

Florida Polytechnic University  
Board of Trustees

**Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, December 10, 2019**

**1:00 PM-2:30 PM**

**Florida Polytechnic University, Student Development Center  
4700 Research Way, Lakeland, FL 33805**

I. Call to Order

Board Chair Wilson called the Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Zaira Medina called the roll: Committee Vice Chair Earl Sasser, Trustee Victoria Astley, Trustee Henry McCance, Trustee Mark Bostick and Trustee Philip Dur were present (Quorum).

Committee members not present: Trustee Ryan Perez, Committee Chair Adrienne Perry

Other trustees present: Board Chair Don Wilson, Vice Chair Cliff Otto, Trustee Lou Saco, Trustee Gary Wendt and Trustee Bob Stork

Staff present: President Randy Avent, Provost Terry Parker, Ms. Gina Delulio, Mr. Mark Mroczkowski, Dr. Kathryn Miller, Dr. Tom Dvorske, Mrs. Maggie Mariucci, Mrs. Kris Wharton, Ms. Michele Rush, Mrs. Kim Abels and Mrs. Zaira Medina were present.

III. Public Comment

There were no requests received for public comment.

IV. Approval of Minutes

**Trustee Mark Bostick made a motion to approve the Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting minutes of September 11, 2019. Trustee Victoria Astley seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.**

V. 2018-20 Strategic Planning Committee Work Plan Review

The 2018-2020 Work plan remains unchanged and no discussion occurred.

VI. Provost Report

Provost Terry Parker reviewed activity aligned with the Work Plan, which included Admissions and Financial Aid, Student Affairs, four-year graduation improvement plan, degree program additions, faculty hiring status, student and faculty diversity, graduate programs, and technology and pedagogy.

The bookstore contract with Barnes & Noble will expire in spring and an online option is being piloted. More information will be presented at the next meeting.

Trustees inquired about the benefits to managing student life in the residence halls and if a survey could be conducted of students who have lived on campus under both formats of management. Provost Parker confirmed with Florida Poly managing student life in the residence halls, the entire campus will be positively impacted. If it increases admission rates, the board may want to consider reinstating the freshmen on campus policy. Provost Parker also confirmed a survey can be done and reported to the committee at a future meeting.

Trustee Philip Dur inquired on the correlation among course load, financial aid, and course withdrawals. Provost Parker confirmed there is a correlation and noted that the course withdrawal policy is under active review because of this.

Trustee Victoria Astley inquired if a new graduate program director will be hired internally or externally. Provost Parker responded the graduate program is currently managed by a council of staff and faculty. The council will set the direction for the program, while the graduate program committee will create a plan to execute that direction.

Trustees also asked brief questions and received answers on topics such as faculty diversity and graduation rate.

VII. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.