



Item: AS: A-M

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS
Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Subject: Roll Call and Approval of April 5, 2022 Minutes

PROPOSED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Initiate roll call to document member participation, ensure quorum, and approve the Minutes of April 5, 2022 meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Daniel Cane, Chair	_____
Mrs. Linda Stoch, Vice Chair	_____
Dr. Kimberly Dunn	_____
Mr. Pierce Kennamer	_____
Mr. Brad Levine (ex-officio)	_____
Mrs. Sherry Murphy	_____

PARTICIPATING BOT MEMBERS

Mr. Brent Burns	_____
Mr. Piero Bussani	_____
Mr. Shaun Davis	_____
Mr. Earnie Ellison	_____
Mrs. Barbara Feingold	_____
Mrs. Elycia Morris	_____



Committee on Academic and Student Affairs
Meeting Minutes – April 5, 2022

Committee on Academic and Student Affairs Vice Chair Brad Levine called the meeting to order and requested a roll call to confirm a quorum. In addition to Vice Chair Levine, the following committee members were present: Trustee Anthony Barbar (*ex-officio*), Trustee Kimberly Dunn, Trustee Earnie Ellison, Trustee Sherry Murphy and Trustee Maxwell Simonson. Also present were the following: Trustee Brent Burns, Trustee Piero Bussani, Trustee Shaun Davis, Trustee Barbara Feingold, Trustee Elycia Morris, and Trustee Linda Stoch.

AS: A-M. Roll Call and Approval of Minutes from the February 1, 2022 Committee on Academic and Student Affairs

The minutes from the February 1, 2022 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: Request for Approval of a New Degree Program – CIP 30.9999

Provost Bret Danilowicz presents the request for approval of a new degree program – CIP 30.9999 (Bachelor of Professional Studies). The Bachelor of Professional Studies (BPS) is an undergraduate interdisciplinary degree program developed for working-age adults who have earned an AA, AS or have completed the State of Florida general education requirements but did not complete their bachelor's degree. The BPS offers returning students the flexibility to apply previously earned college credits to a degree framework that is not discipline specific. Students will complete the BPS degree requirements by selecting advanced courses that emphasize the development of professional skills that support career sustainability and advancement.

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

AS: A-2. Request for Approval of Degree Termination – CIP 27.0301

Provost Bret Danilowicz presents the request for approval of degree termination – CIP 27.0301 (Master of Science in Applied Mathematics and Statistics). The proposal requests to terminate the Master of Science in Applied Mathematics and Statistics (AMST) program. The department has proposed to merge the AMST program into



the Master of Science in Mathematics program with five concentrations: pure mathematics, applied analysis, biostatistics, cryptology and information security, and financial mathematics.

Due to low enrollment and graduation, the AMST program is struggling to sustain its operation and faces consistent scrutiny from the State University System. The department will now have the four concentrations in applied analysis, biostatistics, cryptology and information security, and financial mathematics from the AMST program. The original MS in Mathematics would become a “pure mathematics” concentration in the merged program.

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

AS: I-1. Provost's Report

Provost Danilowicz begins his report by stating that the Board of Governors is requiring all departments to have an industry advisory board. FAU plans to have all of the advisory boards in place. Next, the partnership with Study Group who recently replaced Navitas has been successful. The number of international applications have been up, specifically in the College of Engineering and Computer Science. Next, we are moving from Civitas for predictive analytics to EAB Navigate. This will include additional advising tools to help make us more efficient. Finally, Dr. Donna Chamely-Wiik, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Research and Prestigious Fellowships, Undergraduate Studies worked with our first two Goldwater Scholars from the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College – Kate Maier and Samantha Zaninelli.

AS: I-2. SACS-COC Reaffirmation and QEP Update

Dr. Russ Ivy, Senior Associate Provost provides an update on the University's progress preparing for the ten-year Certification of Compliance Report (CCR) as well as the new Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), which are required components of the reaffirmation of institutional accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools – Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC). Our accreditation is active through December 2024. We are in the process of working through the next accreditation cycle. Ryan Britton, Executive Director of Government Relations states that there is current policy legislation on accreditation (Bill 7044). Since FAU is pursuing reaffirmation, we will be charged to be look for accreditation by a different accreditation body afterwards.

Dr. Brittaney Adelman, Director of the Math Learning Center and Dr. Jennifer Bebergal, Associate Dean Undergraduate Studies present the new QEP - Education Reimagined: Engaging Students through Peer-Assisted Learning. The Learning Assistant (LA) Program promotes student engagement in learning. By combining educational best practices with their vision for student success, faculty redesign



courses to create an active learning environment by embedding LAs. LAs are undergraduate students who, through the guidance of faculty and a pedagogy course, facilitate discussions among students during class time. As of now the QEP Development Committee has 27 members working on course selection and criteria, faculty development, marketing, and assessment. The pilot process will begin in the next academic year (2022-2023) and the pilot of the new LA courses will begin the following academic year (2023-2024).

AS: I-3. Student Body Update

Trustee Maxwell Simonson, student body president, provides an update regarding the activities of FAU's Student Government and other important student-led initiatives. The four initiatives were to increase FAU pride, enhance the student experience, provide effective community engagement, and create and promote intellectually stimulating activities. FAU pride included the University of Florida football game and merchandise initiatives. The student experience was enhanced by events should as the Rally in Tally and FAU Day at the Capital. Effective community engagement included free tickets to Athletics games and the Owl Perks initiative, which was collaborating with local business owners and merchants to offer discounted prices for FAU students and alumni. Finally, student government created and promoted intellectually stimulating activities by working with the Owl Fund, the Rubin and Cindy Gruber Sandbox, and the Madden Center for Value and Creation.

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