

Florida Polytechnic University
Board of Trustees

Academic & Student Affairs Committee Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

2:15 PM-3:15 PM

Joker Marchant Stadium, 2301 Lakeland Hills Blvd., Lakeland, FL 33805

I. Call to Order

Committee Vice-Chair Hallion called the Academic & Student Affairs Committee meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Kris Wharton called the roll: Committee Vice Chair Dick Hallion, Trustee Philip Dur, Trustee Henry McCance, Trustee Travis Hills, Trustee Bob Stork, Trustee Adrienne Perry, and Trustee Jim Dewey were present (Quorum).

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

Staff present: President Randy Avent, Provost Terry Parker, Ms. Gina Delulio, Mr. Mark Mroczkowski, Mr. Kevin Aspegren, Mr. Rick Maxey, Mrs. Kris Wharton, Mrs. Kim Abels and Mrs. Maggie Mariucci were present.

III. Public Comment

There were no requests received for public comment.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Trustee Philip Dur made a motion to approve the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting minutes of February 28, 2018. Trustee Bob Stork seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Vice-Chair Hallion took a moment to recognize the memory of Dr. Sandra Featherman. Dr. Featherman was the Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs committee and was very dedicated to the growth of Florida Poly.

V. 2016-18 Academic & Student Affairs Committee Work Plan Review

The 2016-2018 Work plan remains unchanged and no discussion occurred.

VI. Provost Report

Dr. Terry Parker reviewed processes for Admissions and Financial Aid, a four-year graduation plan, degree program additions, student and faculty diversity, Graduate programs, technology and pedagogy, and Faculty Handbook changes.

A. Four Year Graduation Improvement Plan

The Board of Governors requires all State Universities to provide a timely graduation plan. Dr. Parker presented the incentives Florida Polytechnic University will implement to help this plan succeed. The Academic Success Center is focused on advising every student on their best pathway to graduation. A near common freshman year will allow students to delay their choice in academic major with little or no consequence in terms of “wasted credits” and demand-based registration will provide seats for on-track classes based on need.

Trustee Philip Dur made a motion to recommend approval of the four year graduation improvement plan to the Board of Trustees. Trustee Henry McCance seconded the motion; a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Name Change on Two Undergraduate Degrees

Dr. Parker presented approval requests for degree name changes. Changing the names for accuracy are helpful to the institution. The concentrations have been modified to meet broader marketability and will not require a change in CIP code.

Trustee Philip Dur made a motion to recommend approval to rename the degree “Data Analytics” to “Data Science” to the Board of Trustees. Trustee Henry McCance seconded the motion; a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Bob Stork made a motion to recommend approval to rename the degree “Science and Technology Management” to “Business Analytics” to the Board of Trustees. Trustee Henry McCance seconded the motion; a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

C. New Degrees over Next Three Years

Dr. Parker reported the Council of Academic Vice Presidents (CAVP) has provided positive recommendations to add three new degrees over the next three years. Dr. Parker explained the degrees are an integral part in helping sustain a polytechnic university.

Trustee Philip Dur made a motion to recommend approval to develop a new degree titled “Engineering Mathematics” to the Board of Trustees. Trustee Bob Stork seconded the motion; a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Jim Dewey made a motion to recommend approval to develop a new degree titled “Engineering Physics” to the Board of Trustees. Trustee Philip Dur seconded the motion; a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Bob Stork made a motion to recommend approval to develop a new degree titled “Environmental Engineering” to the Board of Trustees. Trustee Henry McCance seconded the motion; a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

D. Faculty Handbook Revision

Dr. Parker presented changes to the Faculty handbook. Changes include multiple small or editorial changes to bring the handbook up to date, changes to reflect the new Director and Department Chair structure and changes to the committees to reflect the move to department representation.

Trustee Henry McCance made a motion to recommend approval of the revised Faculty handbook to the Board of Trustees. Trustee Philip Dur seconded the motion; a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

E. Highlights from Career Services and the Inaugural Curriculum Advisory Board

Dr. Kathryn Miller reported on the functions of the Academic Support Services focusing on Career Services. Dr. Miller reported on the employment opportunities many of the recent graduates have pursued and accepted. Dr. Miller also reported on the Inaugural Curriculum Advisory board. The advisory board is a group of experienced and innovative professionals providing advice on curriculum and student-focused learning opportunities, with the goal of helping Florida Polytechnic University become a world-renowned, workforce ready “University of Innovation”.

F. Accreditation Board for Engineering & Technology (ABET)

Dr. Tom Dvorske reported on the status of ABET accreditation. ABET is comprised of multiple “commissions”, is supported by multiple member societies (ASME, IEEE, CSAB, etc.), and is program specific accreditation. ABET accreditation is a huge benefit to our graduates. The accreditation self-studies are due July 1, 2018 and onsite visits will take place in October. ABET’s accreditation decision will most likely occur the Summer of 2019.

VII. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the Academic & Student Affairs Committee meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.