COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS
Tuesday, October 15, 2013

SUBJECT: ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF JUNE 4, 2013 MINUTES

PROPOSED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
Initiate roll call to document member participation, ensure quorum, and approve the Minutes of June 4, 2013 meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Mr. Paul Tanner, Chair
Dr. Julius “Butch” Teske, Vice-Chair
Mr. Peter Amirato
Mr. Anthony Barbar (ex officio)
Mr. Daniel Cane
Ms. Mary Beth McDonald
Dr. Ronald Nyhan
Mr. Thomas Workman (ex officio)

PARTICIPATING BOT MEMBERS
Mr. David Feder
Dr. Jeffrey P. Feingold
Mr. Abdol Moabery
Mr. Robert Rubin
Mr. Robert Stilley
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Committee on Academic and Student Affairs Chair Paul Tanner called the meeting to order and requested a roll call to confirm a quorum. In addition to Committee Chair Tanner, the following committee members were present: Committee Vice-Chair Butch Teske, Trustee Anthony Barbar (ex officio), Trustee Thomas Workman (ex officio), Trustee Peter Amirato, and Trustee Ronald Nyhan. Also present were the following: Trustee David Feder, Trustee Jeffrey Feingold, Trustee Abdol Moabery, Trustee Robert Rubin, and Trustee Robert Stilley.

AS: A-M Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the April 16, 2013 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 Honorary Doctorate Nomination

Dr. Brenda Claiborne, provost, presented an overview of the nomination process for honorary doctorates and presented a nomination on behalf of Valerie Bristor, Dean of the College of Education. Dr. Roy Church, a 1971 alumnus of FAU’s College of Education, was nominated. Dr. Church has served as President of Lorain County Community College in Elyria, Ohio since 1987. In addition to his contributions to the growth of the student body and creation of comprehensive higher education centers for local residents, he has been an active public servant on the local, regional and state levels in Ohio – contributing to education, workforce and human service organizations. In 2012, Dr. Church was inducted into the Northeast Ohio Business Hall of Fame.

The request was unanimously approved by the Committee.
**AS: A-2 Request for Approval of Termination of the Bachelor in Information Engineering Technology (15.1202)**

Dr. Claiborne described the process through which FAU continues to participate in the Academic Coordinating Group of the Council of Academic Vice Presidents, which reviews new degree proposals and the productivity of existing degrees. The Bachelor in Information Engineering Technology (BIET) was one degree identified as having low degree productivity over a five-year period. There are currently 38 students enrolled in the program. These students have been advised and a detailed schedule developed for each student who wishes to complete the degree. It is estimated that all students will be able to complete the degree requirements by December 2014. Due to decreased enrollments, Dr. Claiborne requested that the BIET degree be terminated.

Trustee Rubin questioned why this degree program was targeted for termination when 38 degrees is a much healthier threshold than other degree programs at FAU. Dr. Claiborne responded that the decreased enrollments led to the loss of faculty members, and the program would require substantial costs to continue.

The request was unanimously approved by the Committee.

**AS: I-3 Amendment of Regulation 2.001, Admission Requirements and Enrollment Limitations**

Dr. Diane Alperin, associate provost, presented the revised policy on admission requirements and enrollment limitations for military students. The policy will enable students who are or were eligible members of the United States Armed Forces to earn appropriate academic college credit for college-level training and education acquired in the military.

Trustee Teske requested an example of the types of credits that can be transferred. Dr. Alperin responded that only special college-level training would be eligible for credit, and standard education such as basic training would be excluded.

Trustee Feingold requested information on FAU’s recruitment efforts of military and veteran students. Dr. Alperin responded that, specifically, we work with the U.S. Navy to make transitions easier, and we recently created a new veterans’ affairs office in the Division of Student Affairs, as well as an honors program for veterans, and we provide special advising services and access for veterans. Additionally, she noted that we are
ranked as a top school for veterans and, in the College of Education, we are the state leader of the Troops to Teachers program.

Trustee Teske followed up, asking if the new office for veterans’ affairs provides any assistance with veteran student finances. Dr. Charles Brown responded affirmatively.

The request was unanimously approved by the Committee.

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