



Item: AS: A-M

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Friday, December 6, 2019

Subject: Roll Call and Approval of June 4, 2019 Minutes

PROPOSED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Initiate roll call to document member participation, ensure quorum, and approve the Minutes of June 4, 2019 meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Abdol Moabery, Chair	_____
Mr. Robert Rubin, Vice Chair	_____
Mr. Anthony Barbar, ex-officio	_____
Mr. Kevin Buchanan	_____
Dr. Michael Dennis	_____
Dr. Jeffrey Feingold	_____
Mr. Brad Levine	_____
Dr. Kevin Wagner	_____

PARTICIPATING BOT MEMBERS

Mr. Brent Burns	_____
Mr. Shaun Davis	_____
Dr. Malcolm Dorman	_____
Ms. Mary Beth McDonald	_____
Mr. Robert Stilley	_____



**Committee on Academic and Student Affairs
Meeting Minutes – June 4, 2019**

Committee on Academic and Student Affairs Chair Abdol Moabery called the meeting to order and requested a roll call to confirm a quorum. In addition to Chair Abdol Moabery, the following committee members were present: Vice Chair Robert Rubin, Trustee Anthony Barbar (*ex-officio*), Trustee Kevin Buchanan, Trustee Michael Dennis, Trustee Brad Levine and Trustee Kevin Wagner. Also present were the following: Trustee Brent Burns, Trustee Shaun Davis, Trustee Malcolm Dorman and Trustee Robert Stilley.

AS: A-M. Roll Call and Approval of Minutes from the March 26, 2019 Committee on Academic and Student Affairs.

The minutes from the March 26, 2019 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made to approve the minutes as distributed. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Prior to the Action Agenda, Provost Bret Danilowicz and Dean Daniel Gropper, College of Business announces that the Financial Times has recognized the College of Business Executive Programs as a top 80 open enrollment university in the world, #15 in the United States and #3 in the Southeast. In addition, the MBA in Sports Marketing was recently ranked as #17 in the world and #14 in the United States.

AS: A-1. Request for Approval of For-Credit Self-Supporting Program – CIP 11.0101

Dr. Bret Danilowicz, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs presents the request for approval of for-credit self-supporting program – CIP 11.0101: Master of Science in Computer Science (specialized track: Professional). The new track in the Master of Science in Computer Science program is proposed as an additional track within the existing degree program. The Department of Computer and Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (CEECS) in the College of Engineering and Computer Science (COECS) proposes the delivery of a Master of Science in Computer Science Professional Track to target, but not limit to, working professionals in South Florida. This track enables working professionals to advance their career with an accelerated graduate program and obtain an advanced degree while continuing their professional career. This ten-month program offers courses for a duration of 4 weeks in the evenings, weekends, and online for a total of 30 credits. The expected completion time is 1 year. Students will participate in the program in cohort. The Program would be effective in fall 2019.

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



AS: A-2. Request for Approval of a New Degree Program – CIP 30.0101

Dr. Bret Danilowicz, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs presents the request for approval of the following New Degree Program – CIP 30.0101: Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Science (BS) in Biological and Physical Sciences. The Wilkes Honors College is a selective college within FAU located in Jupiter, Florida on the same campus with the Scripps Research Institute, Max Planck Institute, the Florida Brain Institute, and the Jupiter Life Science Initiative, and its students take advantage of research opportunities with scientists at these entities. The purpose of this proposal is to designate existing STEM concentrations (Biology, Biological Chemistry, Environmental Science, Marine Biology, Mathematics, Neuroscience, and Physics) currently under CIP 24.01, Liberal Arts and Sciences to a CIP (30.0101) that better describes their STEM status. Assigning a new CIP for these areas of concentrations will further promote the national preeminence of the Wilkes Honors College. In addition, assigning a new CIP for Biological and Physical Science Areas of Concentration will affirm their status as STEM degrees and directly contribute to the goal of increasing the number of STEM degrees awarded at FAU.

There are currently over 200 students who are either currently declared in one of the concentrations that will be assigned the CIP Biological and Physical Sciences or who are anticipated to declare one of these concentrations when entering their junior year. Enrollment in Honors College courses in the biological and physical sciences is larger than in non-STEM areas, and additional sections have already been added to accommodate the strong and growing demand for these concentrations. The Program would be effective in fall 2019.

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

AS: A-3. Request for Approval of a New Degree Program – CIP 11.0102

Dr. Bret Danilowicz, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs presents the request for approval of for-credit self-supporting program – CIP 11.0102: Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence. The proposed program is a Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence (MSAI). The program will be administered by the Department of Computer and Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (CEECS) in the College of Engineering and Computer Science (COECS) at Florida Atlantic University (FAU). The program offers both thesis and non-thesis options. There are no other concentrations, tracks, or specializations. Both thesis and non-thesis options require a minimum of 30 credits.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become more and more important in our daily life. Locally and nationally the demand for AI professionals has increased exponentially in recent years. The graduates of the MSAI program will fill employment needs at both local and national levels. This degree will prepare students for careers in various education, government and industry positions that require AI skills. Potential jobs include political data scientists, survey statistician, research analyst, intelligence data analyst, quantitative social scientist, software engineers, research analysts and solution architects. There are no similar programs in the FLSUS. The program would be effective in fall 2019.



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

AS: A-4. Request for Approval of a New Degree Program – CIP 14.9999

Dr. Bret Danilowicz, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs presents the request for approval of the following New Degree Program – CIP 14.9999: Ph.D. in Transportation and Environmental Engineering. The proposed new Ph.D. degree program in Transportation and Environmental Engineering responds to the critical emerging need to address two major, interlinked and interdependent systems (i.e., transportation and environmental systems) that impact the reliability, resiliency and sustainability of our current and future built and natural environments. The primary goal of the program is to allow students to perform specialized training and research, resulting in a degree that recognizes the student’s scholarly competence and their ability to practice, conduct and report original and significant transportation and environmental engineering research. This Ph.D. program will serve Florida’s needs by enabling the state to advance, via research and creation of new information and technology, a knowledge-based economy to manage the many environmental stressors on its water, land, air resources and transportation infrastructure, which impacts social and economic opportunities for current and future generations. The proposed Ph.D. program will encompass the fields of transportation engineering and environmental engineering, which is consistent with pressing needs of the state of Florida and the nation.

There are two paths proposed to achieve the Ph.D. degree. The first is the traditional path, which requires both the B.S. and M.S. degrees, and the second path is the direct BS to Ph.D. The program requires a minimum of 72 post baccalaureate credits hours including 21 credit hours of specialized coursework, 21 credit hours of dissertation research, and up to 30 credit hours from a master’s degree in a closely related field that is consistent with the admission requirements. The Program would be effective in summer 2020.

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

AS: A-5. Request for Approval of a New Degree Program – CIP 30.0601

Dr. Bret Danilowicz, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs presents the request for approval of the following New Degree Program – CIP 30.0601: Master of Science in Data Science and Analytics. The proposed degree is a Master of Science in Data Science and Analytics (MS-DSA). This is a multicollege interdisciplinary program, jointly administered by the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science, the College of Engineering & Computer Science, the College of Business, and the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts & Letters. It is designed to provide students with interests in Data Science and Data Analytics a unique and multifaceted educational opportunity within and across each of its areas of concentration. The four concentrations are Data Analytics in Business, Data Science and Engineering, Data Science in Society, and Data Science via Scientific Inquiry. The program will feature both a thesis and a non-thesis option. Students are required to complete 30 credits for either option. Students will complete a series of core courses, courses within their respective concentrations, and electives from across the various concentrations. Appropriate concentration courses and electives will be determined by the student and his or her advisory committee. This will allow students within each of the four concentrations the opportunity to benefit from the expertise in Data Science and



Analytics of faculty from across four colleges. These faculty are actively integrating Data Science and Analytics in their research, teaching and community engagement. The multidisciplinary collaborations fostered between research faculty and graduate students across the various colleges will be extremely valuable in advancing research in the field, and in preparing students for 21st century jobs that require individuals to employ skills across industries, platforms, and disciplines. The Program would be effective in fall 2019.

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

AS: A-6. Amendments to FAU Regulation 2.001 – Admission Requirements and Enrollment

Mr. David Kian, Vice President of Legal Affairs and General Counsel presents the Amendments to FAU Regulation 2.001 – Admission Requirements and Enrollment. The University seeks to amend FAU Regulation 2.001, Admission Requirements and Enrollment Limitations. The purpose of this amendment is to reflect compliance with Board of Governors’ admission criteria for first-time-in-college (FTIC) undergraduate applicants, including applicants for alternative admission, and the consideration of an applicant’s past misconduct or criminal history. The proposed changes are summarized as follows: 1. Articulates the University’s practice of establishing and publishing undergraduate admission criteria annually in the University Catalog, including factors that may be considered for alternative admission, consistent with Board of Governors Regulations. 2. Outlines the University’s practice for consideration of past misconduct or criminal history of an applicant, consistent with Board of Governors ‘Regulations, and identifies the types of evidence that may be required by the Admissions Review Board, including, but not limited to, student conduct records, police reports and court records. Also requires the University to publish criteria and guidelines for evaluation of an applicant’s past misconduct or criminal history in the University Catalog.

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

AS: A-7. Amendments to FAU Regulation 4.007 – Student Code of Conduct

Mr. David Kian, Vice President of Legal Affairs and General Counsel presents the Amendments to FAU Regulation 4.007 – Student Code of Conduct. Pursuant to Board of Governors Regulation 6.0105, the University is required to establish a committee, including student representation, for purposes of periodic evaluation of its student disciplinary system. FAU’s committee, which included representatives from the Dean of Students’ Office, Provost’s Office, Office of Residential Education, Fraternity and Sorority Life, Athletics, and two students, met during the Fall 2018 semester and reviewed FAU’s Student Code of Conduct for purposes of collaborating on suggested revisions. The Student Code of Conduct is a critical component of the University’s efforts to teach civic and social responsibility and outlines the student disciplinary process for addressing behavior that is inconsistent with the high standards we expect from students attending FAU. These revisions are intended to update and reorganize Regulation 4.007, with an emphasis on restorative justice. The proposed changes are summarized as follows: 1. Definitions, code violations, and hearing procedures were reorganized, reformatted, and in some cases revised, for clarity and ease of use. 2. Student Rights were reorganized to reflect the chronological order of the typical Student Conduct Process. 3. The Hazing Policy was updated to reflect new requirements from the Board of Governors, and a statement directing students to the Dean of Students’ Medical Amnesty Policy was added.



A motion is made approving the amendments as presented with a direction to the administration to provide the Board of Trustees a report specifically, on the presumption of innocence question. If desired, alternative language which would be brought to the Board of Trustees in a new amendment in the fall. The motion is seconded to approve the request. The motion was approved unanimously.

AS: A-8. Amendments to FAU Regulation 4.009 – Health Insurance for International Scholars

Mr. David Kian, Vice President of Legal Affairs and General Counsel presents the Amendments to FAU Regulation 4.009 – Health Insurance for International Scholars. The University seeks to amend FAU Regulation 4.009, Health Insurance for International Students and International Scholars. The purpose of this amendment is to update the University's insurance requirements for International Students and Scholars, consistent with Board of Governors Regulations, and to identify the English language proficiency requirements for International Students and non-native English speakers. In addition to revising the title of the Regulation (Health Insurance for International Students and Scholars and English Language Proficiency) the proposed changes include the following: 1. Updates operational responsibilities for verifying insurance requirements from the Office of Student Health to the Office of New Student Transitions and Family Engagement and the Office of International Services. 2. Authorizes the establishment of the Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP), which will facilitate the automatic enrollment of International Students into medical insurance that provides coverage for illness or accidental injury. Students who prefer their existing health insurance will be permitted to provide adequate proof of insurance and discontinue enrollment in the SHIP, so long as the proof of insurance is provided prior to established deadlines.

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

AS: A-9. Amendments to FAU Regulation 4.013 – Exceptional Circumstances Withdrawal

Mr. David Kian, Vice President of Legal Affairs and General Counsel presents the Amendments to FAU Regulation 4.013 – Exceptional Circumstances Withdrawal. The Division of Student Affairs seeks to amend FAU Regulation 4.013, Exceptional Circumstances Withdrawals (ECW). The ECW Regulation outlines the process and procedure for a student to request a withdrawal from the University, without adverse academic consequences, for exceptional circumstances including but not limited to incidents of physical or mental illness or injury, death of an immediate family member, military duty, incidents in which the student is the victim of a crime, or the student's service as a primary care-giver to an immediate family member. The proposed changes are summarized as follows: 1. Updates the titles of the staff members who serve on the ECW Committee, and clarifies that committee's role in providing recommendations to the Dean of Students on applications for ECW. 2. Removes, consistent with Board of Governors Regulation 6.013 and University Regulation 4.015, the requirement that military service be "involuntary" in order to qualify for ECW. 3. Updates the procedure for filing an application for ECW to account for the online submission process, and simplifies the list of documents required for physical or mental illness or injury.

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

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