



**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**ACADEMIC POLICY AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 27, 2018**

**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 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Student Academic Success Center, Room 100.

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

General Counsel Carlos B. Castillo conducted roll call of the Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee members and verified a quorum. Present were Cesar L. Alvarez, *Chair*; Natasha Lowell, *Vice Chair*; Dean C. Colson; Krista M. Schmidt; and Kathleen L. Wilson.

Board Chair Claudia Puig, Trustees Leonard Boord, Gerald C. Grant, Jr., and University President Mark B. Rosenberg were also in attendance.

Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Anthony DeSantis provided an update on the pause of all fraternity and sorority activities on FIU campuses. He noted that each Greek organization that was eligible for reinstatement (32 of the 37 active chapters) was invited to submit a packet and give a presentation demonstrating that chapter leadership understood the role and responsibility of participating in fraternity and sorority life. AVP DeSantis indicated that of 21 groups approved to present to the committee, 16 were approved for reinstatement, and five were referred to resubmit in February. He reported that following a second round of presentations, 10 groups were reinstated, and six were referred to resubmit in March. He added that the results of the third round of presentations would be announced by April 2, 2018. AVP DeSantis explained that any group not approved for reinstatement following the third round would lose official recognition. AVP DeSantis noted that reinstatement allows the chapters to go back to their regular activities and social events without alcohol.

In response to Committee Vice Chair Natasha Lowell's inquiry, AVP DeSantis stated that any chapter that is not reinstated by the fall would not be recognized by FIU, adding that these chapters can make an appeal to fraternity and sorority life.

Committee Vice Chair Lowell inquired as to how many chapters would be reinstated and if the chapters are reviewed each year. In response, AVP DeSantis mentioned that there are eight chapters left to be reinstated. He added that each chapter would be reviewed every fall semester.

Provost and Executive Vice President Kenneth G. Furton provided a brief overview on FIU's fully online services. He reported that by 2025, up to fifty percent of FIU's enrollment is projected to have a fully online mode of delivery.

## **2. Approval of Minutes**

Committee Chair Alvarez asked that the Committee approve the Minutes of the meeting held on December 8, 2017. A motion was made and passed to approve the Minutes of the Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee Meeting held on Friday, December 8, 2017.

## **3. Action Items**

### **AP1. Honorary Degree Nomination**

Provost Furton provided a detailed summary on the University's honorary degree nomination process. Provost Furton stated that nominations for honorary degrees can be made by faculty, students, staff, or members of the Faculty Senate Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee, adding that the Committee is comprised of one elected representative from each college and school. Provost Furton added that the Faculty Senate Honorary Degree and Awards Committee reviews and votes on each Honorary Degree nomination and that a nominee must receive a majority affirmative vote by the committee in order to move forward. He stated that FIU is among five universities within the State University System that require four levels of approval before granting the honorary degree.

A motion was made and passed that the FIU Board of Trustees Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee recommend that the Florida International University Board of Trustees endorse Ms. Georgia Tasker as a recipient of a doctoral degree *honoris causa* from Florida International University.

### **AP2. New Program Proposal: Bachelor of Arts in Biological Sciences**

Vice President for Academic Affairs Elizabeth M. Bejar presented the Bachelor of Arts in Biological Sciences new program proposal for Committee review. She indicated that the program would provide a degree for those students interested in biology-related careers that substitute the rigorous math and physics requirements of the Biology B.S. with courses in areas of specialization. VP Bejar added that students may also design a more individualized area of study, with the approval of an advisor.

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 Bachelor of Arts in Biological Sciences (CIP 26.0101) new program proposal.

**AP3. New Program Proposal: Bachelor of Arts in Sustainability and the Environment**

VP Bejar presented the Bachelor of Arts in Sustainability and the Environment new program proposal for Committee review. She explained that the proposed program is currently being offered by the Department of Earth and Environment under an Environmental Studies CIP Code and that the request is to establish the degree in the unique CIP Code of Sustainability Studies. VP Bejar stated that the Florida Board of Governors requires Board of Trustees approval in order to change the CIP Code.

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 Sustainability and the Environment (CIP 03.0103) new program proposal.

**AP4. New Program Proposal: Bachelor of Business Administration in Logistics and Supply Chain Management**

VP Bejar presented the Bachelor of Business Administration in Logistics and Supply Chain Management new program proposal for Committee review. She noted that the proposed degree would establish the major as a separate degree that carries a STEM designation. VP Bejar added that the degree will have a unique focus on a variety of hard and soft skills and that 85 students will transfer to this new STEM degree, which will continue to increase FIU's strategic degree production.

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 Business Administration in Logistics and Supply Chain Management (CIP 52.0203) new program proposal.

**AP5. New Program Proposal: Bachelor of Science in Crime Science**

VP Bejar presented the Bachelor of Science in Crime Science (BSCS) new program proposal for Committee review. She noted that the proposed STEM degree would be the first of its kind within the State University System and the nation. She added that the proposed degree would be available fully online, as well as face-to-face, and that the BSCS is intended for students with an interest in crime control and who wish to pursue employment in criminal intelligence and/or as crime analysts, police officers, detectives, criminal investigators, special agents, and private investigators. She noted that as a STEM degree, more advanced science and math prerequisites would be required in contrast to the current BS in Criminal Justice.

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 Science in Crime Science (CIP 43.0111) new program proposal.

**AP6. Facility Security Clearance; Update to Exclusion of Certain Directors and Officers**

Provost Furton presented an updated Facility Security Clearance Resolution for Committee review, noting that the Board of Trustees' Governance Committee adopted the Facility Security Clearance Resolution at its meeting on September 7, 2017. He added that an update to the Facility Security

Clearance Resolution was necessary in order to reflect the current composition of the FIU Board of Trustees.

A motion was made and passed that the FIU Board of Trustees Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee recommend that the Board of Trustees adopt a Resolution that updates the exclusion list of the named members of the FIU Board of Trustees from the requirements for a personnel security clearance.

#### **AP7. Public Safety and Emergency Management Facilities Expansion**

Senior Vice President and CFO Kenneth A. Jessell presented the proposed Public Safety and Emergency Management Facilities Expansion for Committee review, noting that that the project would provide additional physical space for Public Safety and Emergency Managements operations. He mentioned that currently, these operations are housed in parking garage five and that the proposal is intended to expand by 9,000 square feet. He added that the project will include a larger emergency operations center, additional offices, conference space, meeting space, and emergency management space. He stated that the inadequacy of the current space became very evident during Hurricane Irma where it was challenging to efficiently deal with all of the issues impacting FIU students, faculty and staff, while also addressing the sheltering and safety needs of the general population and special needs evacuees from Monroe County and personnel from the Miami-Dade County Health Department, United States Public Health Services, and first responders from many counties and municipalities.

Committee Chair Alvarez concurred, noting the importance of the proposed expansion and commended the University's preparedness efforts in.

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 expansion of space within Parking Garage 5 "Market Station" (PG-5) to provide additional hardened space for Public Safety and Emergency Management Operations including offices, emergency operations center, planning conference breakout/ meeting rooms, locker room and showers, storage, and sleeping space.

#### **4. New Business (If Any)**

*No new business was raised.*

#### **5. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment**

With no other business, Committee Cesar L. Alvarez adjourned the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 9:50 a.m.

*There were no Trustee Requests.*

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