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Item: AS: A-M

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Subject: Roll Call and Approval of February 17, 2026 Minutes

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

INITIATE ROLL CALL TO DOCUMENT MEMBER PARTICIPATION, ENSURE QUORUM, AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2026 MEETING.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mrs. Sherry Murphy, Chair	___
Mr. Jon Harrison, Vice Chair	___
Mr. Darsham Gonzalez	___
Mr. Samantha Stillely	___
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 – February 17, 2026

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 Samantha Stilley, Trustees Chair Piero Bussani (ex-officio), Trustee William Trapani, Trustee Brad Levine, Trustee Scott McCleneghen, Trustee Thomas Mersch, 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 November 18, 2025, Committee on Academic and Student Affairs

The minutes from the November 18, 2025 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 Graduate Medical Education (GME) Reports and Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine Updates

Dr. Lewis Nelson, Dean, Schmidt College of Medicine, provided an informational update regarding Florida Atlantic University's Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine serving as the institutional sponsor of graduate medical education programs (i.e., residencies and fellowships) accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

Dr. Nelson shared that, as required by the accrediting body for residency and fellowship training programs, an annual institutional review is presented as an informational item to the Board of Trustees. He noted that the meeting materials include both an executive summary and a slide presentation, which are also used to present this information to the Graduate Medical Education (GME) Consortium Board of Directors. Dr. Nelson concluded by offering to respond to any questions regarding the report and thanked the Board for their time and attention.

No action was required by the Board, as this item was presented for informational purposes only. The College will inform ACGME that the University's Board of Trustees has received the required annual report for inclusion in the agency's accreditation records.

AS: I-2 Report on Research

Dr. Gregg Fields, Vice President for Research, provided an informational update regarding the Division of Research. Dr. Fields noted that he provides this annual report to highlight the Division's progress



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and performance, particularly as measured by research expenditures, which serve as key metrics for the Board of Governors and the Carnegie Foundation.

He highlighted continued growth in research activity across the University, including increases in both internal and external research expenditures, as well as approximately \$93.1 million in external grant funding for FY 2024–2025. Dr. Fields emphasized contributions from all colleges and noted the strong return on investment generated by the University’s research institutes.

Dr. Fields also provided an update on Florida Atlantic University’s Carnegie R1 designation, explaining that the University has already exceeded required benchmarks for research expenditures and doctoral graduate output within the current review cycle, positioning the institution to maintain its R1 status.

Additionally, he shared examples of recent grant awards and strategic research initiatives, including projects in marine renewable energy, ocean surveillance, programmable computing, cancer research, and clinical trials related to Alzheimer’s disease treatment. He also highlighted the development of the Neuro Innovate Center to support advanced clinical and preclinical research, as well as the University’s designation as Florida’s first quantum university through investment in advanced quantum computing infrastructure.

Dr. Fields concluded by outlining key strategic research focus areas, including healthy aging, neuroscience, water science and marine technologies, and autonomous systems, noting that emerging investments in quantum technology are expected to enhance research across these domains.

No action was required by the Committee, as this item was presented for informational purposes only.

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