



Item: AS: A-M

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Thursday, October 18, 2012

SUBJECT: ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF JUNE 19, 2012 MINUTES

PROPOSED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Initiate roll call to document member participation, ensure quorum, and approve the Minutes of June 19, 2012 meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mrs. Sherry Plymale, Chair _____

Mr. Robert Rubin, Vice-Chair _____

Mr. Robert Stilley (*ex officio*) _____

Mr. Anthony Barbar (*ex officio*) _____

Dr. Jeffrey Feingold _____

Dr. Angela Graham-West _____

Mr. Robert Huffman _____

Dr. William McDaniel _____

Dr. Julius "Butch" Teske _____

PARTICIPATING BOT MEMBERS

Mr. David Feder _____

Mr. Abdol Moabery _____

Mr. Paul Tanner _____

Mr. Thomas Workman _____



**Committee on Academic and Student Affairs
Meeting Minutes – June 19, 2012
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Committee on Academic and Student Affairs Chair Sherry Plymale called the meeting to order and requested a roll call to confirm a quorum. In addition to Committee Chair Plymale, the following committee members were present: Vice Chair Robert Rubin, Trustee Robert Stilley (ex officio), Trustee Anthony Barbar (ex officio), Trustee Jeffrey Feingold, Trustee Angela Graham-West, Trustee Robert Huffman, Trustee William McDaniel and Trustee Julius Teske. Also present were the following: Trustee Paul Tanner and Trustee Thomas Workman.

AS: A-M Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the April 19, 2012 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 Honorary Doctorate Nominations

Dr. Claiborne presented a request for approval of the conferral of honorary doctorates on Jay Salkini, Joan Rosmarin Chodorkoff and Bernard Chodorkoff. Mr. Salkini was nominated by Mohammad Ilyas, Interim Dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science. Drs. Joan Rosmarin and Bernard Chodorkoff were nominated by William Miller, Dean of University Libraries.

A motion was made to approve honorary doctorates for the three nominees. **The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

AS: I-1 Annual Accreditation Status Update

Dr. Claiborne provided a PowerPoint presentation displaying a brief overview of the accreditation process at Florida Atlantic University, including individual degree

program accreditations and institutional accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Commission on Colleges.

She reported that 47 degree programs are currently accredited, and 1 degree program has been reviewed in the past year. She also noted that a total of 18 programs will be reviewed in the next year and SACS will be visiting next year to review the institution as a whole. The Committee was then provided with a timeline of the reaffirmation process, covering the September 10, 2012 deadline (when the compliance certification report is due) through February 5-7, 2013 (when the on-site visit will be conducted). SACS will make a decision on reaffirmation shortly thereafter.

AS: I-2 Provost's Report

Dr. Claiborne provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the past year's academic initiatives, as well as initiatives coming forward in the next year based on the University's BOT-approved strategic plan. Topics covered included reaccreditation and the associated credentialing of faculty members to teach appropriate courses, as well as the assessment of student learning and the quality enhancement plan that is being crafted to grow research initiatives for undergraduate students. Additionally, past initiatives such as expanding student centers for academic success (the Center for Teaching and Learning and the Center for eLearning were both formally established), the hiring of "star" senior faculty members to support the research mission of the institution, and the move of technology and science programs to the Jupiter campus. Dr. Claiborne also addressed the solicitation of faculty ideas regarding honors education, the methods the University uses to celebrate faculty success, and international education programs. She highlighted further past initiatives such as the implementation of efficiencies in the summer scheduling and hiring of faculty members. Dr. Claiborne's review of past initiatives ended with an overview of the enhancements to the academic leadership team, which included holding a retreat with the Deans in the fall, hiring the new Dean of the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine, and developing work plans according to the strategic plan.

Next, Dr. Claiborne presented strategic initiatives for the upcoming year, which were based on the goals of enriching the educational experience, as well as inspiring research, scholarship and creative activity. The strategies that she intends to use are expanding honors programs, supporting student writing skills development, expanding STEM

initiatives, benchmarking FAU promotion and tenure criteria against aspirational peers, increasing the number of faculty hired with funding, and involving students at all levels in research, scholarship and creative activity.

Dr. Saunders thanked the faculty for their help with producing the final summer school schedule.

AS: I-3 Student Affairs Report

Dr. Brown presented a PowerPoint presentation that gave an overview of Student Affairs activities over the course of the past year. This included the freshman honor society Phi Eta Sigma, the SALUTE veterans national honor society, advising international students regarding social, career and civics, organizing an upcoming hazing prevention workshop and website, hosting a conference for Caribbean students, continuing with the South Florida Leadership Institute, and supporting the Upward Bound Program. The upcoming new residence halls will offer more options to underclassmen students, the campus recreation programs are looking at expanding, and the long-term talks for renovating the Student Union are still ongoing. On a very positive note, Dr. Brown wished to share that housing applications were up due in large part to the marketing and quality of the residence halls. Dr. Saunders informed the board that a recent trade mission from Vietnam was impressed with the quality and service of the housing facilities on campus. Trustee Rubin asked if hazing was an issue, to which Dr. Brown responded that there was approximately one case in the six years he has been at FAU. Trustee Rubin complimented the housing facilities, which his son used during lacrosse camp. Trustee Tanner suggested inviting Florida Senator Jeremy Ring to the hazing conference.

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