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FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ACADEMIC POLICY AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 5, 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 Vice Chair Natasha Lowell at 9:57 a.m. on Wednesday, December 5, 2018, at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Graham Center Ballrooms.

Committee Vice Chair Lowell welcomed all Trustees and 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 Trustees Natasha Lowell, *Vice Chair*; Dean C. Colson; Joerg Reinhold; Sabrina L. Rosell; and Marc D. Sarnoff.

Trustees Cesar L. Alvarez, Committee Chair; Jose J. Armas; and Michael G. Joseph were excused.

Trustees Leonard Boord, Justo L. Pozo, Rogelio Tovar, and University President Mark B. Rosenberg were also in attendance.

Provost and Executive Vice President Kenneth G. Furton announced that after more than nine years serving as the Vice Provost for the Biscayne Bay Campus (BBC), Steven Moll will be returning to the faculty of the Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management at the end of 2018. Provost Furton reported that effective spring 2019, Dr. Pablo Ortiz, Vice President of Regional Academic Locations and Institutional Development, will serve as BBC's Vice Provost. Provost Furton also announced that Robert Sackstein, M.D., Ph.D., has been appointed as the new Dean of the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine (HWCOC) and Senior Vice President of Health Affairs effective January 2, 2019.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Committee Vice Chair Lowell asked that the Committee approve the Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 and Friday, November 2, 2018. She requested to amend the Minutes of the Committee's November 2, 2018 meeting in terms of removing the reference to her request for definitions.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve the Minutes of the Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee meetings held on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 and Friday, November 2, 2018.

### **3. Action Items**

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

Committee Vice Chair Lowell noted that the honorary degree nominee Joseph “Pepe” Badia was recommended by the Faculty Senate and approved by the University President and Provost to receive an honorary degree.

In response to Vice Chair Lowell’s inquiry, Provost and Executive Vice President Kenneth G. Furton explained that, if approved by the FIU Board of Trustees, Mr. Badia’s honorary degree will be conferred by spring 2019.

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 endorse Mr. Joseph “Pepe” Badia as a recipient of a doctoral degree *honoris causa* from Florida International University.

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

Committee Vice Chair Lowell noted that there were two candidates submitted for Tenure as a Condition of Employment based on the caliber of their scholarly work. Provost Furton added that the two candidates were fully vetted in terms of their qualifications.

A motion was made and unanimously passed that the FIU Board of Trustees Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee recommend that the Board of Trustees approve two candidates for Tenure as a Condition of Employment.

#### **AP3. New Program Proposal: Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Engineering**

Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs Elizabeth M. Bejar presented the new program proposal for the Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Engineering. She explained that the B.S. in Interdisciplinary Engineering is a 120-credit program and would be the first of its kind in the Florida State University System. Sr. VP Bejar indicated that students will have the ability to engage in total project management, will work across multiple disciplines, will achieve results in a real world team environment, and will work with faculty and research laboratories. She mentioned that according to the U.S Department of Labor Statistics, there are 140,000 new jobs available across the country for engineers, specifically engineers with the ability to address engineering management components. Sr. VP Bejar stated that while the proposed program is considered a new degree given that a CIP code will be added to the University’s inventory, there will be no new net associated costs because existing curriculum offerings are being redesigned and faculty are already in place.

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 new program proposal: Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Engineering (CIP 14.0101).

#### **AP4. New Regulation: Children's Creative Learning Center**

General Counsel Castillo presented the new regulation pertaining to the Children's Creative Learning Center (CCLC) for Committee review. He explained that the CCLC, which was created in 1987, is a state educational research center for child development and a SAACS nationally accredited early learning school with a curriculum that focuses on social and emotional development and communication skills. He indicated that the CCLC is a self-supporting University auxiliary and that enrollment at the CCLC is open to children of FIU students, faculty and staff, alumni, and the local community. General Counsel Castillo provided an overview of Florida Board of Governors regulation 10.004, which mentioned covers educational research centers for child development, and provides that each university board of trustees shall adopt regulations for the operation of an educational research center for child development on its campus. He stated that the proposed regulation, FIU 2502, would ensure that FIU is compliant with Board of Governors Regulation.

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 creation of Regulation FIU-2502 Children's Creative Learning Center at FIU.

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

##### **4.1 FIU/ Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies Update**

Provost Furton provided an update on the Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies, explaining that FIU has been in collaboration with Torrey Pines for over five years and the discussion of a possible merger of Torrey Pines with FIU dates back to three years when Torrey Pines contacted FIU. He stated that research is important because it attracts and retains the best faculty, which will attract the best students. He reported that there is a two-phase approach, phase one would be collaboration through a laboratory space lease and phase two is the FIU Acquisition of Torrey Pines.

He added that if FIU were to acquire Torrey Pines, FIU would have to upgrade and brand them similar to our other locations. He noted that FIU is proposing to secure remaining talent that is there at Torrey Pines and hire some additional talent. He mentioned that FIU is still in the process of due diligence in terms of title searches.

In response to Trustee Dean C. Colson's comment regarding FAU pursuing an opportunity to acquire Torrey Pines, Provost Furton explained that FAU is focused on the Jupiter area given the partnerships with the Scripps Research Institute. In response to Trustee Roger Tovar's inquiry, Provost Furton explained that the approach consisted of a short term lease with 30 days notice with an opt out clause in the event it is deemed prudent and added that in addition to the facility, the University will seek out the acquisition of the existing funded researchers.

In response to Committee Vice Chair Lowell's inquiry, Provost Furton indicated that the three to six month lease does not require Board of Trustees approval.

In response to Trustee Marc D. Sarnoff's comment, Vice President for Research and Economic Development, Andres G. Gil stated that real challenges are faced when recruiting top researchers, given the University's limited research space and that this offers a less costly approach in terms of research given that core facilities are already available at Torrey Pines.

Trustee Sabrina L. Rosell commended the approach given the expanded research opportunities for graduate and undergraduate students.

Trustee Tovar conveyed his support and urged the University to move quickly towards acquisition given the benefits but shared concerns in terms of distance and rent expense. Trustee Joerg Reinhold relayed his personal experience with commuting to an out-of-state laboratory for over 20 years, and mentioned that this is common in terms of research work.

For the next regularly scheduled Committee meeting, Trustee Leonard Boord requested detailed financials on Torrey Pines in terms of current operating expenses, deficit, and operating expenses.

#### **4.2 Strategic Plan Update**

Provost Furton provided an update on the University's Strategic Plan, explaining that workgroup recommendations and related priorities will be presented to the Board of Trustees in January. He then presented a timeline, indicating that following the January meeting with the Board of Trustees, a discussion with the Faculty Senate will ensue. He stated that the final Strategic Plan will be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval in April 2019, which will then subsequently require Florida Board of Governors approval by June 2019.

In response to Committee Vice Chair Lowell's inquiry regarding the January 2019 Strategic Plan Update Meeting, Provost Furton explained that the Board's input will be solicited in terms of any changes to the broader vision components stemming from the workgroup recommendations.

#### **4.3 Title IX Presentation**

Director of Equal Opportunity Programs and Diversity Shirlyon J. McWhorter explained that the Title IX office collaborates with the FIU community to stop, prevent, and remedy interpersonal violence and gender-based discrimination through education, culture change, accountability, and empowerment. She indicated that the Title IX office provides options and resources to all students, faculty and staff affected by these issues and is committed to providing a fair, thorough, and prompt investigation and adjudication process. She stated that a total of 6,818 undergraduate students registered for the sexual assault prevention two-part training and that 80% of undergraduate students have completed part one of the trainings and 40% have completed part two. Ms. McWhorter explained that training for University students is critical in that it provides them with working knowledge of what is expected of them and what the consequences are in terms of violations to FIU policy.

In response to Trustee Colson's inquiries regarding reporting numbers and how these compare to other universities, Ms. McWhorter explained that the reporting numbers do not overlap and that the numbers are steady and comparable to other universities.

#### **4.4 Academic Affairs Regular Reports**

There were no questions from the Committee members in terms of the reports included as part of the agenda materials: FIU *Beyond Possible 2020*; Academic and Career Services; Engagement; Enrollment Management and Services; Information Technology; Research and Economic Development/ University Graduate School; and Student Affairs.

## 5. New Business

*No new business was raised.*

## 6. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

With no other business, Committee Vice Chair Natasha Lowell adjourned the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee meeting on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.

<i>Trustee Request</i>	<i>Follow-up</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>
<i>1. For the next regularly scheduled Committee meeting, Trustee Leonard Boord requested detailed financials on Torrey Pines in terms of current operating expenses, deficit, and operating expenses.</i>	<i>Provost and Executive Vice President, Kenneth G. Furton</i>	<i>Next regularly scheduled meeting</i>

*KS December 13, 2018*