

FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Florida Polytechnic University Student Development Center
4700 Research Way, Lakeland, FL 33805

February 28, 2017 @ 10:30 AM
or upon the conclusion of the previous meeting

I. Call to Order

Committee Vice -Chair Richard Hallion called the Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Maggie Mariucci called the roll: Vice-Chair Richard Hallion, Trustee Henry McCance, Trustee Bob Stork, Trustee Philip Dur, Trustee Jim Dewey, and Trustee Jacob Livingston were present (Quorum).

Other trustees present: Board Chair Frank Martin, Trustee Louis Saco, Trustee Cliff Otto, Trustee Gary Wendt, and Trustee Mark Bostick.

Staff present: President Randy Avent, Dr. Terry Parker, Mr. Mark Mroczkowski, Mr. Kevin Aspegren, Ms. Gina DeJulio, and Ms. Maggie Mariucci were present.

III. Public Comment

There were no requests received for public comment.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Trustee Gary Wendt made a motion to approve the Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting minutes of December 6, 2017. Trustee Philip Dur seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. 2016-2018 Academic and Student Affairs Committee Work Plan Review

The Work Plan was reviewed below with the Provost's Report.

VI. Provost's Report

Dr. Terry Parker reviewed committee Work Plan items.

Dr. Parker reported on the status of ABET Accreditation. ABET is the accreditation agency for engineering and technology degrees. July 2019 is the earliest timeframe for receiving approval. This would include back accreditation to include May 2018 graduates. President Randy Avent stated that the ABET accreditation process could not start until SACSCOC accreditation was complete. Trustee Philip Dur suggested that the University should position itself aggressively to attract major donors that require ABET accredited engineers and their programs.

The University will be hiring a Director of Teaching and Learning to help Florida Poly improve the classroom experience and facilitate long-term planning. Three candidates have been selected to interview for the position.

Admissions has received 1,321 applications and has admitted 587 students. Provost Parker reviewed admissions data as compared to previous years. The quality of students applying has improved. Trustee Hallion remarked on the rising ACT/SAT and GPA's of admitted students.

Block tuition has been removed from the SUS plan; their focus will be on achieving a four-year graduation rate. Trustee Livingston stated from a student perspective, most students are motivated to graduate in four years due to scholarship retention requirements and prospective job opportunities.

Dr. Parker presented a report on degree offerings. The University currently offers six undergraduate degrees. Degrees will be expanded in the future. Concentrations are being added and modified to current degree programs. Trustee Dur encourages consideration of additional degree offerings in Aerospace, and Naval and Marine engineering.

Dr. Parker reported on the status of Industry Partnerships and the different types of partnerships.

VII. Rename Degree: Master of Science in Innovation to Master of Science in Computer Science

Trustee Philip Dur made a motion to approve the renaming of the degree: Master of Science in Innovation and Technology to Master of Science in Computer Science. Trustee Gary Wendt seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Student Government Association (SGA) Report

Trustee Jacob Livingston, SGA President presented a report on the Student Government Association (SGA). The branches of SGA were explained along with the corresponding budget and activities offered.

IX. Student Development Update

Mr. Scott Rhodes presented a report on Student Development. He reported on the various programs the Student Development department oversees, including the newly opened Student Development Center building.

X. 2018-2019 Academic Calendar

Ms. Dahl Grayckowski presented the 2018-2019 academic calendar.

Trustee Gary Wendt made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 Academic Calendar. Trustee Jacob Livingston seconded the motion; a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

XI. United Faculty of Florida, Florida Poly Chapter Remarks

Dr. Richard Matyi, President of the Florida Poly Chapter, United Faculty of Florida, read brief comments to the Board of Trustees regarding collective bargaining.

XII. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.