



Item: AS: A-M

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Thursday, December 13, 2012

SUBJECT: ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 18, 2012 MINUTES

PROPOSED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Initiate roll call to document member participation, ensure quorum, and approve the Minutes of October 18, 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 – October 18, 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 David Feder, Trustee Paul Tanner and Trustee Thomas Workman.

AS: A-M Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October 18, 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. Alperin presented a request for approval of the conferral of an honorary doctorate on Michael Levine. Mr. Levine was nominated by Mohammad Ilyas, Interim Dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science.

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

AS: A-2 Request for Approval of Program Review – Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing

Dr. Kaul presented a request for approval of the academic degree program reviews for the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing, in addition to a brief overview of the pilot changes to the program review process. She noted that, in the past, program reviews included a self-study as well as an internal review. The pilot program similarly required

a self-study, but the review was completed external of the University. Dr. Kaul proceeded to offer an overview of the external reviewer process, covering the template for each College's set of program reviews, including sections on strengths, weaknesses, and recommendations for future changes.

Trustee Stilley suggested that the University explore the possibility of including non-academic or professional external reviewers in the future process. Chair Plymale noted that the Provost will have the opportunity to follow up with the Committee regarding the specific recommendations for each program. Dean Smith clarified that the limited access nature of the nursing programs is a capacity issue due to the need for additional faculty. A brief discussion followed regarding the need to increase the number of faculty in the College in order to increase the number of students.

A motion was made to approve the program reviews for the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing. **The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

AS: A-3 Request for Approval of Program Review – Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

Dr. Kaul presented a request for approval of the academic degree program reviews in the following units in the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters: School of Communications and Multimedia Studies, Department of English, Department of History, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies: Arts and Humanities, Department of Jewish Studies, Department of Languages, Linguistics & Comparative Literature, Department of Philosophy

A motion was made to approve the program reviews for the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters. **The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

AS: A-4 Request for Approval of Program Review – Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College

Dr. Kaul presented a request for approval of the academic degree program review in Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College. There were no questions.

A motion was made to approve the program review for the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College. **The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

AS: I-1 New Degree Program Process

Dr. Alperin explained the new policies and procedures for the development of new academic degree programs. She highlighted that the process included, for the first time, a procedure for the preliminary review of proposed programs by the Provost, prior to the development of full proposal for approval by the FAU Board of Trustees and, if applicable, by the Florida Board of Governors. The New Degree Program Feasibility Study Form was developed for this purpose.

AS: I-2 SACS Standards for Academic and Student Affairs

Dr. Alperin presented an update on the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Compliance Certification Report, which is a review of programs and services against the standards set by SACS. She explained the necessary collaborative efforts between the many members of the University community, and presented an extensive list of the standards and federal requirements that relate to academic and student affairs activities throughout the University.

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 several months. This included the Student Leadership Conference, which was held on September 22 at the FAU Student Union, as well as the establishment of the Office of Military and Veteran Affairs. The Office is conducting a search for an Assistant Dean for Military and Veteran Affairs that will be housed in the Division of Student Affairs. The division is also seeking to extend academic learning beyond the classroom through educational and co-curricular programming in the residence halls, seeking to implement a Faculty-in-Residence Program in the Fall 2013 semester. FAU also hosted one of the state's two anti-hazing summits, with Dave Westol as the keynote speaker and more than 100 participants in the one day drive-in summit. Dr. Brown also presented updates on the South Florida Leadership Institute that was open to 60 South Florida student leaders and updates on the housing occupancy on the Boca Raton and Jupiter campuses. Finally, he presented information regarding the potential expansion of the student union on the Boca Raton campus and the newest residence hall.

AS: I-4 Sponsored Research Trends and Highlights

Dr. Rosson provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding current research trends and highlights, including 2011-2012 submission rates, current expenditures, progress in the first quarter of the year, and an in-depth overview of major new awards. Additionally, he showcased a) some initiatives to stimulate research, including roundtables, workshops, campus visits, internal awards; b) notable events, including conferences/summits, research park activities, media highlights and other news regarding the final arrangement with the federal government regarding the indirect cost rates of sponsored research activity.

Trustee Stilley gave kudos on the proposal rate increase, and Trustee McDaniel posited whether or not Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute is producing enough research expenditures considering they do not teach as a primary function. Dr. Rosson answered in the affirmative.

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