



Academic & Student Affairs Committee Meeting

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MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday, February 17, 2021
8:30 AM – 9:30 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 8:40 am.

II. Roll Call

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

Other Trustees Present: Chair Cliff Otto, Trustee Gary Wendt, Trustee Lyn Stanfield, Trustee Bob Stork and Trustee Beth Kigel.

Staff Present: President Randy K. Avent, Provost Terry Parker, Ms. Gina DeJulio, Dr. Tom Dvorske, Mrs. Kathy Bowman, Dr. Ben Matthew Corpus, Mrs. Kristen Wharton, Ms. Michele Rush, and Ms. Zaira Medina

III. Public Comment

There were no requests received for public comment.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Trustee Narendra Kini made a motion to approve the Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting minutes of November 18, 2020. Trustee Laine Powell seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. 2020-22 Academic & Student Affairs Committee Work Plan Review

Provost Parker reviewed the Work Plan items to be discussed today, including admissions and financial aid, four-year graduation improvement plan, Performance Based Funding (PBF), faculty hiring status, student and faculty diversity, spring COVID operations, and SACSCOC.

VI. Provost Report

Provost Terry Parker presented his quarterly Provost's report. He stated that admissions gains across the SUS from fall 2020 are at risk for fall 2021, due mostly to the negative impact of COVID. Trustee Wendt inquired if Florida Poly admissions rates are up or down. Dr. Parker projects Florida Poly will be up 13% in applications; however, the University is down in terms of diversity projections.

Trustee Wendt inquired who approves this. Provost Parker responded this is approved at the Board of Trustee level and it goes no further than the Board.

Dr. Parker proposed a **Pilot Out-of-State Fee Waiver Program** that would waive \$410 of the \$510 per credit hour out-of-state fee. The Pilot would only apply to undergraduate students entering Florida Poly for the first time in the fall or spring semester of the 2021-22 Academic Year. Each of these students would be able to use the waiver for the out-of-state fee for the following 4-year period for a maximum of 120 credit hours. Dr. Parker also requested a corresponding increase in waiver authority.

Trustee Narendra Kini made a motion to recommend approval to the Board of Trustees of the proposed Pilot Out-of-State Fee Waiver Program and authorize an increase to the waiver authority by the amount necessary to effectuate the program. Trustee Laine Powell second the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Cliff Otto recommended approving the pilot plan for two years instead of one. Trustee Kini agreed with the two-year plan but recommended adding a review of the program after year one in case there are any issues that need to be addressed. Trustee Bob Stork inquired about extending the waiver authority to students already enrolled at Florida Poly. Provost Parker responded this pilot is drawn for next year and will not be extended to those currently enrolled. BenMatthew Corpus advocated for the two-year plan. The enrollment recruitment cycle starts 24-months prior to when students enroll and if they target high school juniors right now as they go into their senior year, the University will have a stronger enrollment for Fall 2022.

Trustee Narendra Kini made a motion to recommend approval to the Board of Trustees of the proposed Pilot Out-of-State Fee Waiver Program for the year 2022-2023 and authorize an increase to the waiver authority by the amount necessary to effectuate the program. Trustee Ala' J. Alnaser second the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Laine Powell inquired about obtaining additional information on the coding certificate. Provost Parker responded Dr. Corpus will provide printed material.

Provost Parker reviewed data relating to Florida Poly's Performance Based Funding status. This is Florida Poly's first year in the program and there is some uncertainty with legislative funding in 2020-2021 due to the economy (COVID-19). Trustee Wendt inquired how much money might the University receive from Performance Based Funding. President Randy Avent responded if Florida Poly had been in the program last year, the institution would have received just over \$4 million. Trustee Kini inquired if this type of funding requires being attentive at the legislative level or is this based purely off of metrics. President Avent responded this is quantitative by metrics; the University provides the data, and the Board of Governors calculates and distributes the money accordingly. The only input from the legislature is how much they fund the program.

Provost Parker reviewed faculty hiring targets and hiring activity to date. He also covered the spring 2021 instructional effort in light of COVID. Trustee Connor Coddington inquired how much percent of the 6% of students that filed an accommodation request was approved. Dr. Kathryn Miller will look for the information and provide to Trustee Coddington.

VIII. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.