

Florida Polytechnic University
Board of Trustees

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, February 25, 2020
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM**

**Florida Polytechnic University, Student Development Center
4700 Research Way, Lakeland, FL 33805**

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Adrienne Perry called the Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting to order at 1:27 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Zaira Medina called the roll: Committee Chair Adrienne Perry, Committee Vice Chair Earl Sasser, Trustee Victoria Astley, Trustee Henry McCance, Trustee Ryan Perez, Trustee Mark Bostick and Trustee Philip Dur were present (Quorum).

Other trustees present: Board Chair Don Wilson, Vice Chair Cliff Otto, Trustee Frank Martin, Trustee Lou Saco and Trustee Gary Wendt.

Staff present: Provost Terry Parker, Ms. Gina Delulio, Mr. Mark Mroczkowski, Dr. Kathryn Miller, Dr. Tom Dvorske, Mrs. Maggie Mariucci, Mrs. Kris Wharton, Ms. Michele Rush, Mrs. Kim Abels and Mrs. Zaira Medina were present.

III. Public Comment

There were no requests received for public comment.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Trustee Henry McCance made a motion to approve the Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting minutes of December 10, 2019. Trustee Mark Bostick seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. 2018-20 Strategic Planning Committee Work Plan Review

The 2018-2020 Work Plan remains unchanged and no discussion occurred.

VI. Provost Report

Provost Terry Parker reviewed activity aligned with the Work Plan, which included Admissions and Financial Aid, Student Affairs, four-year graduation improvement plan, degree program additions, faculty hiring status, student and faculty diversity, graduate programs, and technology and pedagogy.

Trustee Henry McCance inquired about the statement on the Completed Applications graph that indicates student applications have increased by more than 70% over prior year. BenMatthew Corpus stated the graph is incorrect; “applications” have increased by more than 31%; however, this graph should read “Applications” versus “Completed Applications.” Completed Applications have increased 81%.

Board Chair Don Wilson inquired if the summer cohort program would help students in their 4-year graduation rate. Provost Parker responded affirmatively. Trustee Victoria Astley inquired if the students in the summer cohort is considered FTIC for graduation? As students are required to complete nine credits in a summer semester, the summer cohort will account for six of their credits and the graduation rate should improve. Additionally, Mr. Corpus clarified the First Year STEM Program students become part of the spring FTIC cohort.

Trustee McCance inquired if the 18 First Year STEM Program students who persisted received scholarship funds for the summer. Provost Parker stated they received scholarship funds in the fall semester as they transitioned into full time degree-seeking students. They will continue to receive \$2,000 per semester if they maintain their GPA.

Trustee Frank Martin inquired if the 18 faculty up for reappointment and promotion is consistent with the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Provost Parker confirmed there are exactly 18, that no one has been excluded from the process, and after these 18, there would be no more faculty in the pre-June 2017 group and the review of all faculty would be complete. Trustee Astley expressed concern if a great number of faculty are not reappointed. Provost Parker stated there is not an expectation of losing an enormous number of faculty, and that there is a transition period of one year after faculty are informed of non-reappointment.

Trustee Martin stated the need to recruit diverse faculty. Provost Parker affirmed diversity is appropriately considered in the hiring process. All universities struggle to hire diverse faculty because the pool of faculty in STEM degrees at the doctorate level is small.

Trustee Perry suggested undergraduate students may benefit from hybrid offerings for the summer cohort. Provost Parker agreed and stated this was investigated; however, the population who seeks participation do not live close enough to bring them in three Saturdays.

VII. Adoption of Regulation FPU-2.001 Admission to the University and Appeal Process – General

Ms. Melaine Schmitz provided an overview of Regulation FPU-2.001. Trustee Astley inquired who is the chief enrollment officer and is this defined anywhere? Ms. Schmitz confirmed that BenMatthew Corpus is the chief enrollment officer. The title is in lower caps; therefore, it is not an official title.

Trustee Henry McCance made a motion to recommend adoption of Regulation FPU-2.001 Admission to the University and Appeal Process – General to the Board of Trustees. Trustee Earl Sasser seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

