

**FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Innovation, Science & Technology Building
4700 Research Way
Room 1067/1068
Lakeland, Florida 33805-8531
March 11, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Sandra Featherman called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

Jackye Maxey called the roll: Chair Sandra Featherman, Trustee Dick Hallion, Trustee Rob MacCuspie and Trustee Andrei Moss were present (Quorum). Other Board members present: Chair Mark Bostick, Trustee Frank T. Martin, Trustee Bob Stork and Trustee Don Wilson.

Staff: Dr. Randy Avent, Ava Parker, Dr. Ghazi Darkazalli, Gina DeIulio, Bertha Alexander, Jackye Maxey, Heather Johnson, Dr. Elhami Nasr, Scott Rhodes and Dr. Steve Warner.

2. Approval of Minutes

Trustee Dick Hallion made a motion to approve the Educational Committee meeting minutes from November 13, 2012. Trustee Don Wilson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Dick Hallion made a motion to approve the Interim VP of Academic Affairs Search Committee meeting minutes from January 14, 2013. Trustee Don Wilson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Andrei Moss made a motion to approve the Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting minutes from December 9, 2014. Trustee Rob MacCuspie seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

There were no requests received for public comment.

4. Approval of Academic Calendar (2016-2017 and 2017-2018)

Heather Johnson presented the Academic Calendars for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 and requested the Board of Trustees' approval.

Trustee Dick Hallion made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 academic calendars. Trustee Rob MacCuspie seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Executive Vice President & Provost's Remarks

Dr. Ghazi Darkazalli reported that they have reviewed over 120 faculty applications and 15 applicants were invited for in-person interviews.

He also reported on the recent hires: one Associate Professor in Computer Engineering, one visiting Professor in Mechanical Engineering, one faculty in Nano Technology and Materials, two Associate Professors in Computer Science and Information Technology, one faculty in Math, and one Associate Professor in Physics. Additionally, the Contract and Grants Manager and the Director of Institutional Effectiveness were recently hired.

Upcoming Workshops:

- April 8, 2015- The Industry Partner Summit and Solar Energy Workshop
- April 22, 2015- Energy Workshop and Earth Day Celebration

Dr. Darkazalli also noted that Florida Poly is actively looking into internship opportunities.

Dr. Elhami Nasr reported that FL Poly is inviting industry partners to teach. This allows them to see our students first hand in the classroom. Additionally, to date we have 100 engineering students involved in designing and engineering prototype projects.

Dr. Nasr also reported that students have faced challenges in Calculus I. Therefore, a pilot course has been created entitled "New Wave Delivery Calculus" which is modular-based and designed to evaluate student progress at the end of each modular providing "just-in-time" delivery.

6. Regional Accreditation

Dr. Ghazi Darkazalli reported that the initial accreditation application was submitted in December 2014. There are four other university applications that will be reviewed prior to our application. He estimated that our application will be reviewed in April, 2015.

President Avent indicated that the internal SACSCOC committees have been re-engineered for enhanced involvement. To this end, President Avent will be serving as Chair of the Steering Committee. Additionally, President Avent has invited Dr. Belle Wheelan, President of SACSCOC, to visit the FL Poly campus for the June Board of Trustees meeting to discuss the accreditation process in detail.

7. Student Surveys

Dr. Elhami Nasr noted that 124 students completed the student surveys (22.67% of the student body) related to services. Twenty different areas were evaluated (i.e. registration, admissions, financial aid, auxiliary services, and IT). The areas of highest self-satisfaction were the self-registration process via the Poly Portal, the website, and the admissions process. The areas reflecting a need for improvement are dining services, student activities, and student government (currently under development).

The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) currently being conducted will provide the opportunity for a nation-wide comparison.

President Avent added that the University is in the process of building recreational facilities. There will be a multi-purpose field, basketball courts, volleyball courts, pool and a clubhouse/gymnasium. A presentation on the recreational facilities will be made to the Board at one of upcoming meetings.

8. Spring 2015 Student Profile

Kevin Calkins presented the 2015 Student Profile describing the enrollment and demographics of the students enrolled on the spring census date; February 26, 2015. Dr. Featherman suggested that we take measures to encourage more female students to apply.

9. Admissions and Recruitment

Scott Rhodes presented an update on admissions and enrollment. To date, 1700 applications have been received with ~800 admits and 286 deposits. This is a net increase of approximately 10% in admits and 9% in deposits. This represents a 20% increase in conversion rate from application to admit. There have been 21,000 inquiries already this year as compared to 10,000 for 2014.

Scott also reported the average GPA is 4.0, up from 3.9.

Dr. Featherman asked about the strategy to target minority groups. Are we visiting schools with high minority enrollment? Scott responded that the admission counselors are visiting schools with high minority enrollment

10. Student Affairs Update

Dr. Steve Warner reported on some of the recent student activities. The most highly attended events were: the Late Night Breakfast, Car Smash during finals week, and Laser Tag. The Student Government Association (SGA) was very involved in these events.

It was noted there has been significant student involvement with the University Mascot naming campaign. The four finalist are: the Hydra, the Pioneers, the Technocats, and the Wizards. The mascot will be revealed on April 22nd.

The inaugural elections for the Student Senate were held on January 20, 2015, 14 senators were elected. The Senate has adopted a Constitution and a budget.

The Campus Activities Board and Student Affairs will be hosting the first annual Poly Pie Run (3.14 miles) on March 14, 2015. Proceeds will go to the University Foundation.

11. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the Academic & Student Affairs Committee meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.