



Item: AS: A-M

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

SUBJECT: ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF JUNE 17, 2009 MINUTES

PROPOSED BOARD RECOMMENDATION

Initiate roll call to document member participation, ensure quorum, and approve the June 17, 2009 meeting minutes.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Armand Grossman, Chair _____

Dr. William Bryant, Vice-Chair _____

Mr. Scott Adams _____

Dr. Rajendra Gupta _____

Dr. Timothy Lenz _____

Mrs. Sherry Plymale _____

Ms. Tiffany Weimar _____

Mrs. Nancy Blosser (ex-officio) _____

PARTICIPATING BOT MEMBERS

Mr. Anthony Barbar _____

Mr. David Feder _____

Mrs. Lalita Janke _____

Mr. Robert Stilley _____

Mr. Thomas Workman _____



Academic and Student Affairs Committee
Draft Minutes
June 17, 2009

Chairman Armand Grossman convened the meeting with the following committee members present: Vice Chair, William Bryant; Scott Adams; Rajendra Gupta; Tim Lenz; Sherry Plymale; and Tiffany Weimar.

Other trustees participating in the meeting included: BOT Chair, Nancy Blosser; Anthony Barbar; David Feder; Lalita Janke; Robert Stilley; Tom Workman.

The following university officials participated: Frank T. Brogan, President; John F. Pritchett, Provost; Barry Rosson; Dean, Graduate College; Mr. Jack Ludin, Deputy General Counsel; Dr. Heather Coltman, Chair of the Department of Music; Michael Moriarty, Interim Vice President for Research; Mr. David Kian, General Counsel.

AS: M. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2009 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

AS: A-1. Request for Approval to Establish a Policy on Graduate Admissions

Dr. Barry Rosson presented the item to the Committee noting that Board of Governors Regulation 6.003 states that each University Board of Trustees must adopt regulations for the admission of graduate and post-baccalaureate students consistent with university mission and Board of Governors regulations.

The proposed policy responds to this requirement and provides university guidelines for the admission of graduate students at Florida Atlantic University in conformity with the BOG regulation. The policy is based upon a framework document developed by the SUS Council of Graduate Deans and has been reviewed and approved by various faculty governance bodies according to established university policies and procedures.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval to establish a Policy on Graduate Admissions.

The motion passed unanimously.

AS: A-2. Request for Approval of Regulations on Centers and Institutes

Mr. Jack Ludin, Deputy General Counsel, presented the request noting that Board of Governors Regulation 10.015(3), University Policies for Institutes and Centers, states that the University Board of Trustees must adopt policies for establishing, operating, evaluating, reviewing and disbanding university institutes and centers in accordance with Board of Governors criteria. Proposed Regulation 2.006 responds to this requirement and provides university guidelines for the establishment, operation, evaluation, review and dissolution of centers and institutes at Florida Atlantic University in conformity with the BOG regulation.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of regulations on centers and institutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

AS: A-3. Request for Approval of Waiver to Exceed 120 credit hour limit for Bachelor's Degree in Commercial Music

Dr. Heather Coltman presented the item to the Committee noting that the Music Business track within the Bachelor of Music degree was first approved in 1998. The current Bachelor of Music degree with an emphasis in Music Business was approved as a separate degree by the FAU Board of Trustees in 2005. This is a highly innovative degree program that continues to grow in number of students and prestige. One of the requirements for this degree is enrollment in the Commercial Music Forum (MUS 1010). This is a hands-on, practical experience that prepares students to face the legal, creative, and financial realities of the music industry. When this course was first developed, it was a zero credit course. As it has evolved, however, it is a course that requires significant faculty time and resources. The University Faculty Senate has recently approved the change from a zero credit to a one credit course. This will add eight credits to the commercial music degree, making it a baccalaureate degree in excess of 120 credit hours. The Florida Board of Governors requires all degrees in excess of 120 hours to be approved by the university's Board of Trustees.

In response to questions from Committee members, it was noted that the additional credits would not delay graduation as the course was required; however, the course carried zero credits. It was decided that since students wanted to take the course, credit would be given. There is an additional cost for the students since the course content was expanded and the additional work on the part of faculty necessitated the cost of the course.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of a waiver to exceed 120 credit hours for the Bachelor's Degree in Commercial Music. **The motion passed unanimously.**

AS: A-4. Request for Approval of Revision to FAU Regulation 4.013, Exceptional Circumstances Withdrawals

Dr. Charles Brown presented the item to the Committee noting that the request is for a slight revision to the existing regulation used to respond to student crisis. The Division of Student Affairs seeks approval of the proposed FAU Regulation 4.013, Exceptional Circumstance Withdrawals. This regulation outlines the process and procedure for a student to request a withdrawal from the University for exceptional circumstances. Also, the proposed regulation describes the role and scope of the committee and informs students, faculty, and staff when it is appropriate to use. The committee, composed of representatives from all campuses, spent several months drafting this regulation. It was also reviewed by the General Counsel's Office. Dr. Brown noted that in the past year 339 students applied for exceptional circumstance, an increase from previous years. It was noted that given severe economic times, it may increase further.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of a revision to FAU Regulation 4.013, Exceptional Circumstances Withdrawals. **The motion passed unanimously.**

AS: A-5. Request for Approval of Revision to FAU Regulation 4.014, Involuntary Withdrawals

Dr. Brown presented the request noting that the regulation provides for a committee to advise and make recommendations regarding students with health related problems that constitute a health hazard or a danger to themselves or others in the University. Approval of this proposed regulation allows the University to have a formal process that outlines the role and scope of the committee.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of a revision to FAU Regulation 4.014, Exceptional Circumstances Withdrawals. **The motion passed unanimously.**

AS: I-1. Report on the Division of Research

Dr. Michael Moriarty presented the Committee with an update on the activities of the Division of Research. Dr. Moriarty noted that his presentation will update the presentation he delivered to the Board at the 2008 BOT Retreat.

He reiterated the point that in order to establish FAU as a strong research institution a culture where research is valued, rewarded and expected needs to exist. A foundation supporting that culture needs to be built. The foundation includes three components: the people, infrastructure, and institutional investments. If the foundation and culture is strong, a normal non-compounded growth rate of 10% per year can be expected.

At the end of FY 07-08, the University's research funding awards reached approximately \$33M. In the 3rd quarter of FY 08-09, research outpaced FY 07-08 by approximately \$4M. This puts the University on a trajectory of reaching \$50M by the end of the 4th quarter of FY 08-09.

Dr. Moriarty reminded the Committee that when he delivered his previous presentation, he had made four recommendations toward assuring the continued development of a strong research university. The first two recommendations dealt with emphasizing the importance of research and encouraging the deans to invest strategically in research. The second two recommendations suggested establishing a core of institutional research priorities/themes and rewarding faculty for research initiatives and activities. He indicated that since he would continue serving as Interim Vice President, he was moving forward with these recommendations.

In order to successfully implement the last two recommendations, he identified the following ingredients: a strong faculty, supportive infrastructure; strategic investments; and, investments and rewards. The path leading to a strong research university includes: defining goals; defining guidelines; and, defining the process. Dr. Moriarty elaborated on each of these areas and provided the Committee with a tentative timeline prior to concluding his remarks.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned.

(Prepared by M. Mertz)