



FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

Board of Trustees

Item: AS: A-M

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Subject: Roll Call and Approval of September 9, 2025 Minutes

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

INITIATE ROLL CALL TO DOCUMENT MEMBER PARTICIPATION, ENSURE QUORUM, AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 MEETING.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mrs. Sherry Murphy, Chair	_____
Mr. Jon Harrison, Vice Chair	_____
Mr. Darsham Gonzalez	_____
Dr. William Trapani	_____
Mr. Scott McCleneghen	_____
Mr. Piero Bussani (ex-officio)	_____

PARTICIPATING BOT MEMBERS

Mr. Shaun Davis	_____
Mr. Robert Flippo	_____
Mr. Brad Levine	_____
Mr. Pablo Paez	_____
Mr. Jonathan Satter	_____
Mrs. Linda Stoch	_____
Mrs. Tina Vidal-Duart	_____



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Committee on Academic and Student Affairs

Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2025

In the absence of Committee on Academic and Student Affairs Chair Trustee Sherry Murphy, Board of Trustees Chair Piero Bussani (ex-officio) called the meeting to order and requested a roll call to confirm a quorum. In addition to BOT Chair Piero Bussani (ex-officio), the following committee members were present: Vice Chair Jon Harrison, Trustee Darsham Gonzalez, Trustee Scott McCleneghen, Trustee William Trapani, Trustee Shaun Davis, Trustee Robert Flippo, Trustee Brad Levine, Trustee Pablo Paez, Trustee Jonathan Satter, Trustee Linda Stoch and Trustee Tina Vidal-Duart.

AS: A-M Roll Call and Approval of Minutes from the June 10, 2025, Committee on Academic and Student Affairs

The minutes from the June 10, 2025 meeting was presented for approval. A motion was made to approve the minutes as distributed. **The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

AS: A-1 Recommend Approval of the Textbook Affordability Report

Dr. Russ Ivy, Vice President for Academic Affairs, requested approval of the 2025 Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability Annual Report, as required under Section 1004.085, Florida Statutes. The report addresses the textbook selection process for high-enrollment courses, the use of no-cost or low-cost materials, institutional posting outcomes, and efforts to reduce student costs.

He noted that FAU is in compliance with Board of Governors requirements, with about 50% of course sections not requiring or recommending textbooks and about 2% meeting the low-cost threshold. He also highlighted the Barnes & Noble cost-savings initiative, which saved students approximately \$270,000 in 2024–25.

A motion was made to approve. **The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

AS: A-2 Recommend Approval of the Market Rate Programs Annual Report

Mr. Vegar Wiik, Executive Director of Executive Education in the College of Business, requested approval of the Self-Supporting and Market Tuition Rate College-Credit Programs Annual Report, 2024–2025. He explained that, under Board of Governors Regulation 8.002, universities are required to report annually on all self-supporting and market tuition rate programs. Since the 2016 revision of this regulation, Board staff have noted inconsistencies across the system, prompting proposed amendments to clarify policies, review procedures, and reporting requirements. He emphasized that, in accordance with Regulation 8.002(4)(c), the report must be approved by the Board of Trustees before submission.

A motion was made to approve. **The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**



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AS: A-3 Recommend Approval of the 120-Credit Hour Exemption Report

Dr. Russ Ivy, Vice President for Academic Affairs, requested approval to reduce credit hours for six of FAU's nine programs currently approved to exceed 120 total credit hours.

He explained that the Board of Governors amended Regulation 8.014 in November 2023, delegating authority to university Boards of Trustees to approve such reductions, which are encouraged to lower student costs and time to degree.

Dr. Ivy noted that most remaining programs above 120 hours are tied to professional accreditation requirements, particularly in engineering. The Elementary Education program will be reduced to 120 credit hours, leaving eight programs on FAU's exception list after approval.

A motion was made to approve. **The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

AS: A-4 Recommend Approval of FAU's 2025-26 Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund Proposal

Mr. Ryan Britton, Vice President for Government Relations, requested approval of a proposal to be submitted to the State University System Board of Governors for the 2025–2026 Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) program. He explained that the Legislature created the LINE Fund in 2022 to strengthen nursing education and workforce capacity through partnerships with healthcare providers. The program provides a dollar-for-dollar match for industry contributions, which may be used for scholarships, faculty recruitment, equipment, and simulation centers.

Mr. Britton reported that Memorial Healthcare System has committed \$100,000, to be matched with \$100,000 in LINE funds, in support of the Nursing Faculty Education Support Initiative. This initiative will fund two full-time nursing faculty positions and adjunct faculty for six clinical practicum courses, thereby expanding BSN enrollment capacity and supporting faculty recruitment, retention, and development.

A motion was made to approve. **The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

AS: A-5 Recommend Approval of Amendments to Regulation 2.007, Religious Observances

Mr. Joseph Van de Bogart, Vice President for Legal Affairs, requested approval of amendments to Regulation 2.007, Religious Observances. He explained that the proposed amendments:

1. Update and simplify the description of how the university will accommodate students' religious observances, practices, and beliefs related to admissions, class attendance, examinations, and work assignments.



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2. Update the procedure for students to notify instructors in writing when they intend to observe a religious practice or belief.
3. Update the name of the Office of Equal Opportunity Programs to its current title, the Office of Civil Rights and Title IX.
4. Add language affirming the university's commitment to provide reasonable accommodations and to make faculty and students aware of this commitment by providing an interfaith calendar prior to the start of each academic term.

Mr. Van de Bogart noted that the amended regulation will take effect upon adoption by the Board of Trustees and that there are no fiscal implications associated with this action.

A motion was made to approve. **The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

AS: A-6 Recommend Approval of New Regulation 3.006, Articulation

Mr. Joseph Van de Bogart, Vice President for Legal Affairs, requested approval of new Regulation 3.006, Articulation. He explained that the regulation was developed to comply with Board of Governors Regulation 8.007, which requires each Board of Trustees to adopt an articulation regulation at the university level.

He noted that articulation in Florida facilitates the transfer of credits between the Florida College System and the State University System, and that the proposed regulation aligns with state and federal law.

Mr. Van de Bogart further noted that the regulation will be effective upon adoption by the Board of Trustees.

A motion was made to approve. **The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

AS: A-7 Recommend Approval of Amendments to Regulation 4.007, Student Code of Conduct

Mr. Joseph Van de Bogart, Vice President for Legal Affairs, requested approval of amendments to Regulation 4.007, Student Code of Conduct. He explained that Florida Board of Governors Regulation 6.0105(8) requires each university to adopt a regulation or policy outlining compliance with disciplinary proceeding requirements under 34 CFR §106.45 for Title IX sexual harassment matters.

To align with other state universities, the proposed amendment removes Title IX provisions from the Student Code of Conduct and consolidates them in University Policy 1.15. The amendment also replaces the term "Restorative Justice" with "Restorative Resolution" and updates the definition of hazing to reflect the federal Stop Campus Hazing Act.



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Mr. Van de Bogart noted that the amended regulation will take effect upon adoption by the Board of Trustees, with no fiscal impact.

A motion was made to approve. **The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

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