



# Academic & Student Affairs Committee Meeting

## DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 23, 2022  
12:45 PM – 2:15 PM

Florida Polytechnic University  
Applied Research Center & via WebEx

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### I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Earl Sasser called the Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting to order at 12:46 p.m.

### II. Roll Call

Zaira Medina called the roll: Committee Chair Earl Sasser, Trustee Susan LeFrancois, Trustee Melia Rodriguez, and Trustee Narendra Kini were present (Quorum)

Committee Member Not Present: Trustee Laine Powell

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

Staff Present: President Randy Avent, Provost Terry Parker, Dr. Allan Bottorff, Dr. Ben Matthew Corpus, Dr. Kathryn Miller, Dr. Tom Dvorske, Gina DeIulio, David Blanton, Mike Dieckmann, Kristen Wharton, and Maggie Mariucci.

### III. Public Comment

There were no requests received for public comment.

### IV. Approval of Minutes

**Trustee Narendra Kini motioned to approve the Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting minutes of April 28, 2022. Trustee Melia Rodriguez seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.**

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

Provost Terry Parker presented the Academic & Student Affairs Committee Work Plan Review 2020-2022. No changes were made.

### VI. Provost Report

Provost Parker presented on the incoming class for fall of 2022. The overall enrollment projection is up by 4% and Graduate applications are up 32%. There is a strong expectation for the fall 2024 enrollment which would coincide with the opening of a new Residence Hall.

Currently, Florida Poly's on-campus housing is full with 796 beds filled for fall 2022. The housing office is connecting students to outside apartment complexes near campus and will work on transportation plans during the summer. Trustee Gary Wendt inquired if the increase from 758 beds to 796 is due to taking single rooms and making them doubles. Provost Parker responded in the affirmative. Trustee Wendt inquired if the enrollment number would increase by having students connect to nearby apartment complexes. Provost Parker responded the housing office has not been able to create a formal relationship with the five apartment complexes to the west; the University can connect students to the complexes but cannot function as intermediary. Trustee Narendra Kini inquired if there was a possibility of allowing private contractors to build on campus. President Avent responded the process would be through a P3 which includes conducting an ITN. Chair Cliff Otto stated due to the current housing market, contractors and landlords are not hurting for business. President Avent reiterated the need to house freshmen on campus and upper classmen off campus. Provost Parker added there are two key objectives of the University: one is protecting the incoming class and the second is increasing the academic progression rate (retention rate).

Provost Parker presented a comparison of Florida Poly with its peers. Trustee Kini inquired if there are characteristics or metrics that differentiate the different peers. President Avent responded they are based on incoming student quality such as SAT and ACT scores.

Provost Parker presented on the Freshman Initiative and the expansion of Student Orientation directed by Student Affairs and the Academic Review Board. The Academic Review Board advises students having difficulty and provides a suspension pathway for students that are harmful to campus culture. The tutoring support has been reworked and is now tied to the academic departments.

Provost Parker presented on three new Degree Programs: Civil Engineering, Industrial Engineering, and Computer and Info Systems. Dr. Susan LeFrancois inquired why these three specific degrees were chosen. Provost Parker responded Civil Engineering will grow out of Environmental Engineering, and Industrial Engineering will grow out of Mechanical Engineering; therefore, the University has the faculty for these majors. President Avent added these three degrees address workforce gaps in the state of Florida according to the Department of Economic Opportunities.

Provost Parker presented on the faculty hiring activity to date with 13 new hires for fall 2022. Trustee Beth Kigel inquired about the reason for multiple declined offers after starting the contract process. Provost Parker responded one challenge is not having a dual program where the spouse is also hired. Some individuals receive better offers elsewhere, and on occasion he sees tenure as an issue as well. Trustee Kigel asked what the University can do to be more competitive. Provost Parker added there are two elements of the Applied Research Center (ARC) that are attractive to faculty: the labs and the offices.

Regarding Performance Based Funding (PBF), Provost Parker presented the University's desire to move from the current metric, which is "percent FTC students in the top 10% of their high school class", to "percent of Graduate degrees granted in Programs of Strategic Emphasis." In order to request this change from the Board of Governors, the threshold was set at 25 Graduate degrees awarded. This year, Florida Poly graduated 32 Graduate students and projects graduating approximately 40 in 2023.

## VII. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.