



Item: AS: A-M

## COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Wednesday, December 15, 2010

**SUBJECT: ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF JUNE 9, 2010 MINUTES**

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### PROPOSED BOARD RECOMMENDATION

Initiate roll call to document member participation, ensure quorum, and approve the June 9, 2010 meeting minutes.

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Armand Grossman, Chair	_____
Dr. William Bryant, Vice-Chair	_____
Dr. Jeffrey Feingold	_____
Dr. Rajendra Gupta	_____
Dr. Timothy Lenz	_____
Mr. Ayden Maher	_____
Mrs. Sherry Plymale	_____
Mrs. Nancy Blosser (ex-officio)	_____

#### PARTICIPATING BOT MEMBERS

Mr. Anthony Barbar	_____
Mr. David Feder	_____
Mr. Robert Rubin	_____
Mr. Robert Stilley	_____
Mr. Thomas Workman	_____



**Committee on Academic and Student Affairs Meeting**  
**Draft Minutes**  
**June 9, 2010**

BOT Chair Armand Grossman convened the meeting with the following committee members present: Dr. Jeffrey Feingold; Dr. Timothy Lenz, President of the FAU University Faculty Senate; Mr. Ayden Maher, President, Student Government Association; Dr. Rajendra Gupta; and Mrs. Nancy Blosser (ex-officio). Dr. William Bryant was participating via conference call; Mrs. Sherry Plymale and Dr. Rajendra Gupta were absent;

Other participating Board of Trustees members in the meeting included: Mr. Anthony Barbar, Mr. Robert Rubin, Mr. Robert Stilley and Mr. Thomas Workman. Mr. David Feder was participating via conference call. The following university officials participated: Dr. Mary Jane Saunders, President; Dr. John Pritchett, Provost; Mr. Dave Kian, General Counsel; Dr. Charles Brown, Vice President, Students Affairs; Dr. Terry Mena, Associate Dean of Students; Dr. Michael Armstrong, Associate Provost; Ms. Audra Lazarus, Associate General Counsel.

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

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2010 meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**ASA: A-1. Request for Approval of University Policy No. 2.3, Honorary Doctorates**

Provost Pritchett brought forward a formal policy for the awarding of honorary degrees requiring Board of Trustees approval. The policy now presented includes the Board as the final authority in the approval process. Nominations may be made by any member of the University community or by the general public and directed to the Office of the President. If the President and Provost deem the nomination meritorious, it will be forwarded to the University Faculty Senate Honors and Awards Committee for review and recommendation. If the President and the Provost concur, then the nomination would be forwarded to this Board for final determination under the policy now proposed. **With no further discussion, there was a motion for approval of University Policy No. 2.3, Honorary Doctorates. The motion passed unanimously.**

**ASA: A-2. Request for Approval of Amendments to Regulation 4.002, Student Academic Grievance Procedures for Grade Reviews**

Provost Pritchett explained Florida Atlantic University Regulation 4.002. Student Academic Grievance Procedures for Grade Reviews sets forth the policy and the procedures for students to appeal final course grades. The existing regulation fails to provide an adequate mechanism for appealing grades and for changing such grades. The existing regulation also lacks clarity in describing the appeals process. While the proposed amendment reaffirms the fundamental right of faculty to assess student performance, it provides a mechanism for students to appeal a final grade when certain conditions are met and also provides a mechanism for the final grade to be changed thus improving the process and providing remedies and due process. After a short discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and **the motion to approve the Amendments to Regulation 4.002, Student Academic Grievance Procedures for Grade Reviews passed unanimously.**

**ASA: A-3. Amendments to the By-Laws of the Florida Atlantic University Schools School Advisory Body By-Laws**

Provost Pritchett presented this item. Pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 1002.32, Florida Atlantic University sponsors developmental research public schools through its College of Education. As required by statute, the schools shall establish advisory group(s) to develop and implement the school improvement plan and to provide for general oversight and guidance. On November 19, 2008, this Board approved the creation of a new single School Advisory Body for FAUS (A.D. Henderson and FAU High) and corresponding SAB By-Laws.

The current FAUS SAB is comprised of thirteen (13) total members. The proposed SAB By-Law amendments would add four (4) additional SAB members—including 1 additional FAUS faculty member (at large), 1 additional parent (high school) and 2 additional business/community citizens. The additional faculty member and parent would also be elected by their respective peers and the additional business/community citizens would be appointed by the University President, at his or her discretion. Moreover, with the addition of a designated high school parent, the designation of the former secondary school parent slot would be reclassified more specifically as a middle school parent. These additions are being proposed by the current SAB to better capture a representative sample of the statutory-required membership allocations. The other changes reflected in the amended By-Laws are primarily intended for procedural and textual clean-up and/or refinement.

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the amendments to the By-Laws of the Florida Atlantic University Schools School Advisory Body By-Laws. The motion passed unanimously.**

**ASA: A-4. FAU Regulation 4.006, Student Government and Student Organizations**

Dr. Charles Brown presented current Regulation 4.006 that was last amended January 2007. The policies and procedures in this regulation are consistent with the policies and

procedures of the other SUS institutions, and this revised regulation allows the University to create a culture conducive to the development of the total student through consistent policies and procedures and reliable stewardship of University resources. It implements comprehensive procedures for oversight, funding, formation, discipline, qualifications and registration of student organizations. **A motion was made and seconded to approve FAU Regulation 4.006, Student Government and Student Organizations. The motion passed unanimously.**

**ASA: A-4. FAU Regulation 4.007, Student Code of Conduct**

Dr. Brown explained that the Student Code of Conduct is a critical component of the University's efforts to teach civic and social responsibility. This regulation outlines the student disciplinary process for addressing behavior that is inconsistent with the high standards expected from students attending FAU. The revision is done to further clarify this regulation and to conform to the regulation promulgated by the Florida Board of Governors. This revision emphasizes the lead role of the Dean of Students in managing and administering the Student Code of Conduct, and conforms to best practices in student disciplinary systems based upon an educational, as opposed to legalistic model.

**A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of FAU Regulation 4.007, Student Code of Conduct. After a short discussion, the motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

(Prepared by L. Perez)