice Chair	_____
Mr. Stefan Andjelkovic	_____
Mr. Piero Bussani (ex-officio)	_____
Mr. Earnie Ellison	_____
Mrs. Barbara Feingold (ex-officio)	_____

#### PARTICIPATING BOT MEMBERS

Mr. Shaun Davis	_____
Mr. Robert Flippo	_____
Mr. Brad Levine	_____
Mrs. Elycia Morris, Chair	_____
Mrs. Sherry Murphy	_____
Mr. Pablo Paez	_____
Mrs. Linda Stoch	_____



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**Committee on Academic and Student Affairs**

**Meeting Minutes– April 16, 2024**

Committee on Academic and Student Affairs Chair Piero Bussani called the meeting to order and requested a rollcall to confirm a quorum. In addition to Chair Piero Bussani, the following committee members were present: Trustee Barbara Feingold (ex-officio), Trustee Dalia Calvillo, Trustee Earnie Ellison, Trustee Robert Flippo, Trustee Brad Levine, Trustee Sherry Murphy, Trustee Pablo Paez and Trustee Linda Stoch.

**AS: A-M Roll Call and Approval of Minutes from the February 8, 2024, Committee on Academic and Student Affairs**

The minutes from the February 8, 2024 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 Approval of an Honorary Doctorate Nomination**

Dr. Russ Ivy, Interim Provost, requested recommendation to approve the conferral of an Honorary Doctorate on Charna Larkin.

University Policy 2.3 (Honorary Doctorates) specifies that those nominated for Honorary Doctorates be recommended to the FAU Board of Trustees by the University Faculty Senate Honors and Awards Committee, the Provost and the President. One candidate is being recommended at this time. Charna Larkin has led an extraordinary life as an entrepreneur, businesswoman, and philanthropist with more than 20 years devoted to Florida Atlantic University and giving back to her community. She attended college as an adult and graduated from Boston College. In the early 70's, she helped form The Larkin Group, a widely respected and successful trade show production company that was acquired by Advanstar Communications in the year 2000. Ms. Larkin lived in Massachusetts until 2002, where she supported Beth Israel Hospital and other community organizations, including the Boston University School of Medicine's Larkin Family Eye Research Laboratory. Upon moving to South Florida, Ms. Larkin has demonstrated an on-going love for FAU, such as the support of university programs that are named in her honor and in the memory of her late husband Alan. Among these initiatives are the Larkin Family Presidential Symposium dedicated to the advancement of the history of the American Presidency, the Alan B. Larkin Book Series, and the Alan B. Larkin Family Fellowships and Scholarships.



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For more than 20 years, the Symposium has added a new dimension to scholarly pursuits for FAU's students, faculty, and the community. Held each February in honor of President's Day, it has become a signature event at FAU and over these many years has attracted thousands of visitors/attendees to FAU. The annual symposium explores the role of the presidency in shaping political, cultural, and social developments in American life. Past symposia have featured lectures by former Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright, noted journalists Helen Thomas, David Halberstam, Eugene Robinson, Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein as well as some of the country's top historians.

In 2022, Charna increased her philanthropic relationship with FAU by donating her rare Presidential Signatures Collection to the FAU Libraries. Among the items that will be housed in the study on the 3rd floor of the Wimberly Library are 45 letters signed by American presidents ranging from George Washington to Donald Trump. Ms. Larkin's recognition as a dedicated humanist and philanthropist continues to grow. Her dedication to fostering our intellectual growth and nurturing of initiatives across the university has resulted in impactful outcomes for hundreds of staff, faculty, and students.

A motion was made to approve. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

### **AS: I-1 Student Body Update.**

Dalia Calvillo, FAU Trustee and Student Body President, reviewed student government activities and programming over the course of the last academic year.

President Executive Projects 2023-2024:

- Discounted transportation – Brightline and Lyft Discount
  - Brightline offers FAU students, faculty, and alumni 25% off “smart travel” tickets and 10% off premium tickets.
  - \$5 off for two rides per month with Lyft; students can use this discount from any location; over 17,900 students have utilized Lyft for FY 2023-2024.
- Food insecurity – Parking Citation Forgiveness Program, Mini Food Pantries and Ending Owls Hunger Program
  - 10 mini pantries established around campus; installed the first personal goods pantry in the library.
- Academic Support – Textbook Support Program, Free Grammarly Premium, and Testing Support Program
  - 400 students received \$100 credit for textbook support, and any academic supplies from our bookstore.
  - Free Grammarly Premium, around 2,000 active users. Available for all students at FAU.



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- Up to 50% discount for student prep courses, and test reimbursement. Program was utilized by an estimate of 150 students.
- Athletics – Greek Section, Discounted Student Tickets and Away Game Parties
- Campus Life and Renovations – Student Union Banners and E-Sports Arena
- Government Relations – FSA Monthly Meetings, Rally in Tally, FAU Day at the Capital, and FSA Sunshine Day at the Capital
  - Attended 10 Florida Student Association meetings, six in person across the state of Florida.
  - Rally in Tally, advocated for Mental Health/“Sunshine Day,” Bright Futures and Student Homelessness

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