



Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting
Minutes
April 25, 2007

Chairman Armand Grossman convened the meeting with the following committee members present: Bob Stilley (Co-chair), Bill Bryant, David Feder, Roy Levow, Sherry Plymale, Austin Shaw. Trustee Lalita Janke participated via conference call.

Other trustees attending the meeting included: Norman Tripp.

The following university officials participated: Frank T. Brogan, President; John Pritchett, Provost; David Kian, General Counsel; Diane Alperin, Associate Provost; Dennis Coates, Dean of the Barry Kaye College of Business; Marilyn Wiley, Associate Dean of the Barry Kaye College of Business; Rosalyn Carter, Dean of the College of Architecture, Urban and Public Affairs; Greg Aloia, Dean of the College of Education; and, Karl Stevens, Dean of the College of Engineering.

AS-M. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2007 meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

AS-1. Approval of Candidates for Tenure Dr. Diane Alperin presented the candidates for tenure reminding the Committee of the requisites and process under which tenure is recommended. It was noted that the candidates were presented and recommended for tenure by various constituents in their respective colleges as well as by Provost Pritchett and President Brogan.

A discussion followed regarding the scope and responsibilities of the Board in this process. It was recommended that a review of any regulations governing the role of the Board in the process be conducted and brought back to the Committee for further discussion. General Counselor Kian agreed to provide the Committee with a report of his findings.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of the candidates for tenure as presented. **The motion passed unanimously.**

AS-2. Approval of Program Reviews for Submission to the BOG

- a) Barry Kaye College of Business
- b) College of Architecture, Urban and Public Affairs

Dr. Pritchett introduced Dr. Dennis Coates, Dean of the Barry Kaye College of Business to present the results of the program review for the college. Dr. Coates reviewed the College's mission, vision, and value statements as well as some highlights of its performance noting: the College is the seventh largest accredited college of business in the nation and it provides 25 percent of the University's FTE (3200) while employing only 13.9 percent of the total faculty. Student enrollment is at 6450 students with an increasing percentage at the graduate level.

The College has enjoyed increases in both undergraduate and graduate enrollment and increased research productivity by faculty. Students and programs in the College continue to achieve national recognition and ranking with accounting students placing FAU in the top 10 in the CPA examination for the ninth year in a row; recognition of the innovative and multi-disciplinary Master's in Music Business; the innovative Environmental MBA program; the national prominence of the forensic accounting masters program; and, the ranking of the College's virtual MBA program as one of the top 25 in the country. The College has also made a significant investment in upgrading distance learning infrastructure and offerings.

Identified weaknesses include facilities on partner campuses, increased cost of data and data access, faculty shortages primarily due to higher market salaries for business faculty, and the high cost of living in the region.

Opportunities for the College exist in creating stronger academic centers by concentrating faculty at selected campuses, continuing partnerships with corporate centers, the visibility of the stock trading room, and naming opportunities for other areas and facilities in the College.

Due to large growth in business activity in South Florida, other universities are increasing their graduate program offerings in the area providing the biggest threat. However, the accreditation from American Association of Colleges and Schools of Business (AACSB) held by the College provides it with the advantage it needs to maintain a competitive edge. Among the 1000's of colleges/schools of business, there are only 149 schools that are accredited by the AACSB from bachelor's degrees through doctoral degrees.

Dr. Rosalyn Carter, Dean of the College of Architecture, Urban and Public Affairs, then presented the highlights of the program review for the College. The Dean reviewed the mission, vision, and value statements for the College as well as its program offerings.

She cited the quality of faculty, steady enrollment growth, and student and faculty diversity as strengths of the College. Faculty are resident and programs are offered on five campuses of the University.

Challenges include limited resources for faculty recruitment and support; infrastructure, which includes equipment, facilities, and staff; and, support for professional growth and development. Four out of the five units in the College have programs that are accredited through professional accreditation bodies. All of the programs received accreditation during their last period of review. The Dean noted the need to hire more line faculty to teach classes in order to decrease the use of adjuncts. This is important to maintain accreditation for the programs.

Dr. Carter continued, highlighting some of the achievements of the departments in the College including: student achievements, student participation in city, local, international projects, and faculty achievements.

A discussion on the availability of funds and other benefits to retain excellent faculty and recruit new faculty of quality followed Dean Carter's presentation. Trustee Tripp highlighted the need to reevaluate the way the University does business and the need to look at how programs could be offered more efficiently and effectively.

At this time, Board Chairman Tripp introduced the new Student Government Association President-elect, Tony Teixeira, and the new SGA Vice President, Abe Cohen. Tony assumes his place on the FAU Board of Trustees as the Student Trustee for the 2007-08 academic year, replacing the current student trustee, Austin Shaw.

It was moved and seconded to recommend approval of the Barry Kaye College of Business program review and the program review for the College of Architecture, Urban and Public Affairs for submission to the Board of Governors. **The motion passed unanimously.**

AS-3. Approval of New Degrees

- a) Bachelors in Early Care and Education – College of Education
- b) Bachelors in Geomatics Engineering – College of Engineering and Computer Science

Committee Chairman Grossman introduced Greg Aloia, Dean of the College of Education to present the College's proposed Bachelors in Early Care and Education. Dean Aloia noted that the program fits into the initiatives put forth by the State. He highlighted the unique aspects of the program including the unique merger of early child care and special education within the program.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of the Bachelors in Early Care and Education. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Committee Chairman Grossman introduced Karl Stevens, Dean of the College of Engineering to present the College's proposed Bachelors in Geomatics Engineering. Dr. Stevens noted that the program involved surveying and mapping in a digital world and was developed primarily as a result of community need and corporate support from the construction industry. Additionally, the State has changed its licensing requirement to requiring a 4-year degree in order to sit for the licensing examination, limiting the pool of licensed surveyors. The College is in a unique position to fill the need for this program as there is no similar program in the southeastern United States. The program will be headquartered in at the Treasure Coast Campus in Port St. Lucie, but will be offered throughout southeast Florida and eventually throughout the State via a unique distance learning program. The program may eventually be merged with the civil engineering program.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of the Bachelors in Geomatics Engineering. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned.

(Prepared by M. Mertz)