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Item: AS: A-M

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Subject: Roll Call and Approval of November 18, 2025 Minutes

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

INITIATE ROLL CALL TO DOCUMENT MEMBER PARTICIPATION, ENSURE QUORUM, AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2025 MEETING.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

PARTICIPATING BOT MEMBERS

Mr. Brad Levine	_____
Mr. Scott McCleneghen	_____
Mr. Thomas Mersch	_____
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 – November 18, 2025

Committee on Academic and Student Affairs Chair Sherry Murphy called the meeting to order and requested a rollcall to confirm a quorum. In addition to Chair Sherry Murphy, the following committee members were present: Vice Chair Jon Harrison, Trustee Darsham Gonzalez, Trustee Scott McCleneghen, Trustees Chair Piero Bussani (ex-officio), 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 September 9, 2025, Committee on Academic and Student Affairs

The minutes from the September 9, 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 Request Approval for the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) Application for State Recognition as a Center

Ms. Lynn Asseff, Associate Vice President of Financial Management in the Division of Research, requested approval to forward the Florida Atlantic University Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (FAU CARD) proposal for state recognition to the Florida Board of Governors, in accordance with Florida Regulation 10.015. Dr. Jack Scott, Executive Director of FAU CARD and faculty member in the Department of Special Education in the College of Education, and Dr. Jennifer Percival, Director of FAU CARD, provided an overview of the Center and its request for official recognition as a legislatively established center. FAU CARD was established under Florida Statute 1004.55 and is one of seven state-sponsored CARD programs in Florida, serving Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, and surrounding counties as defined by the Florida Legislature. Since 2011, the Center has received annual funding from the Florida Department of Education and provides free, evidence-based consultation, training, and support to individuals with autism and their families across the lifespan, beginning at diagnosis. The presenters highlighted the Center's role in supporting families, schools, community and governmental agencies, employers, and law enforcement, as well as its leadership in statewide training initiatives, autism safety efforts, and transition-to-adulthood programming. FAU CARD currently serves more than 8,000 families annually, conducts approximately 300 trainings and 200 outreach events each year, and provides thousands of individualized family contacts and professional consultations. The Center receives an annual legislative appropriation of \$1,386,508, with approximately 95% of the budget allocated to personnel costs, and supplements state funding through grants, private foundations, and fundraising efforts. The proposal has been reviewed and approved by



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the Provost and the Vice President for Research, and a three-year budget was included in the proposal package.

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

AS: I-1 Five-Year Reviews for Centers of Excellence

Ms. Lynn Asseff, Associate Vice President of Financial Management in the Division of Research, provided an informational update regarding recent five-year reviews of FAU Centers of Excellence, as required by revisions to Florida Regulation 10.015. The regulation requires that the Board receive copies of all five-year reviews conducted for state institutes or centers, and reviews covering Fiscal Years 2021 through 2025 were completed for the Center of Excellence in Biomedical and Marine Biotechnology and the Southeast National Marine Renewable Energy Center (SNMREC). Ms. Asseff noted that the centers were evaluated by an internal review committee and the Vice President for Research on progress toward defined goals and objectives; alignment with FAU's mission and the Board of Governors' Strategic Plan; return on investment of state funds; continuation of the centers based on activities, services, financial performance, and achievements; potential changes in mission or organizational structure; and recommendations related to budget adjustments or status changes. Both centers demonstrated strong research, academic, and community engagement and alignment with FAU and Board of Governors strategic priorities. Return on investment calculations reflected cumulative non-state revenues relative to state funding of 94.14% and 134.91%, respectively. Ms. Asseff further reported that organizational structure discussions resulted in SNMREC being housed within the College of Engineering and Computer Science to support future growth and funding opportunities. The reviews were approved by the Vice President for Research, submitted to the Board of Governors, and copies were furnished to the FAU Board of Trustees for informational and compliance purposes.

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