



FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ACADEMIC POLICY AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
JUNE 2, 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 9:39 a.m. on Friday, June 2, 2017, at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, College of Business Complex, Special Events Center, Room 233.

The following attendance was recorded:

***Present***

Cesar L. Alvarez, *Chair*  
Natasha Lowell, *Vice Chair*  
Dean C. Colson  
Krista M. Schmidt  
Kathleen L. Wilson

***Excused***

Jose J. Armas  
Michael G. Joseph  
Marc D. Sarnoff

Board Chair Claudia Puig, Trustee Leonard Boord, and University President Mark B. Rosenberg also were in attendance.

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

Committee Chair Alvarez noted that effective August 1, 2017, Dr. John L. Volakis will join the University as Dean of the College of Engineering and Computing. Committee Chair Alvarez added that on May 19, 2017, Tawia (Fay) Baidoe Ansah was appointed to serve as Acting Dean of the FIU College of Law, noting that Acting Dean Ansah had served since 2012 as the College's Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Committee Chair Alvarez asked that the Committee approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, March 3, 2017. A motion was made and passed to approve the Minutes of the Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee Meeting held on Thursday, March 1, 2017.

### **3. Action Items**

#### **AP1. Tenure Nominations**

Committee Chair Alvarez explained that thirty two candidates were nominated for tenure, stating that the nominees selected to receive tenure have demonstrated excellence in scholarly and academic achievement. Provost and Executive Vice President Kenneth G. Furton added that the evaluation process involved in tenure is one of the most significant events in a faculty member's career and provided an overview of the timeline related to the tenure process.

A motion was made and passed that the FIU Board of Trustees Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee recommend to the Board of Trustees approval of the Tenure Nominations as specified in the Board materials.

#### **AP2. Tenure as a Condition of Employment Nominations**

Committee Chair Alvarez noted that the two candidates for Tenure as a Condition of Employment (TACOE), are highly qualified new hires that had tenure at their previous institutions and have contributed significantly to the academic community

A motion was made and passed that the FIU Board of Trustees Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee recommend to the Board of Trustees approval of two (2) candidates for Tenure as a Condition of Employment.

#### **AP3. Amendments to FIU Regulation 1103, Textbook Affordability**

Provost Furton presented the proposed amendments to the Textbook Affordability Regulation 1103 for Committee review. He noted that the Regulation is being updated to: (1) describe the assessment practices of pricing variances for textbook and instructional course materials for general education and high enrollment courses, and (2) set forth the University's intent to conduct an annual consultation with public school officials and FIU faculty who teach dual enrollment courses to identify and implement best practices in selecting cost-effective textbook and instructional materials. He noted that the annual report will be provided to the Board of Trustees at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

A motion was made and passed that the FIU Board of Trustees Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee recommend to the Board of Trustees approval of the amendments to FIU Regulation 1103, Textbook Affordability.

#### **AP4. Program Termination: Bachelor of Science in Statistics**

Vice President for Academic Affairs Elizabeth M. Bejar presented the proposed Program Termination for the Bachelor of Science in Statistics for Committee review. She noted that there will be no negative impact to faculty, staff, or students as the opportunity to continue in this field of study exists. She added that the proposed termination would allow for the creation of a new statistics major within the restructured degree and for the removal of a low performing degree from the University's inventory. She reported that in the past ten years, FIU has created 34 new academic programs and has terminated 45 programs.

A motion was made and passed that the FIU Board of Trustees Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee recommend to the Board of Trustees approval of the termination of the Limited Access Bachelor of Science in Statistics.

**AP5. New Program Proposal: Bachelor of Science in the Internet of Things**

VP Bejar presented the proposed Bachelor of Science in the Internet of Things (IoT) for Committee review, explaining that the proposed program is a 120-credit undergraduate online degree and will be the first of its kind within the State University System (SUS). VP Bejar added that IoT technologies are expected to be used in numerous daily life applications such as smart vehicles, smart homes, medical devices, and smart city infrastructure. She reported that by 2020, IoT technologies are expected to be adopted by an overwhelming majority of manufactures and vendors in the industry. She noted that the expected market demand will require a significant number of skilled undergraduates in hardware, embedded programming, cybersecurity, and communications, who can join the future cyber workforce.

A motion was made and passed that the FIU Board of Trustees Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee recommend to the Board of Trustees approval of the Bachelor of Science in the Internet of things (CIP 15.999) new program proposal.

**AP6. New Program Proposal: Doctor of Athletic Training**

VP Bejar presented the proposed Doctor of Athletic Training (DAT) for Committee review, noting that the proposed program is a two year, 48 credit stand-alone degree that will offer a majority of curriculum in an online format. She explained that the proposed program will provide post professional education and advanced evidence-based clinical practice experience to athletic trainers with a focus on injury, illness prevention, and entrepreneurial leadership. She added that the DAT plan of doctoral study for athletics trainers is for those previously certified through the National Athletics Trainer's Association (NATA) Board of Certification who seek advanced athletic training education and clinical skills on the doctoral level. VP Bejar noted that Athletic Training is classified as a health profession and is included in the SUS Programs of Strategic Emphasis to meet critical workforce needs in the area.

Clinical Associate Professor Jennifer Doherty-Restrepo, discussed the demand and opportunity with respect to the proposed Doctor of Athletic Training program. She stated that the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that employment of athletic trainers is projected to grow by 21% from 2014 to 2024, which is a much higher increase in comparison to other occupations. She added that the SUS employment projections for the State of Florida has projected growth for Athletic Training to be 16.9% from 2015 to 2023.

In response to Committee Chair Alvarez's inquiry regarding the possible benefits of adding the proposed degree in relation to the projected Program costs, Assoc. Prof. Restrepo noted that salary surveys have been conducted and that Athletic Trainers who hold a doctorate degree earn \$20-\$25K more than those who hold a master's degree. In response to Committee Chair Alvarez's inquiry as to the projected Program costs, Assoc. Prof. Restrepo stated that the total cost of the program is

\$33,600 and added that to be admitted into the doctoral program, students must be board certified athletic trainers and credentialed to practice in their state.

In response to Trustee Colson's inquiry regarding the number of DAT programs available nationwide, Assoc. Prof. Restrepo responded that there are four DAT programs currently offered in the United States and that, if approved, FIU would be the first in the SUS. She added that the students who complete the program will earn a clinical doctorate, not a PhD, noting that as of 2020, there will be no more Bachelor's degrees in Athletic Training. She added that the Master's degree will be the professional degree program and that moving forward, the clinical doctorate will be the post professional degree for athletic trainers.

A motion was made and passed that the FIU Board of Trustees Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee recommend to the Board of Trustees approval of the Doctor of Athletic Training (CIP 51.0913) new program proposal.

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

##### **4.1 Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis Tuition**

VP Bejar pointed out that proposed tuition for the Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis (MSABA) was reviewed by the Board's Finance and Facilities Committee as a self-supporting program. She noted that the program will consist of 45 credit hours and that content courses will be taken in a hybrid format, with approximately half of the course content being delivered online and half face-to-face. VP Bejar added that the MSABA prepares students to be highly-skilled and experienced Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA) who can apply their skills in classrooms and other instructional settings.

##### **4.2 Academic Affairs Regular Reports**

Provost Furton provided a brief update on the incoming FIU freshman class of 2017, explaining that the projected full-time (FTIC) enrollment for the Fall of 2017 is 2,490 and that the incoming average GPA is 4.11, adding that this is the highest GPA in FIU's history. He noted that there will be five incoming National Merit Scholars and 21 National Hispanic Scholars. Provost Furton indicated that every year FIU has been increasing the incoming GPA of its students and that GPA is the number one predictor of student success.

President Mark B. Rosenberg noted that National Merit Scholar and National Hispanic Scholar students compete for the best scholarship offers, adding that timely financial aid packages are critical in the decision making process of potential students.

Committee Chair Cesar L. Alvarez requested that the Academic Affairs Regular Reports within the information items be accepted as written. There were no objections.

#### **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 on Friday, June 2, 2017 at 10:23 a.m.

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