

APPROVED
June 2, 2017



**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ACADEMIC POLICY AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MARCH 3, 2017**

1. Call to Order and Chair's Remarks

The Florida International University Board of Trustees' Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Cesar L. Alvarez at 11:07 a.m. on Friday, March 3, 2017, at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Graham Center Room 243.

The following attendance was recorded:

Present

Cesar L. Alvarez, *Chair*
Natasha Lowell, *Vice Chair*
Jose J. Armas
Alian Collazo
Michael G. Joseph
Marc D. Sarnoff
Kathleen L. Wilson

Board Chair Claudia Puig, Board Vice Chair Jorge Arrizurieta, and University President Mark B. Rosenberg were also in attendance.

Committee Chair Alvarez welcomed all Trustees, University faculty and staff to the meeting.

Chair Alvarez noted that Dr. Joanne Li has been appointed the next Dean for the College of Business, effective May 8, 2017. He recognized Acting Dean Jose M. Aldrich, stating that he will remain with the college as Vice Dean.

2. Approval of Minutes

Committee Chair Alvarez asked that the Committee approve the Minutes of the meeting held on December 1, 2016. A motion was made and passed to approve the Minutes of the Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee Meeting held on Thursday, December 1, 2016.

3. Action Items

AP1. Tenure as a Condition of Employment Nomination

Chair Alvarez noted that the candidate for Tenure as a condition of employment (TACOE), was selected to receive (TACOE) based on the caliber of her scholarly work.

A motion was made and passed that the FIU Board of Trustees Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee recommend that the Board of Trustees approve the candidate for tenure as a condition of employment.

AP2. New Program Proposal: Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science

Vice President for Academic Affairs Elizabeth M. Bejar presented the proposed Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science for Committee review. She noted that the School of Computing and Information Sciences in the College of Engineering and Computing at Florida International University proposes to offer a new Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science degree. VP Bejar noted that this degree addresses part of the existing high demand B.S. in Computer Science complementing the B.S. degree with a restructured curriculum. She added that the decision to restructure the curriculum and offer a B.A. degree in addition to the existing B.S. is driven, in part, by universities' responsiveness to industry. She stated that the last few years have proven that there is little difference in employment prospects between a B.A. degree and a B.S. degree. She reported that graduates from the B.A. degrees in Computer Science across the country will have exceptional employment opportunities as database administrators, research analysts, programmers, software designer, and web developers. VP Bejar introduced Associate Director of the school of Computing and Information Sciences, Mark Weiss.

Trustee Natasha Lowell inquired as to the feasibility of building 4+1 Master's degree for the B.A. and B.S. degrees.

Dr. Weiss noted that the School has an existing 4+1 Bachelor's and Master's program in Computer Science, adding that the B.A. in Computer Science is specifically not recommended for students who wish to pursue graduate programs in Computer Science. He stated that many students in the Master's program do not need certain things that are required in the B.A. in Computer Science.

A motion was made and passed that the FIU Board of Trustees Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee recommend Board of Trustees approval of the Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science (CIP 11.0101) new program proposal.

AP3. New Program Proposal: Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis

VP Bejar presented the proposed Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis for Committee review. She noted that the College of Arts and Sciences is proposing this degree adding that the proposed program will prepare graduates to serve as highly skilled and experienced board certified behavior analysts who can apply their skills in classrooms and other instructional settings. She stated that this credential is recognized nationally and internationally. She added that the Applied Behavior Analysis degree will increase professional opportunities to work in school systems and other

educational training and intervention settings such as early intervention, adult vocational training, rehabilitation programs, treatment centers, and other clinical settings. VP Bejar added that this program will include all of the content and experience hours required for professional certification.

A motion was made and passed that the FIU Board of Trustees Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee recommend Board of Trustees Approval of the Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis (CIP 13.1299) new program proposal.

AP4. Honorary Degree Nominations

Committee Chair Alvarez noted that the honorary degree nominees Jorge M. Perez and Peter W. Harlem were recommended by the Faculty Senate and were approved by the University President and Provost to receive an honorary degree at Commencement.

A motion was made and passed that the FIU Board of Trustees Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee recommend to endorse Mr. Jorge M. Perez as a recipient of a doctoral degree *honoris causa* and Mr. Peter W. Harlem as a recipient of a posthumous degree *honoris causa* from Florida International University.

4. Information/Discussion Items (*No Action Required*)

4.1 Doctorate of Business Administration in International Business Tuition

VP Bejar noted that at the earlier Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting, the Committee recommended Board of Trustees approval of the proposal for self-supporting tuition of \$33,000 annually for the Doctorate of Business Administration in International Business offered through continuing education beginning academic year 2017-2018.

4.2 Academic Affairs Regular Reports

Committee Chair Alvarez requested that the Academic Affairs Regular Reports within the Information Items be accepted as written. There were no objections.

4.3 Academic Affairs Special Report

▪ Title IX Presentation

Director of Equal Opportunity Programs and Diversity, Shirlyon McWhorter provided an update on the University's Title IX compliance efforts. She presented an overview of statistical reports for the Modesto A. Maidique Campus and Biscayne Bay Campus on the incidence of sexual harassment and other Title IX matters during the 2014 and 2015 academic year reporting period. She also discussed the University's ongoing efforts in educational training and in providing primary prevention and awareness programs.

Committee Chair Alvarez inquired as to how violations are addressed and if there have been instances of multiple violations committed by the same individual. Ms. McWhorter stated that when a student is found to have committed an act of sexual harassment or other Title IX matter, one or more sanctions may be imposed. She added that factors considered by adjudicators when determining sanctions include, but are not limited to, the nature and egregiousness of the behavior,

any prior misconduct and sanctions, and impacts of the behavior. She stated that there have been no cases involving Title IX matters at the University where the same individual is committing repeat offenses.

5. New Business

No new business was raised.

6. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

With no other business, Committee Chair Cesar L. Alvarez adjourned the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee meeting on Friday, March 3, 2017 at 11:35 a.m.

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