

**FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Florida Industrial and Phosphate Research Institute
1855 W. Main St., Bartow, FL 33830
June 8, 2017 @ 10:30 AM**

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Sandra Featherman called the Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting to order at 10:27 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Maggie Mariucci called the roll: Chair Sandra Featherman, Trustee Philip Dur, Trustee Jim Dewey, and Trustee Jacob Livingston were present (Quorum).

Other trustees present: Board Chair Frank Martin, Trustee Mark Bostick, and Trustee Don Wilson.

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

III. Public Comment

There were no requests received for public comment.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Trustee Jim Dewey made a motion to approve the Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting minutes of March 15, 2017. Trustee Jacob Livingston 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 with no additional comments or recommendations.

VI. Provost's Report

Dr. Terry Parker presented a report on the following:

Admissions: The mean ACT score for 'intent to enroll' is up by over one point and female 'intent to enroll' is up by 2 points. The goal for FTIC was 290 students, and the University is currently at 331. The final total enrollment (FTIC, transfer and graduate students) for fall 2017 will be 380-400.

Dr. Parker stated there is a correlation between ACT Math scores and retention. ACT test scores are a better predictor of student success than SAT scores. Overall test scores for incoming students continue to improve from year to year.

Student Life: The Student Affairs department has been reorganized. Student Life now resides under Vice Provost Enrollment, Scott Rhodes, while Student Services is under Vice Provost Academic Support Services, Dr. Kathryn Miller.

Faculty Hiring: the University targeted faculty positions in alignment with need. Dr. Parker reviewed the number of faculty acceptances to date.

Existing Degree Improvements: ABET is a program content accreditation; it is not a process and procedure accreditation. To achieve ABET accreditation, the University's programs must align with national standards. Curriculum and degree titles have been updated accordingly, and in compliance with SACSCOC regulations, and go into effect with the fall 2017 semester. Students have the option, but are not required, to change to the newly aligned degrees. To date, 336 students have changed to the new degrees, predominantly in the engineering degrees. Liberal arts classes, which develop communication and critical thinking skills in Florida Poly students, will be expanded.

New Degrees and Changes to Degrees: The University cannot create new degrees or change degrees until accredited by SACSCOC. Dr. Parker reviewed current programs and how they have been revised to align with ABET requirements but still meet SACSCOC guidelines. The program CIP codes have remained the same; only three degree titles have been revised.

Graduate Degrees: The University has two formal graduate degrees. Dr. Parker recommends these degrees include concentrations, while not changing the degree names. Starting fall 2017, each graduate degree will include two concentrations.

Dr. Parker and Trustee Featherman have discussed the following additions to the Committee's Work Plan:

1. Block Tuition: This will require Board of Trustees action in September.
2. Student and Faculty Diversity: Florida Poly has a strong foreign national cohort in the faculty; however, traditional diversity (African Americans, Hispanics, gender), should be improved.
3. Graduate Programs
4. Technology and Pedagogy

VII. Degree Name Changes

Dr. Parker requested Board permission to change names of three degrees once the University is accredited.

Trustee Philip Dur made a motion to recommend to the Board of Trustees the following degree name changes, conditional on, and not effective until, formal SACSCOC accreditation, as follows:

1. **Mechanical & Industrial Engineering to Mechanical Engineering**
2. **Computer Science & Information Technology to Computer Science**
3. **Advanced Technology to Data Analytics**

Trustee Jacob Livingston seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Livingston asked if block tuition affects part-time students. Dr. Parker forecasts block tuition will be defined as a band of credit hours, i.e. "14 to 17 credit hours." Students taking less than full-time hours will pay by the credit hour.

Dr. Parker confirmed the earliest date for ABET accreditation is projected to be 2018-2019. The University can request that ABET back accredit two years presuming that students are graduating under the approved curriculum.

VIII. FPU-3.002 Student Government and Student Organizations

Ms. Gina DeJulio presented a revised regulation FPU-3.002 which removes the requirement that SGA officers be enrolled in the summer semester term while in office. The revision also adds the requirement that SGA officers be in good standing under the student code of conduct. The regulation was noticed on the website and no comments were received.

Trustee Jacob Livingston made a motion to recommend approval of the revised regulation, FPU-3.002 Student Government and Student Organizations to the Board of Trustees. Trustee Jim Dewey seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

IX. FPU-3.009 Reasonable Accommodations for Religious Observances, Practices and Beliefs

Ms. DeJulio presented a revised regulation FPU-3.009 which specifies the actual grievance process that students would use if they believe they have been unreasonably denied a religious accommodation. A statement was also added that the University does not take religious practice or beliefs into account when making admissions determinations. The regulation was noticed on the website and no comments were received.

Trustee Philip Dur made a motion to recommend approval of the revised regulation, FPU-3.009 Reasonable Accommodations for Religious Observances, Practices and Beliefs to the Board of Trustees. Trustee Livingston seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

X. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

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