



Item: AS: A-M

**COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT
AFFAIRS**

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Subject: Roll Call and Approval of November 17, 2020 Minutes

PROPOSED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Initiate roll call to document member participation, ensure quorum, and approve the Minutes of November 17, 2020 meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Brad Levine, Chair	_____
Mr. Daniel Cane, Vice Chair	_____
Mr. Brent Burns (ex-officio)	_____
Mrs. Barbara Feingold	_____
Mr. Abdol Moabery (ex-officio)	_____
Ms. Celine Persaud	_____
Dr. Kevin Wagner	_____

PARTICIPATING BOT MEMBERS

Mr. Shaun Davis	_____
Dr. Malcolm Dorman	_____
Mrs. Mary Beth McDonald	_____
Ms. Elycia Morris	_____
Mr. Robert Stilley	_____



**Committee on Academic and Student Affairs
Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2020**

Committee on Academic and Student Affairs Chair Brad Levine called the meeting to order and requested a roll call to confirm a quorum. In addition to Chair Brad Levine, the following committee members were present: Vice Chair Robert Rubin, Trustee Shaun Davis (*ex-officio*), Trustee Abdol Moabery (*ex-officio*), Trustee Celine Persaud and Trustee Kevin Wagner. Also present were the following: Trustee Brent Burns, Trustee Elycia Morris and Trustee Robert Stilley.

AS: A-M. Roll Call and Approval of Minutes from the June 2, 2020 Committee on Academic and Student Affairs.

The minutes from the June 2, 2020 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 Program Review – Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

Under Florida Board of Governors Regulation 6C-8.015 adopted March 29, 2007, all academic degree programs in State universities must be reviewed at least every seven years. Program reviews ensure that academic programs are administered and delivered effectively, efficiently, and consistent with FAU's mission and the Board of Governors' strategic priorities. The results of program reviews are expected to inform strategic planning, program development, and budgeting decisions at the university level, and, when appropriate, at the state level. Academic Program Review at FAU includes a few additional steps: The self-study prepared by the program's department will be submitted to an independent review committee comprised of 2-5 individuals. The committee included at least one external reviewer who will serve as a content expert in the discipline. Other members included nominees of the head of the academic unit in consultation with the unit's faculty. The external reviewer conducted a day and a half site-visit. A written report of the reviewer's findings was submitted to the program's review committee. In addition to self-studies and external reviewer reports, departmental responses and action plans were prepared. An executive summary was submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Academic degree programs in the following departments were reviewed this year: Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters a) Anthropology b) Comparative Studies c) Political Science d) Sociology e) Women, Gender, & Sexuality. Highlights from the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters included 1,077 annual total bachelor degrees, 98 annual total master's degrees and on average 6 per year total doctoral degrees. In 2018-2019, the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters had the 2nd highest total state fundable school credit hours. 40,907 student credit hours are delivered each semester by or with help from Graduate Teacher Assistant's alone. The majors have a 13-1 student-faculty ratio in upper-



division classes. Two of the past four distinguished teachers of the year are from the College of Arts and Letters. There is an honors program in nearly every major of the college. The most number of FAU faculty teaching for OSHER Lifelong Learning Institutes. In 2019, faculty submitted 23 proposals through sponsored programs which is an increase of 283% over the previous year. Finally, the college requested \$3,619,374 and was awarded 9 grants or 39% of the proposals submitted.

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

AS: I-1. Provost's Updates

Dr. Bret Danilowicz, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs provided a general update on academic issues and initiatives. The Division of Academic Affairs is working with the Division of Financial Affairs on an academic finance model. The model will be broken down to the academic program and course. Also, the Committee of Academic and Student Affairs will have a proposed work plan at the next meeting. Next, the College of Engineering and Computer Science is conducting its internal accreditation process. Finally, approximately 80% of our courses will have in-person instruction options.

AS: I-2. Faculty Update by Provost

Dr. Bret Danilowicz, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs gives a general update on faculty numbers, promotion and tenure, faculty highlights, and SPOT scores. As of fall 2019, there are 887 full-time instructional faculty, 55% of them are male and 45% are female. 68% of faculty are White, 13% Asian, 8% Hispanic, 7% Black and 4% other categories. 48% of faculty are tenured, 21% are tenured earning and 31% are instructors. New faculty for Fiscal Year 2020 includes 51 new full-time faculty (loss of 76 full-time faculty for a net of -25). About 50% are tenure track, about 50% are non-tenure track.

Tenure at Florida Atlantic University is the recognition that the person so honored is an established member of an academic profession, possessing a terminal degree or qualification appropriate to the discipline, and having clearly demonstrated the commitment and ability to continue to be a scholar, contributing to the field of knowledge through original work and quality teaching in the best traditions of the professoriate. Promotion and Tenure committees at the department level, college level, and the university level make recommendations to the Provost, and ultimately the Provost to the President. The President makes the final decision to grant tenure. The typical application for promotion and tenure to Associate Professor is at 6 years. Promotion to Professor is usually around 12 years. There have been 21 Assistant Professor terminations in the past three years. Last year, 97% of applications for Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor were successful. The Board of Trustees' role in the Tenure process has been the President shall make the final decision on the granting of tenure and promotion. For tenure cases, the President will certify to the Board of Trustees that all required procedures have been followed.



The Committee on Academic and Student Affairs will analyze best practices on the Promotion and Tenure process.

AS: I-3. Performance-Based Funding Update

Dr. Bret Danilowicz, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs provides an update on performance-based funding, including an overview of proposed changes to the state's model, possible impacts of those changes, and university outcomes on the various metrics. Recent changes to Florida Statute 1001.92 resulted in the addition of two new legislatively-required metrics in the state's performance-based funding model: the 2-year graduation rate for associate in arts transfer student and the 6-year graduation rate for students who are awarded a Pell Grant in their first year. To keep the model at 100 points, Board of Governors staff has recommended that one current metric be replaced with the two new metrics (each new metric worth 5 points each). If a university's score decreases or stays the same for 2 consecutive years, the university may receive up to 100% of their allocation of the state investment only after presenting/completing a student success plan. The Provost provided an update on projected outcomes.

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