



Item: AS: A-M

**COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**

**Wednesday, April 20, 2011**

**SUBJECT: ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 16, 2011 MINUTES**

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Initiate roll call to document member participation, ensure quorum, and approve the Minutes of February 16, 2011.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mrs. Sherry Plymale, Chair	_____
Mr. Robert Rubin, Vice-Chair	_____
Mr. Anthony Barbar	_____
Mrs. Nancy Blosser	_____
Dr. Jeffrey Feingold	_____
Dr. Rajendra Gupta	_____
Dr. Timothy Lenz	_____
Mr. Ayden Maher	_____
Mr. Robert Stilley (ex-officio)	_____

**PARTICIPATING BOT MEMBERS**

Mr. David Feder	_____
Mr. Paul Tanner	_____
Mr. Thomas Workman	_____



**Committee on Academic and Student Affairs Meeting**  
**Draft Minutes**  
**February 16, 2011**

Committee on Academic and Student Affairs Chair Sherry Plymale thanked the new Committee members who have agreed to serve on this Committee and convened the meeting. The following committee members were present: Trustee Robert Rubin; Trustee Rajendra Gupta; Trustee Anthony Barbar; Trustee Nancy Blosser; University Faculty Senate President and Trustee Timothy Lenz; Student Government Association President and Trustee Ayden Maher; Trustee Robert Stilley (ex-officio); Trustee Paul Tanner; Trustee Thomas Workman; Trustee Jeffrey Feingold and Trustee David Feder participated via conference call.

FAU participants in the meeting included: Dr. Mary Jane Saunders, President; Mr. David Kian, Sr. Vice President for Strategic relations; Dr. Diane Alperin, Interim Provost; Dr. Charles Brown, Sr. Vice President for Student Affairs; Mr. Dennis Crudele, Sr. Vice President for Finance & Administration; and Dr. Gary Perry, Dean of the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science.

**ASA: A-M. Approval of the Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2010 meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**ASA: A-1. Approval of Honorary Doctorate Nominations**

Interim Provost Alperin presented the information on three candidates recommended for Honorary Doctorates. Two of these nominations came from Dean Perry of the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science: Dr. Michael Posner, Professor Emeritus at the University of Oregon was awarded the National Medal of Science in 2008; Dr. Michael Turvey, Board of Trustees' Distinguished Professor at the University of Connecticut is the 2009 recipient of the Bernstein Prize in Motor Control. Nominated by Dean Miller of the FAU Libraries is Mr. Arthur Jaffe who moved to Boca Raton in 1984 as Founding Director of the Jewish Community Foundation of South Palm Beach County. He has an 18 year history with FAU as an Endowed Ario Hyams Professor in Libraries and Curator of the Arthur and Mata Jaffe Collection of Books as Aesthetic Objects. Mr. Jaffe is celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this spring. These Honorary Doctorates will be conferred at future Commencement ceremonies.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Honorary Doctorate Nominations and the motion passed unanimously.

**ASA: A-2. Approval of Amended FAU Regulation 4.009, Health Insurance for International Students and Research Scholars**

Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Charles Brown gave an overview of FAU Regulation 4.009, the major medical insurance requirement for foreign students and International Research Scholars. When sponsored by the University, they must comply with applicable health insurance requirements of the Florida Board of Governors, the U.S. Department of State and the University Board of Trustees in order to maintain eligibility for the non-immigrant visa programs in which they participate and to the recent amendments to BOG Regulation 6.009.

After a short discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve the Amended FAU Regulation 4.009, Health Insurance for International Students and Research Scholars. The motion passed unanimously.

**AS: I-1. Provost's Report**

Dr. Alperin reported on a number of variables creating a greater appeal for FAU, resulting in a tremendous increase in the number of applications which may result in selecting students with a higher GPA and help with student retention and graduation rates. Dr. Alperin presented an overview of Academic Affairs; the establishment of a Center for e-Learning; and gave an update on FAU Jupiter Campus' Institute for Science and Technology. Other important variables include FAU's collaboration with Scripps; the new M.D./Ph.D. program with Scripps Kellogg School of Science and Technology; the collaborative research projects with Torrey Pines including the discovery of analgesics from conotoxins and anti-cancer drug synthesis; the collaboration with Max Planck Florida Institute and a joint graduate program Integrative Biology and Neuroscience among others; and several other high priority research areas. Dr. Alperin also outlined the five-year plan on the development and enhancement of science and technology research programs proposed and complemented by the possibility of a major supercomputer center in Jupiter, and invited Dr. Perry to provide detailed information on space, enhancement of programs, and FAU's ongoing collaborative research projects.

**AS: I-2. Brainstorming Exercise**

With the start of a new year and the presence of new committee members, Committee on Academic and Student Affairs Chair Sherry Plymale is developing a timeline/workplan with the participation of all the Committee members to express their interest and raise questions about issues that they think most important to be brought before them. A question about degree programs was raised, and other discussions followed.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.