



Item: AS: A-M

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Tuesday, February 20th, 2018

Subject: Roll Call and Approval of November 14, 2017 Minutes

PROPOSED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Initiate roll call to document member participation, ensure quorum, and approve the Minutes of November 14, 2017 meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Daniel Cane, Chair	_____
Dr. Michael Dennis, Vice-Chair	_____
Mr. Anthony Barbar (<i>ex officio</i>)	_____
Mr. Shaun Davis	_____
Dr. Malcolm Dorman	_____
Dr. Jeffrey Feingold	_____
Ms. Emily Lawless	_____
Dr. Kevin Wagner	_____

PARTICIPATING BOT MEMBERS

Ms. Mary Beth McDonald	_____
Mr. Abdol Moabery	_____
Mr. Robert Rubin	_____
Mr. Robert Stilley	_____
Mr. Thomas Workman	_____



**Committee on Academic and Student Affairs
Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2017**

Committee on Academic and Student Affairs Chair Daniel Cane called the meeting to order and requested a roll call to confirm a quorum. In addition to Vice Chair Trustee Michael Dennis, the following committee members were present: Trustee Anthony Barbar (*ex-officio*), Trustee Shaun Davis, Trustee Malcolm Dorman, Trustee Jeffrey Feingold, Trustee Emily Lawless and Trustee Kevin Wagner. Also present was Trustee Mary Beth McDonald, Trustee Abdol Moabery, Trustee Robert Rubin, Trustee Robert Stilley and Trustee Thomas Workman.

AS: A-M. Roll Call and Approval of Minutes from the May 16, 2017 Meeting

The minutes from the May 16, 2017 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 Academic Program Reviews Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

Provost Gary Perry introduces Dean Michael Horswell to present the three program reviews in the Dorothy. F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters. The following departments were reviewed this year a) Theatre and Dance, b) Music, and c) Visual Arts and Arts History.

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, planning 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: 1) The self-study prepared by the program's department will be submitted to an independent review committee comprised of 2-5 individuals. The committee will include at least one external reviewer who will serve as a content expert in the discipline. Other members will include nominees of the head of the academic unit in consultation with the unit's faculty. 2) The external reviewer will conduct a day and a half site-visit. A written report of the reviewer's findings will be submitted to the program's review committee. 3) In addition to self-studies and external reviewer reports, action plans will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval.

The Theatre and Dance program recommendations were to 1) Continue to pursue donor(s) and launch a capital campaign that includes philanthropic naming opportunities throughout the Performing Arts complex including enhancing the University Theatre, 2) Increase GTA stipends and provide health insurance to be competitive nationally, 3) Address the infrastructure safety issues in the University Theater and in studio theaters and dance studios, and 4) Evaluate and revise the



curriculum structure in order to align with NAST standards, with the intent to pursue accreditation and membership.

The Music program recommendations were to 1) Address curricular issues related to keyboards proficiency and tracking of alumni placements for Department of Education reports, 2) Increase graduate assistant stipends and offer health benefits for graduate assistants in order to recruit nationally and build more professional ensembles, 3) Address the serious safety concerns related to the University Theater (rigging and hydraulic stage lift) and the rehearsal facilities (acoustics), and 4) Build a recital hall for small concerts and rehearsals, required for the undergraduate and graduate curricula.

The Visual Arts and Arts History recommendations were 1) The department should prepare for a full accreditation visit by NASAD in 2018-19, 2) Secure permanent tech positions in studio arts facilities to mitigate the significant safety risks that exist without this type of dedicated oversight, and 3) Evaluate progress toward graduation and make recommendations for changes to the curriculum that will streamline progress toward degree.

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

AS: A-2. Request for Approval of New Regulation 4.015 – Military Veterans and Active Duty

The Division of Student Affairs proposes Regulation 4.015 to comply with the requirements of Board of Governors (BOG) Regulation 6.013, Military Veterans and Active Duty. This Regulations will allow students 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, to take advantage of priority registration, and to withdraw without academic or financial penalties when the withdrawal is based on orders for active military service. In accordance with the requirements of BOG Regulation 6.013, the proposed FAU Regulation provides for the following: 1) A process for students to receive college credit for military training in coursework that is recognized by the American Council on Education (ACE), 2) Priority course registration for Veterans of the United States Armed Forces who are receiving GI Bill educational benefits and spouses or dependent children of a veteran to whom the GI Bill educational benefits have been transferred, and 3) In cases where a student receives military orders for service, a process through which the student may request withdrawal and refund so that academic or financial penalties are avoided.

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

AS: I-1. Provost' s Update

Provost Perry gives an update to the Board. Provost Perry states that FAU has hired three new deans this past year – 1) Dr. Stella Batalama, College of Engineering and Computer Science, 2) Dr. Michael Horswell – Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, and 3) Dr. Wes Hawkins, College for Design and Social Inquiry.



AS: I-2. Report on Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute Pillar

Dr. Anton Post presents the report on the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute Pillar. The charge presented to Dr. Post was to lead the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute and build the pillar, develop research excellence across all disciplines and double the federal and state funding. The Fiscal Year 2017/2018 highlights included the research portfolio increased from \$9.47 to \$12.04 million, updated metrics for faculty performance, lead expedition to study coral reefs in Cuba, approval of the Master of Science in Marine Science and Oceanography degree program, Kelly Family Foundation fellowships for interdisciplinary marine research, emphasis on economic development, and incubator-accelerator activities at HBOI.

Next, the strategic plan is titled “Our Living Oceans – Ocean Health = Human Health – 2018-2022 Strategic Plan”. The strategic plan goals include after 2 years – leading institute for coastal ocean studies along the southeastern Atlantic Coast and after 5 years – competitive at the national and international stages. Finally, the Ocean and Environmental Science and Technology Pillar includes 1) Marine Science and Oceanography, 2) Environmental Sciences, 3) Ocean and Coastal Engineering and 4) Marine and Coastal Affairs.

AS: I-3. Report on Harriet L Wilkes Honors College

Dean Ellen Goldey presents the report on the Harriet L Wilkes Honors College. First, the Strategic Plan’s goal is to double the size of students at the college to 1,000 by 2025. Next, the Harriet L Wilkes Honors College is contacting every National Merit Scholar in the region to invite them to their VIP visit day this upcoming Saturday. The Harriet L Wilkes Honors College is a free standing honors college and students must finish an Honors thesis before they graduate. The Harriet L Wilkes Honors College works with the Office of Undergraduate Research every year for their research symposium in April. Additionally, the Harriet L Wilkes Honors College has recently hired Colleen Coppla as the new Assistant Vice President for Development. Finally, the Harriet L Wilkes Honors College has the largest endowment of any college within the University and is working with Navitas on International Recruiting.

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