



Item: AS: A-M

**COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**

**Wednesday, October 19, 2011**

**SUBJECT: ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF JUNE 15, 2011 MINUTES**

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Initiate roll call to document member participation, ensure quorum, and approve the Minutes of April 20, 2011.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mrs. Sherry Plymale, Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Robert Rubin, Vice-Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Robert Stilley (ex-officio) \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Anthony Barbar \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Jeffrey Feingold \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Angela Graham-West \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ayden Maher \_\_\_\_\_  
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**  
**Draft Minutes**  
**June 15, 2011**

Committee on Academic and Student Affairs Chair, Trustee Sherry Plymale, convened the meeting. The following committee members were present: Trustee Robert Rubin; Trustee Robert Stilley (ex-officio) ; Trustee Anthony Barbar; Trustee Jeffrey Feingold; Trustee Angela Graham-West; Student Government Association President and Trustee Ayden Maher; University Faculty Senate President and Trustee William McDaniel; Trustee Julius "Butch" Teske; Trustee David Feder; Trustee Paul Tanner; Trustee Thomas Workman. Committee on Academic and Student Affairs Chair, Trustee Sherry Plymale and Trustee Abdol Moabery were absent.

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; Dr. Mohammad Ilyas, Interim Dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science; Dr. Gary Perry, Dean of the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science; and Dr. Herbert Weissbach, Distinguished Research Professor and Director of the Center for Molecular Biology and Biotechnology.

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

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2011 meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**ASA: I-1. Report on the Institute for Science and Technology**

Interim Provost Alperin gave an overview of a business plan that details the creation of an Institute for Science and Technology on the MacArthur Campus of Florida Atlantic University. This plan is viewed as a joint venture between the Colleges of Science, Engineering and Computer Science, and Medicine with our regional partners the Max Planck Florida Institute, Scripps Florida and the Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies, and will create world class science and technology programs on the MacArthur Campus in Jupiter, Florida.

The Institute for Science and Technology (IST) will initially focus on Integrative Neuroscience, Biotechnology & Drug Discovery, and Bioimaging Informatics. The recent award of a New Florida Cluster Grant will allow for the development of a state-of-the-art neurophysiology teaching and research laboratory in co-operation with the Max Planck Florida Institute which is the first step in the development of the IST Integrative Neuroscience program. The presence of the Wilkes Honors College on the Jupiter campus will provide an excellent opportunity to develop a specific undergraduate science honors degree.

The Charles E. Schmidt College of Science Dean, Dr. Gary Perry, introduced Dr. Herbert Weissbach, Director of the Center for Molecular Biology and Biotechnology. His move from

Boca Raton to Jupiter represents a first step in developing the Biotechnology and Drug Discovery program. In addition, a separate plan is being developed to place a High Performance Computing Data Center on the Jupiter campus to complement the research programs at the IST. A concern was expressed by a BOT member about the lower number of undergraduate students and not enough done to attract the best of the best, in comparison to the number of graduate students, and the concern was addressed by Dean Perry.

### **ASA: I-2. BOG Annual Report on Accreditation Status Update**

Interim Provost Alperin presented the assessment of academic programs at a university as occurring at many levels – by faculty, by students, and by community partners. Assessment is also a component of accreditation. Educational accreditation is a type of quality assurance process under which services and operations of an educational institution or programs are evaluated by an external body to determine if applicable standards are met. If standards are met, accredited status is granted by the agency. Accreditation is important to prospective students and employers and frequently essential in degrees that may lead to licensure. Florida Atlantic University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. In addition, many of our colleges, and distinct programs within our colleges, are also accredited by discipline specific organization. In August of each year, a report on the status of each of our accredited programs is submitted to the Florida Board of Governors.

### **AS: I-3 Report on Degree Productivity for 2010-11**

A report on FAU's participation in the BOG's Articulation, Coordination and Coherence of Academic Delivery Plan was presented at the April 2011 CASA meeting. Interim Provost Alperin mentioned that monitoring degree productivity is a continual activity and that a progress report in regard to degree productivity for those programs below the threshold criteria for the 2005-6 through 2009-10 summary period will be presented to CASA in April 2012. While data on degrees awarded is still preliminary, a five-year summary for the period 2006-7 through 2010-11 does show growth in the number of bachelors and masters degrees awarded. Many of FAU's new degrees are experiencing growth and degrees that have been identified for termination are declining in number. While it is still early to see the impact of some of the plans to increase the productivity of identified programs, three of those are no longer below threshold: Women's Studies, Music Business, and Drama and Dramatics.

### **AS: I-4 Report on Campus Life and Housing Update**

Four years ago, the Division of Student Affairs was asked to lead the University's effort in improving, expanding, and creating amenities that would contribute to a traditional university experience. FAU's Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Charles Brown, presented "We're all about Students", an update on some of the services and activities that have been expanded and implemented to foster a more vibrant campus life, and a brief update of on-campus housing. One of the primary objectives in the University's Strategic Plan is to create a campus ambiance that will help to make FAU a school of first choice for prospective students. The Division of Student Affairs provides comprehensive and integrated campus life programs and services that support the university's initiative to recruit, retain, and graduate students.

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