



Academic & Student Affairs Committee Meeting

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**Wednesday, November 18, 2020
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM**

Florida Polytechnic University WEBEX TELE-CONFERENCE MEETING

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Earl Sasser called the Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting to order at 9:31 am.

II. Roll Call

Zaira Medina called the roll: Committee Chair Sasser, Trustee Laine Powell, Trustee Ala' J. Alnaser, Trustee Connor Coddington and Trustee Narendra Kini were present (Quorum)

Other Trustees Present: Chair Cliff Otto, Vice Chair Mark Bostick, Trustee Gary Wendt, Trustee Lyn Stanfield, Trustee Bob Stork, Trustee Beth Kigel

Staff Present: President Randy K. Avent, Provost Terry Parker, Alex Landback, Dr. Ben Matthew Corpus, Carrie Mann, David Blanton, David Calhoun, Gina DeIulio, Dr. Kathryn Miller, Kathy Bowman, Kevin Calkins, Kris Wharton, Mark Mroczkowski, Melaine Schmitz, Melissa Vasquez, Michelle Powell, Penney Farley, Rick Maxey, Dr. Tom Dvorske, Treasa McLean, Zaira Medina, Michele Rush

III. Public Comment

There were no requests received for public comment.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Trustee Laine Powell made a motion to approve the Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting minutes of September 9, 2020. Trustee Connor Coddington seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. Committee Charter Review and Approval

Trustee Narendra Kini made a motion to approve the Committee Charter. Trustee Connor Coddington seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

VI. Provost Report

Trustee Powell inquired where the spring transfer students transfer from. Dr. Ben Matthew Corpus stated they come from five state college institutions in Polk, Hillsborough, Valencia, Brevard, and Broward counties.

Trustee Gary Wendt inquired of a metric for "High Value Degrees." Provost Parker informed

him there is no metric at this time; the University determines high value degrees based on the demand and salary. Trustee Wendt inquired if the University uses the chart of salaries to determine high degree value. Provost Parker responded as Florida Poly adds degrees, salary charts are taken into consideration.

Trustee Narendra Kini recommended ways Florida Poly students can gain real-world leadership experience in their internships thus making the University more attractive to industry. Provost Parker agreed and stated all students are required to complete an internship and take a Capstone Design course which is a 6-credit requirement and includes a project completed by a student team, many of which are industry sponsored.

The Committee discussed students' lack of online engagement and were told methods faculty are using to increase their virtual participation.

Provost Parker and President Randy Avent presented information on Vestcor's request to increase rental rates more than the contractual cap of 2.25% in the Phase II dorm. Trustee Coddington shared his cost comparison between on-campus versus off-campus housing and his adverse reaction to increasing dorm rental rates. Trustee Lyn Stanfield inquired if the dorm has ever reached 95% occupancy, to which President Avent responded no. She also inquired if there is a requirement for freshmen to live on campus, which there is not. Chair Cliff Otto reminded the Committee that contractually, the University must grant a 2.25% increase for Phase II.

Trustee Connor Coddington made a motion to not approve the additional increase in rent in Phase 2 housing above the 2.25% contractually allowed. Trustee Laine Powell second the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

VII. Supporting Materials Overview

No discussion.

VIII. Spring Calendar Change Request

Trustee Laine Powell made a motion to recommend and approve the Spring Calendar Change Request. Trustee Ala' J. Alnaser seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

IX. Faculty Handbook Change and Approval Request

Trustee Narendra Kini made a motion to recommend and approve the faculty handbook change. Trustee Ala' J. Alnaser seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

X. New Degree Planning and Approval Policy

Trustee Ala' J. Alnaser made a motion to recommend and approve the New Degree Planning and Approval Policy. Trustee Narendra Kini seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

XI. Approval of Pathway for Associate of Arts Degree per Board of Governor's regulation (8.007)

Trustee Connor Coddington made a motion to recommend and approve the Pathway for Associate of Arts Degree per Board of Governor's Regulation (8.007). Trustee Laine Powell seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

XII. Temporary Waiver of Tuition and Fees for Academic Improvement Course

Trustee Wendt asked for clarification on the SLS Academic Improvement Program. Dr. Kathryn Miller informed him this is an Academic Success initiative to support students who need extra encouragement, taking the success coach model and incorporating it into a course. The request is to approve the no/\$0 charge for the SLS course for spring 2021.

Trustee Laine Powell made a motion to recommend and approve the Temporary waiver of Tuition and Fees for the Academic Improvement Course for Spring 2021. Trustee Ala' J. Alnaser seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

XIII. Revised Faculty Handbook (clean copy)

No discussion.

XIV. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.