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Item: AS: A-M

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Subject: Roll Call and Approval of April 21, 2026 Minutes

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

INITIATE ROLL CALL TO DOCUMENT MEMBER PARTICIPATION, ENSURE QUORUM, AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2026 MEETING.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mrs. Sherry Murphy, Chair	___
Mr. Jon Harrison, Vice Chair	___
Mr. Darsham Gonzalez	___
Ms. 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 – April 21, 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 February 17, 2026, Committee on Academic and Student Affairs

The minutes from the February 17, 2026 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 of New Academic Programs

Dr. Russell Ivy, Vice Provost, presented two new undergraduate degree programs for approval, both proposed for implementation in Fall 2026.

a. Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Artificial Intelligence (11.0199)

Dr. Ivy requested approval to add a new Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Artificial Intelligence degree program in the College of Engineering and Computer Science. The program integrates artificial intelligence with a secondary discipline to prepare graduates to design, build, and deploy AI systems with a strong foundation in ethical, societal, and humanistic considerations. The program responds to workforce demand for professionals who can integrate AI innovation with policy and ethical frameworks. No new resources are required, as participating colleges will reallocate existing resources.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Artificial Intelligence program. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Bachelor of Science in Construction and Geomatics Engineering Technology (15.1001)

Dr. Ivy requested approval to add a new Bachelor of Science in Construction and Geomatics Engineering Technology degree option in the College of Engineering and Computer Science. The program prepares graduates for careers in planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of infrastructure, with emphasis on technical competence, ethical practice, innovation, and teamwork. The program was developed in response to workforce demand and regional industry needs. No new resources are required, and implementation is planned for Fall 2026.



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A motion was made and seconded to approve the Bachelor of Science in Construction and Geomatics Engineering Technology program. The motion carried unanimously.

AS: A-2 Request for Reaffirmation of Specialized Admission Status

Dr. Ivy requested approval for the continuation of specialized admission status for the following programs:

- Bachelor of Architecture (04.0902)
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (51.3801)
- Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences (Honors College) (24.0199)
- Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in Biological and Physical Sciences (Honors College) (30.0101)

The request is consistent with Board of Governors Regulation 8.013, which permits specialized admission criteria for programs with limited resources, accreditation requirements, or minimum skill expectations. The programs continue to meet eligibility criteria due to limited capacity, accreditation requirements, and high demand. Admission standards remain consistent, while student academic profiles have increased.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the continuation of specialized admission status for the four listed programs. The motion carried unanimously.

AS: A-3 Request for Approval of Amendments of Regulation 3.004, Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability and Transparency

Mr. Joseph Van de Bogart, Vice President for Legal Affairs, requested approval of amendments to Regulation 3.004 to align with Board of Governors Regulation 8.003. The amendments enhance transparency by requiring required and recommended instructional materials to be searchable by general education designation and requiring syllabi to be posted at least 45 days prior to the start of each term. Syllabi must remain available for five years and include key instructional and assessment information. Certain individualized courses are exempt.

A motion was made and seconded to approve amendments to Regulation 3.004, Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability and Transparency. The motion carried unanimously.



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AS: I-1 Student Body Update

Mr. Darsham Gonzalez, Trustee, presented a comprehensive update on Student Government initiatives, including expanded student support programs, academic resources, food insecurity initiatives, transportation assistance, and campus engagement efforts. The report also highlighted increased student participation, financial stewardship, and the introduction of new engagement models and traditions.

AS: I-2 Fall 2026 FTIC Admissions Update

Dr. James Capp, SAVP, Strategic Planning and Student Success, presented an update on Fall 2026 admissions. He reported significant increases in applications and completed applications, improved academic profile metrics, and continued growth in both in-state and out-of-state interest. He also outlined strategies to expand transfer pathways, enhance onboarding, and increase flexible program offerings.

AS: I-3 Voluntary Retirement/Resignation Incentive Program

Dr. Ken Dawson-Scully, EVP, Academic Affairs, presented the Voluntary Retirement Resignation Incentive Program for eligible faculty. The program, previously implemented in prior years, provides eligible faculty with an incentive to retire, supporting long-term academic planning and resource management. A total of 155 faculty members are currently eligible, with participation decisions expected by May 6.

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