COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS
Thursday, April 19, 2012

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO AMEND REGULATION 1.003, UNIVERSITY SENATE

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION
Recommend BOT approval of amendments to FAU Regulation 1.003, University Senate.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION
The Division of Academic Affairs is requesting approval for revisions to FAU Regulation 1.003, University Senate. The revisions correct outdated references to the Board of Regents and the Florida Administrative Code. The process for the Senate to recommend policies has been simplified and clarified. The regulation was last updated in 1989.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE
The regulation will be amended and effective upon adoption by the Board.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS
N/A

Supporting Documentation: Text of proposed amended Regulation 1.003
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The University Faculty Senate shall be the representative body of the academic community of the University. In this capacity, the Faculty Senate shall take cognizance of and comply with Board of Regents’ policies, rules and regulations and University policies on all matters which concern the University. The Faculty Senate shall be primarily concerned with:

(a) Matters of general educational policy, including curriculum, admission, degree programs, and registration;

(b) Matters of general faculty interest, including tenure, hiring policies, promotion, and academic freedom, and conditions of employment;

(c) Student affairs;

(d) Certain administrative procedures of general University interest, including college or division reorganization, the budgetary process, and the awarding of honorary degrees.

In exercising its functions:

(a) The Faculty Senate may recommend rules, regulations and policies to the President pursuant to Section 120.54(5), F.S. The President or designee shall respond in writing to the Faculty Senate, accepting or rejecting the recommendation within 360 days.

(b) The President shall respond in writing within 60 days to Senate recommendations which do not require rules.

(e) Senate recommendations shall become policy upon approval by the President or designee, if not in conflict with University—any laws, rules, regulations or policies, the Board of Regents’ policies or rules, other state or federal rules or statutes and if not vetoed by the President in writing in 60 days of adoption.

The University Faculty Senate may perform all activities consistent with its purposes as set forth above and may promulgate its constitution, by-laws and such other guidelines for operation as may be necessary and in conformance with applicable laws, rules and regulations of the Board of Regents, Governors and these regulations or rules of the University Board of Trustees.

Specific Authority: Article IX of the Florida Constitution, 1001.706, F.S., Board of
Governors Regulation 1.001. History–New 10-1-75, Amended 5-24-76, 12-17-78, Formerly 6C5-1.03, Amended 5-9-89. Formerly 6C5-1.003, Amended __-__ 12.