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Item: AS: A-M

## COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Subject: Roll Call and Approval of June 4, 2024 Minutes

### PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

INITIATE ROLL CALL TO DOCUMENT MEMBER PARTICIPATION, ENSURE QUORUM, AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF June 4, 2024 MEETING.

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

#### PARTICIPATING BOT MEMBERS

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



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## Committee on Academic and Student Affairs

### Meeting Minutes– June 4, 2024

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

#### **AS: A-M Roll Call and Approval of Minutes from the April 16, 2024, Committee on Academic and Student Affairs**

The minutes from the April 16, 2024 meeting was 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 FAU's General Education Curriculum**

Dr. Russ Ivy, Interim Provost, requested for the approval of FAU's revised general education curriculum and course options.

In May 2023, Florida enacted Senate Bill 266, initiating comprehensive reforms to higher education statewide. Key provisions included revising general education standards across all public universities and state colleges. Sections 1007.25 and 1007.55 of the Florida Statutes empowered the Board of Governors (BOG) to amend Regulation 8.005 on General Education Course Options, incorporating new standards based on recommendations from the Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC) in October 2023. The BOG subsequently approved these changes in January 2024.

As a result, Florida Atlantic University (FAU) undertook significant updates to its general education core courses. FAU revised course descriptions and student learning outcomes in alignment with the statewide standards established by the Statewide Course Numbering System. This process followed FAU's standard faculty governance curricular procedures and was reported to the Office of K-20 Articulation.

FAU prepared a revised list of general education core courses, which underwent approval processes involving FAU's Core Curriculum Committee, the Undergraduate Programs Committee, the Faculty Senate Steering Committee, and the University Faculty Senate. The proposed changes also affected the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, ensuring alignment with both new state standards and FAU's overall educational requirements.



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Moving forward, these revisions will undergo an annual review process. FAU's President and Board of Trustees will annually review and approve course options by September, with subsequent submission to the ACC by December each calendar year, in accordance with revised statutes and regulations.

Implementation at FAU will occur in two phases: changes to the general education state core courses will take effect from Fall 2024, irrespective of a student's catalog year, while changes to institutional requirement courses will be implemented from Fall 2025.

Following approval by FAU's President and Board of Trustees, the University Catalog will be updated to reflect these changes, officially replacing FAU's existing Intellectual Foundations Program (IFP) with the newly approved curriculum.

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

**AS: I-1 Annual Review of Academic Degree Program List**

Dr. Russ Ivy, Interim Provost, reported on the annual review of academic degree program list.

In March 2024, the Board of Governors (BOG) amended Regulation 8.011 concerning the Authorization of New Academic Degree Programs and Other Curricular Offerings. The revision decouples the process for planning new degree programs from the annual Accountability Plan, allowing universities to submit annual lists of anticipated new degree programs to the BOG. This replaces the previous requirement to provide a comprehensive list of potential new programs years in advance. The aim is to enable institutions to respond more swiftly to changing workforce needs.

Under the amended regulation, each university's Board of Trustees must review and approve its list of anticipated new degree programs before submission to the BOG. The BOG clarified that this submission is for informational purposes and does not require a formal vote. The deadline for universities to provide the BOG staff with their list of anticipated new degree programs is June 28, 2024.

**The meeting was adjourned.**