



**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**ACADEMIC POLICY AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 18, 2019**

**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 Board Vice Chair Jose J. Armas at 11:26 a.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at the FIU, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, MARC 290, Earlene and Albert Dotson Pavilion.

General Counsel Carlos B. Castillo conducted roll call of the Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee members and verified a quorum. Present were Trustees Natasha Lowell, *Vice Chair (by phone)*; Jose J. Armas, *Board Vice Chair*; Dean C. Colson; Michael G. Joseph; Joerg Reinhold; Sabrina L. Rosell; and Marc D. Sarnoff.

Trustee Cesar L. Alvarez, *Committee Chair*, was excused.<sup>i</sup>

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

Board Vice Chair Armas welcomed all Trustees and University faculty and staff to the meeting.

Provost and Executive Vice President Kenneth G. Furton explained that in an effort to improve support to the growing faculty and research efforts, the University has reorganized the Office of Faculty and Global Affairs into two distinct units served by separate vice provosts. He indicated that under the new structure, Dr. Kathleen L. Wilson has been appointed Vice Provost of Faculty Leadership and Success and will focus on supporting all faculty and that Dr. Pablo Ortiz, Vice President and Vice Provost of Regional and World Locations will focus on the global portfolio including FIU's world locations. Provost Furton mentioned that Dr. Meredith A. Newman, who served as the Vice Provost for Faculty and Global Affairs since 2015, will be returning to the department of Public Policy and Administration as a Senior Fellow of International Relations in the Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs at the conclusion of her administrative sabbatical in Spring of 2020.

Provost Furton stated that Dr. Yolangel “Yogi” Hernandez-Suarez has been appointed as the University’s Founding Vice Provost for Population Health and Well-Being and explained that in this role, Dr. Hernandez-Suarez will work to instill health promotion through all facets of the University, with the goal of being recognized as a Health-Promoting University. Provost Furton added that Dr. Hernandez-Suarez will also serve as the Associate Dean for Clinical and Community Affairs under Dean Robert Sackstein in the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine (HWCOM).

## 2. Approval of Minutes

Board Vice Chair Armas asked that the Committee approve the Minutes of the meeting held on June 19, 2019. A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee meeting held on Wednesday, June 19, 2019.

## 3. Action Items

### AP1. Tenure as a Condition of Employment Nominations

Provost Furton presented the Tenure as a Condition of Employment (TACOE) nominations for the Committee’s review, noting that TACOE candidates either have received or are eligible for tenure at their previous institution. Provost Furton provided a brief overview of each of the candidates.

A motion was made and unanimously passed that the FIU Board of Trustees Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee recommend to the Florida International University Board of Trustees the approval of three (3) candidates for Tenure as a Condition of Employment.

### AP2. 2020-2021 Legislative Budget Requests

Provost Furton presented the 2020-2021 Legislative Budget Requests (LBRs) for the Committee’s review, indicating that the first request pertains to \$4.99M for Targeted STEM Initiatives of which \$3.8 million is recurring and \$1.1 million is non-recurring. He stated that the objective of the request is to transform and reengineer STEM programs and courses to optimize the retention, graduation, marketability, and career creation and placement of science, mathematics, engineering and computer science students. Provost Furton added that the second request for \$17M recurring for Base Funding will help to advance the goals of the University’s 2025 Next Horizon Strategic Plan.

A motion was made and unanimously passed that the FIU Board of Trustees Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee recommend to the Florida International University Board of Trustees approval of the 2020-2021 Legislative Budget Requests:

- Targeted STEM Initiatives Request: \$4,998,664
- Base Funding Request: \$17,000,000

Provost Furton pointed out, as an informational item, that the Florida Board of Governors (BOG) has made a request for proposals for Universities of Distinction and that these LBRs will be discussed at the October 3, 2019 BOG meeting. Provost Furton indicated that FIU has submitted a proposal for \$15.15M in funding for the University’s Program of Distinction in Environmental Resilience and that if accepted by the BOG, the LBR will then be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval.

### **AP3. Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability Annual Report**

Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs Elizabeth M. Bejar presented the Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability Annual Report for the Committee's review. She referred Trustees to the updated agenda item page, which she noted reflects a recent edit to the State reporting requirement form. She explained that Florida House Bill 7019, Education Access and Affordability, requires the BOG and the State Board of Education to identify annually strategies to promote college affordability. She indicated that FIU faculty teach course contents with no-cost materials where deemed academically suitable and that FIU faculty also collectively decided to use the same course materials across all sections in general education and high enrollment courses. She pointed out that in both, fall 2018 and spring 2019, the University met the state-mandated adoption deadline and are in full compliance. Sr. VP Bejar pointed out that collaborations with FIU Online, FIU libraries and Barnes & Noble are aimed at generating significant textbook savings.

A motion was made and unanimously passed that the FIU Board of Trustees Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee recommend to the Florida International University Board of Trustees approval of the Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability Annual Report.

### **AP4. Proposed Regulation FIU- 2506 Academic Program Termination and Temporary Suspension of New Enrollments**

Sr. VP Bejar presented the Proposed Regulation FIU- 2506 Academic Program Termination and Temporary Suspension of New Enrollments for the Committee's review. She explained that FIU- 2506 Academic Program Termination and Temporary Suspension of New Enrollments provides direction to faculty, staff, and administrators regarding the process and authorities by which academic programs may be terminated. Sr. VP Bejar indicated that the Regulation also outlines the procedure, which includes creation of a teach-out plan for existing students and accommodation of existing faculty. She described the University's program termination process, namely, that the Faculty Senate reviews the requests, the Board of Trustees approves them, and for PhD programs, BOG approval is required. She added that while the University currently has a program termination policy, adoption of a regulation is now required.

A motion was made and unanimously passed that the FIU Board of Trustees Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee recommend that the Florida International University Board of Trustees approve the proposed Regulation 2506 Academic Program Termination and Temporary Suspension of New Enrollments.

### **AP5. Program Termination of the Master of Science in Nursing in Anesthesiology**

Sr. VP Bejar presented the Program Termination of the Master of Science in Nursing in Anesthesiology for the Committee's review. She explained that FIU's Anesthesiology Nursing Program began offering the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) in combination with the MSN in Spring 2014 in anticipation of changing accreditation requirements. She added that in Spring 2016, a direct-entry DNP Anesthesiology program was implemented and that given the doctoral-level education requirements for practice in Nursing Anesthesiology, FIU will now close its former MSN degree.

In response to Trustee Michael G. Joseph's inquiry, Dr. Yhovana Gordon, Chair-Graduate Nursing and Clinical Assistant Professor, explained that 39 students will earn the DNP in fall 2019.

A motion was made and unanimously passed that the FIU Board of Trustees Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee recommend to the Florida International University Board of Trustees termination of the Master of Science in Nursing in Anesthesiology (CIP 51.3804).

#### **AP6. New Program Proposal: Doctorate of Design**

Sr. VP Bejar presented the Doctorate of Design new program proposal for the Committee's review, explaining that the purpose of the STEM-focused doctoral program is to train candidates for key leadership positions in design investigation and the growing related technology fields. She pointed out that the proposed program would be the first of its kind in the state and aligns with the University's Next Horizon 2025 Strategic Plan and the State University System strategic plan.

A motion was made and unanimously passed that the FIU Board of Trustees Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee recommend to the Florida International University Board of Trustees approval of the Doctorate of Design (CIP 4.0902) new program proposal.

#### **AP7. New Program Proposal: Master of Science in the Internet of Things**

Sr. VP Bejar presented the Master of Science in the Internet of Things new program proposal for the Committee's review, explaining that the proposed degree program aims to establish a new 30-credit graduate level degree without any concentration, track, or specialization. She indicated that the proposed degree provides a sought-after set of technological skills and that graduates of this MS program can expect jobs as IoT Hardware, Software, and Application Engineers; Technical Architects; Senior Electrical Architects; Platform Technical Product Managers; and Data Scientists.

A motion was made and unanimously passed that the FIU Board of Trustees Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee recommend to the Florida International University Board of Trustees approval of the Master of Science in Internet of Things (CIP 15.999) new program proposal.

### **4. Information and Discussion Items**

#### **4.1 Academic Affairs Regular Reports**

There were no questions from the Committee members in terms of the Academic Affairs regular reports included as part of the agenda materials.

In response to President Mark B. Rosenberg's comments regarding the changing world of information and the related transformation of learning materials, Trustees concurred in the value of open source materials over the traditional paperback options.

#### **4.2 Regional Locations**

VP Ortiz facilitated a comprehensive presentation highlighting FIU campuses, sites, and other instructional or research locations. He described the State University System site categories. In terms of other instructional or research locations (sites not owned, leased or Foundation owned), he highlighted the partnership with the Tianjin University of Commerce. He presented a listing of the over 70 schools across Florida where FIU dual enrollment courses are offered. VP Ortiz explained

that FIU has clinical rotations, practicum and/or internship sites embedded across the community, listing clinical rotation sites for HWCOM students, international students, and for students at the Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work and the Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

VP Ortiz indicated that the University offers students numerous programs to engage and gain hands-on experience across the globe, noting that 3,461 FIU students participated in global mobility programs between 2016-18. He provided an overview of the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Biscayne Bay Campus, Engineering Center, Medina Aquarius Program, Wolfsonian-FIU and Annex, and the International Center of Tropical Botany FIU at the Kampong in terms of size, student headcount, annual operating expenses and number of employees. VP Ortiz highlighted FIU leased properties, namely FIU at I-75, Miami Beach Urban Studios, FIU Downtown at Brickell, FIU in D.C., HWCOM Flagler Corporate Center, National Forensic Science and Technology Center, Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies, South Beach Wine and Food Festival Headquarters, and the Coconut Grove Playhouse. He also described FIU Foundation Inc. real estate holdings, specifically the Management Advanced Research Center, the Jewish Museum of Florida, and the Washington Avenue retail.

## **5. Student Government Updates**

Trustee Sabrina L. Rosell, President of the Student Government Council at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, discussed pantherization efforts at the Engineering Center, prioritization of student health services, Bahamas relief efforts, partnering with the Office of Engagement and enhancing collaboration with the Alumni Association.

## **6. Faculty Senate Updates**

Trustee Joerg Reinhold, Faculty Senate Chair, indicated that the Faculty Senate has met once since the start of the 2019-20 academic year and that during the meeting, President Rosenberg engaged with the Senate for a presentation and Q&A. Trustee Reinhold also provided an overview of the Senate's committees and work, namely, the responsibility to oversee curriculum and review course proposals.

## **7. New Business**

*No new business was raised.*

## **8. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment**

With no other business, Board Vice Chair Jose J. Armas adjourned the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 12:32 p.m.

*There were no Trustee requests.*

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<sup>i</sup> At the December 5, 2019 Meeting of the Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee, Committee Chair Cesar L. Alvarez requested that the Minutes of the Committee's September 18, 2019 Meeting be amended to reflect that he

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*was marked as excused due to the September Board meetings being rescheduled for another date that he was not available to attend.*