



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Academic Affairs Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 30, 2025

Augustus B. Turnbull Conference Center
555 W Pensacola St, Tallahassee, FL 32306
Room 101

Trustees in Attendance: Trustee Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz (Committee Chair and FSU Board of Trustees Vice Chair), Trustee Roxanne Hughes, Trustee Justin Roth, and Trustee Kathryn Ballard

Staff: President Richard McCullough, Chief of Staff Marissa Langston, General Counsel Carolyn Egan, Provost James Clark and other Academic Affairs Staff

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Trustee Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz (Committee Chair) called the meeting to order at 12:15pm, AVP Michelle Personette conducted roll call and confirmed quorum.

II. Approval of Minutes (Academic Affairs Committee Meeting – August 28, 2025)

Trustee Roth moved to approve the committee meeting minutes from August 28, 2025, Trustee Ballard seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously by all present at the meeting.

III. Informational Items

A. FSU Artificial Intelligence Strategy, Investments, and Successes

Chief Information Officer, Jonathan Fozard presented FSU's investments and strategies in Artificial Intelligence. The presentation also included awards, recognitions, and pilot invitations that FSU has received over the last two (2) years, including Microsoft, Google and other emerging technologies.

B. Amended List of Anticipated New Degree Programs: 2025-2026 Academic Year

Assistant Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement Amy Guerrette presented the amended 2025-2026 Anticipated New Degree program list. The amended list includes the addition of a PhD in Audiology.

C. Post Tenure Review Report

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs James Clark and Vice President Jeanette Taylor presented the Post Tenure Review results. The presentation included a review of BOG regulation 10.003, FSU-BOT regulation 4.073, the rating scale, and the process of submittal and review of post tenure. The outcomes of the 2025 post tenure review are:

- Total Cohort = 133
- Exceeds Expectations = 71; Meets Expectations = 44; Does Not Meet Expectations = 1; Unsatisfactory = 0; Voluntarily Resigned/Retired = 16; Opted into Non-Tenure Position = 1

IV. Action Items for Consideration of Recommendation to the Board of Trustees

A. Action Item I: Request for Approval: College of Medicine Graduate Medical Education Annual Institutional Review Executive summary (AY 2024-2025)

Associate Dean of Graduate Medical Education, Bill Boyer presented the 2024-2025 Annual Institutional Review for the College of Medicine Graduate Medical Education.

Trustee Hughes moved to approve the College of Medicine Graduate Medical Education Annual Institutional Review Executive summary (AY 2024-2025), Trustee Roth seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by all present at the meeting.

B. Action Item II: Request for Approval: Tenure Upon Appointment

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs James Clark and Vice President Jeanette Taylor presented the list of newly hired faculty members that were recommended for tenure at the start of their appointment to FSU. The list included sixteen (16) scholars that were hired from other universities, including two National Academy of Science Members. All 16 of the faculty members joined FSU as Associate or Full professors and have met FSU's rigorous standards for tenure and successfully passed reference and background checks.

Trustee de las Cuevas-Diaz informed the Trustees that she has requested that staff include Tenure Upon Appointment as a standing item on the Academic Affairs committee agenda. This action would reduce the number of faculty upon appointment for review in one meeting.

Trustee Hughes moved to approve the roster of Tenure Upon Appointment candidates, Trustee Ballard seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by all present at the meeting.

C. Action Item III: Request for Approval: Proposal to Implement BS in Interdisciplinary Design – Design and Visual Communication

Amy Guerrette presented the proposal to implement the Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Design degree in the College of Fine Arts. The proposed degree will be implemented in Fall 2026. This degree will be in CIP Code 50.0401.

Trustee Roth moved to approve the proposal to implement the proposed BS in Interdisciplinary Design, Trustee Ballard seconded the motion, the motion was unanimously approved by all present at the meeting.

IV. Open Form for Trustees

Trustee de las Cuevas-Diaz provided the committee with an update on the creation of a social media policy.

V. Adjournment:

Trustee Ballard moved to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Hughes seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:23pm.