



Item: AS: A-M

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Thursday, February 8, 2024

Subject: Roll Call and Approval of November 14, 2023 Minutes

PROPOSED COMMITTEERE COMMENDATION

INITIATE ROLL CALL TO DOCUMENT MEMBER PARTICIPATION, ENSURE QUORUM, AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2023 MEETING.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mrs. Elycia Morris, Chair _____

Mr. Daniel Cane, Vice Chair _____

Dr. Kimberly Dunn _____

Mr. Earnie Ellison _____

Mrs. Barbara Feingold (ex-officio) _____

Ms. Dalia Calvillo _____

Mr. Brad Levine (ex-officio) _____

Mrs. Sherry Murphy _____

Mrs. Linda Stoch _____

PARTICIPATING BOT MEMBERS

Mr. Piero Bussani _____

Mr. Shaun Davis _____

Mr. Robert Flippo _____

Mr. Pablo Paez _____

Committee on Academic and Student Affairs
Meeting Minutes– November 14, 2023

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

AS: A-M Roll Call and Approval of Minutes from the June 19, 2023, Committee on Academic and Student Affairs

The minutes from the June 19, 2023, 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 FY 2023 Annual Financial Institute and Center Reports

Dr. Gregg Fields, Vice President of Research, presented the financial reports of all Institute and Center expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 and for all Centers of Excellence awards received in Fiscal Year 2023. FAU has 29 active Institutes and Centers, 2 of which are Centers of Excellence. FAU has no 7-year Evaluations due for Fiscal Year 2023.

In accordance with Florida Board Regulation 10.015, Dr. Fields sought the Board of Trustees approval prior to submitting the reports to the Board of Governors.

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

AS: I-1 Report on Research

Dr. Gregg Fields, Vice President of Research, gave a general update on the Division of Research. Dr. Fields reported on total sponsored research expenditures and research growth. He reported on the following institutes:

- Stiles-Nicholson Brain Institute: Advanced neuroscience research that promotes superior neuroscience education, facilitates the translation of research discoveries and enhances the public understanding of the dimensions of brain research and its benefits.
- I-Sense (Institute for Sensing and Embedded Network Systems Engineering): Innovation hub for sensing, computing, communication, AI, connected autonomy and cryptography, providing technical expertise and engineering support, and tackling society's most pressing challenges, from safeguarding water systems and agricultural resources, to managing growing cities, to supporting health and wellness.
- FAU Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute: Solution-oriented research addresses critical issues affecting coastal zones, oceans and human well-being, including conducting studies around the world in varying climates, ecosystems and cultures.

- I-Health (Institute for Human Health and Disease Intervention): Leads paradigm-shifting research groups focused on cancer, infectious diseases, and human health and dementia fueled by multidisciplinary collaborations across FAU's colleges and with regional clinical partners.

Lastly, Dr. Fields discussed FAU's road to R1. R1 is the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education's highest and most coveted very high research activity status. R1 universities meet benchmarks in research expenditures and doctoral graduates. Based on present levels of research expenditures and doctoral graduates FAU should be transitioning to R1 in 2025.