



FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

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Item: AS: A-M

## COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

Subject: Roll Call and Approval of November 19, 2024 Minutes

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### PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

INITIATE ROLL CALL TO DOCUMENT MEMBER PARTICIPATION, ENSURE QUORUM, AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2024 MEETING.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dr. Kimberly Dunn, Vice Chair	_____
Mr. Piero Bussani (ex-officio)	_____
Mr. Stefan Andjelkovic	_____

### PARTICIPATING BOT MEMBERS

Mr. Shaun Davis	_____
Mr. Robert Flippo	_____
Mr. Jon Harrison	_____
Mr. Brad Levine	_____
Mr. Scott McCleneghen	_____
Mrs. Sherry Murphy	_____
Mr. Pablo Paez	_____
Mr. Jonathan Satter	_____
Mrs. Linda Stoch	_____
Ms. Tina Vidal-Duart	_____



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### Committee on Academic and Student Affairs

#### Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2025

Committee on Academic and Student Affairs Chair Daniel Cane called the meeting to order and requested a rollcall to confirm a quorum. In addition to Chair Daniel Cane, the following committee members were present: Trustee Kimberly Dunn, Trustee Piero Bussani (ex-officio), Trustee Stefan Andjelkovic, Trustee Earnie Ellison, Trustee Shaun Davis, Trustee Robert Flippo, Trustee Brad Levine, Trustee Elycia Morris, Trustee Sherry Murphy, Trustee Pablo Paez, and Trustee Linda Stoch.

#### **AS: A-M Roll Call and Approval of Minutes from the August 13, 2024, Committee on Academic and Student Affairs**

The minutes from the August 13, 2024 meeting was presented for approval. A motion was made to approve the minutes as distributed. **The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

#### **AS: I-1 Updated Annual Review of Academic Degree Program List**

Dr. Russ Ivy, Interim Provost, provided an update on the annual review of the academic degree program list.

In March 2024, the Board of Governors (BOG) amended Regulation 8.011, which now allows universities to submit annual lists of anticipated new degree programs instead of planning multiple years in advance. This change enables institutions to respond more quickly to workforce demands. The revision requires each university's Board of Trustees to review the submission before it is sent to the BOG, but it is an informational item and does not require a vote. Updates to the anticipated program list must be presented to the Board of Trustees prior to submission. Financial implications remain unchanged, as listing a program does not obligate the university to launch it.

#### **AS: I-2 Report of Activities from the Division of Research**

Dr. Gregg Fields, Vice President for Research, provided an update on the Division of Research, highlighting key areas of growth and development. Notable achievements included increased research expenditures, the university's progress toward achieving the Carnegie Classification of "Very High Research Activity" (R1) by early 2025, and the continued success of various research institutes. He also discussed grant awards, the Broward UP Promise Neighborhoods initiative (a U.S. Department of Education program aimed at transforming poverty-stricken neighborhoods), and the Southeast National Marine Renewable Energy Center. Additionally, updates were shared on the Clinical Trial of Magnetic Resonance Guided Focused Ultrasound (MRgFUS) for Alzheimer's Disease, the FAU MRgFUS "NeuroInnovate" Research and Training Center, and Selective Current MRgFUS clinical trials. Dr. Fields also highlighted innovation and business development efforts, including the Florida Atlantic



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Tech Runway, Entrepreneurs' Success program, and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Florida Atlantic University.