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Item: A-M

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

SUBJECT: ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF APRIL 15, 2008 MINUTES

PROPOSED BOARD RECOMMENDATION

Initiate roll call to document member participation, ensure quorum, and approve the December 10, 2008 meeting minutes.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Armand Grossman, Chair ____

Dr. William Bryant, Vice-Chair ____

Mr. Scott Adams ____

Mr. Abraham Cohen ____

Dr. Rajendra Gupta ____

Mrs. Sherry Plymale ____

Dr. Eric Shaw ____

Mrs. Nancy Blosser (ex-officio) ____

PARTICIPATING BOT MEMBERS

Mr. Anthony Barbar ____

Mr. David Feder ____

Mrs. Lalita Janke ____

Mr. Robert Stilley ____

Mr. Thomas Workman ____

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Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting
Draft Minutes
April 15, 2009

Chairman Armand Grossman convened the meeting with the following committee members present: Vice Chair, William Bryant; Scott Adams; Abraham Cohen, Rajendra Gupta, Sherry Plymale, and Eric Shaw

Other trustees participating in the meeting included: BOT Chair, Nancy Blosser; Anthony Barbar; David Feder; Lalita Janke; Robert Stilley; Tom Workman.

The following university officials participated: Frank T. Brogan, President; Valerie Bristor, Dean of the College of Education; Dennis Coates, Dean of the Barry Kaye College of Business, Karl Stevens, Dean of the College of Engineering; Sharron Ronco, Associate Provost, IEA.

ASA: M. Approval of the Minutes
A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2008 meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

ASA: A-1. Request for Approval to Establish New Master of Arts Degree Program: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

College of Education Dean Valerie Bristor presented the item to the Committee noting that in 1996, FAU was the first university to graduate students with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education that included an ESOL endorsement as part of the curriculum. The next step toward addressing the need for ESOL training is to establish a graduate program.

Dean Bristor identified factors leading to the proposal of the program: a severe shortage of university teacher-trainers for ESOL/BE training (40 percent of ESOL teachers are teaching out-of-field); the nearly 100 percent increase in population of English-learners in Florida; there is a critical shortage of ESOL/BE teachers.

The Dean noted that no additional state funding would be required to implement the program and that the College had received grant funding from the U.S. Department of Education to pay for 2-3 faculty salaries and 12 fulltime students (and two graduate assistantships). There is a high likelihood that FAU will receive continued funding on this project.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval to establish the Master of Arts Degree Program: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL**). The motion passed unanimously.**

ASA: A-2. Request for Approval to Establish New Master of Science Degree Program: Information Technology and Management (ITM), Barry Kaye College of Business

Dr. Dennis Coates presented the Committee with the proposal to establish the Master of Science Degree Program in Information Technology and Management (ITM) in the Barry Kaye College of Business. Dr. Coates noted that the program was a joint program with the College of Engineering and Computer Science consisting of 33 credit hours and depending upon the student's orientation or track, the student will graduate with a degree in Business or in Engineering. The program was designed to address workforce issues and fill the need for higher level jobs for information managers in the area of information systems. He pointed out that no new resources will be needed to implement the degree program.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval to establish the Master of Science Degree Program: Information Technology and Management (ITM) in the Barry Kaye College of Business. **The motion passed unanimously**.

ASA: A-3. Request for Approval to Establish a New Master of Science Degree Program: Information Technology and Management (ITM), College of Engineering and Computer Science

Dr. Karl Stevens presented the Committee with the proposal to establish the Master of Science Degree Program in Information Technology and Management (ITM) in the College of Engineering. He concurred with the comments and points expressed by Dean Coates in the prior presentation and offered further information citing an example from industry. Specifically, he noted that IBM was no longer in the business of just selling computers; it is now in the service business and recently launched a new service initiative referred to as "service, science, management, and engineering." These are consultants who have backgrounds in engineering combined with business skills and social science skills. He further stated that IBM recently announced a collaborative program with 250 universities to offer courses and programs in this area.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval to establish the Master of Science Degree Program: Information Technology and Management (ITM) in the College of Engineering and Computer Science. **The motion passed unanimously.**

ASA: I-1. SACS 5-year Accreditation Report

Dr. Sharron Ronco reminded the Committee that all institutions are required to be accredited in order to be eligible to receive federal funding. Therefore, achieving and maintaining accreditation is very important to the institution. FAU's accrediting body is the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Dr. Ronco provided the Committee with background on SACS accreditation requirements and the recent requirement that institutions conduct a 5-year interim report even though FAU is still four years away from completing its full 10-year accreditation review.

Our 5th year compliance review consisted of the institution's response to 14 of the comprehensive standards - core requirements and federal requirements. The University was in full compliance for all but one item. The item pertained to the assessment of student outcomes. The lack of full-compliance was not due to a failure to address the standard but a reflection of the high standards set

by SACS and the progress that the University has made with regard to the progress expected by SACS.

The report has been submitted to SACS and the University expects to receive a response in the near future.

Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned.

(Prepared by M. Mertz)