



Item: AS: A-M

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Wednesday, April 27, 2010

SUBJECT: ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 16, 2009 MINUTES

PROPOSED BOARD RECOMMENDATION

Initiate roll call to document member participation, ensure quorum, and approve the December 16, 2009 meeting minutes.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

PARTICIPATING BOT MEMBERS

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



**Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting
Draft Minutes
December 16, 2009**

BOT Chair Armand Grossman, convened the meeting with the following committee members present: Trustee William Bryant; Trustee Scott Adams; Trustee Rajendra Gupta; Trustee Timothy O. Lenz, President of the FAU University Faculty Senate; Trustee Tiffany Weimar, President, Student Government Association and Trustee Nancy Blosser (ex-officio). Trustee Sherry Plymale was absent.

Other trustees participating in the meeting included: Anthony Barbar, David Feder, Lalita Janke, Robert J. Stilley and Thomas Workman. The following university officials participated: Sharron Ronco, Associate Provost; John Pritchett, Interim President; Diane Alperin, Interim Provost; Dennis Crudele, Interim Senior Vice President for Financial Affairs.

AS: A-M. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Gupta and seconded by Trustee Weimar to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2009 meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

AS: I-1. Information Agenda 2008-2009 Student Satisfaction Survey

Dr. Sharron Ronco presented the 2008-2009 Student Satisfaction Survey. Every two years currently enrolled students are surveyed about themselves and their overall expression of their experiences at FAU. This is a broad, anonymous, one-page survey administered in spring 2009 during class time to a randomly selected sample of lecture and lab classes and includes courses from all campuses and all levels. This permits us to take the pulse of our student body; response rate represents 91% from a total of 3,779 completed surveys.

Those who reported the most positive FAU experience had chosen FAU as their first choice institution. Others decided to attend FAU based on its location, size, reputation for quality and academic programs, for scholarship/financial aid availability, cultural variety, low cost factor, and weather. Approximately 37% of students were first generation college attendees and 15% of those spoke another language at home. The results from this survey are used to improve the following programs and services for FAU students: information on the web, processing admission and registration, paying fees, scheduling, availability of courses in degree program, advising (for the right courses), class size, parking, housing, student

employment, multi-campus issues, administration/staff, food services including late-night food availability, technology issues, library services, student health services, tutoring services and campus recreation.

This perspective of the overall picture at FAU shows a favorable trend in student satisfaction and indicates for the most part that our students are happy to be at FAU, and they get happier as they get older! The trends also indicate that there are a significantly higher percentage of students who intend to stay here to get their degree.

Some Trustees expressed concerns about student satisfaction with certain services of advising, food; class/program availability reflects the fact that the university has limited hiring of faculty and eliminated programs, courses and support staff, and students took this into account.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

(Prepared by L. Perez)