



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Academic Affairs Committee

MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2026

10:20 a.m. – 10:43 a.m.

Zoom

Attended: Trustee Kathryn Ballard (Acting Committee Chair), Trustee Roxanne Hughes

Absent: Trustee Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz (Board of Trustees Vice Chair and Committee Chair), Trustee Justin Roth

Staff: Provost Jim Clark

Others in attendance: Trustee Jorge Gonzalez, Trustee Jim Henderson, Trustee Peter Jones, Trustee Brian Murphy, Trustee Ian Seibert, Trustee Tim Weisheyer, President Richard McCullough, General Counsel Carolyn Egan, Academic Affairs Staff, and other FSU administrators and staff.

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Trustee Kathryn Ballard, Acting Chair

As the previous committee meetings concluded early, Trustee Kathryn Ballard (Acting Committee Chair) called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. Deputy Chief of Staff Heather Mayo conducted roll call. A quorum was not present, so General Counsel Egan advised that action items voted on would go forward to the full Board with the recommendation of the individual Trustees and not with the full committee's approval.

II. Approval of Minutes¹

February 24, 2026, Meeting Minutes

The committee members present reviewed the minutes from the February 24, 2026, meeting and concurred. As a quorum of the committee was not present, the minutes will be submitted to the next committee meeting agenda for formal approval.

¹ The minutes section was moved after the Informational Items and Updates.

III. Informational Items and Updates

Dr. James Clark, Provost, and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

a) Anticipated New Academic Degree Programs for 2026-2027

Associate Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement provided a brief summary of 2026-27 anticipated new degree programs.

b) MBA Task Force Update

Senior Vice Provost and Chief Strategy Officer Rick Burnette provided a brief update on relevant metrics used to determine MBA program rankings.

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

Dr. James Clark, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

a) Action Item I: Request for Approval: 2027-2028 Institutional General Education Course Offerings

Associate Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement Amy Guerette presented the 2027-2028 institutional general education course offerings for submission to the Florida Board of Governors. Of the total 162 course offerings, 153 courses were from the prior academic year, 3 courses had been updated, and 6 courses were new general education offerings.

Trustee Hughes moved to approve the 2027-2028 Institutional General Education Course Offerings, Trustee Ballard seconded the motion, and the item was approved for recommendation by the Trustees to the full Board.

b) Action Item II: Request for Approval: Specialized Admissions Reaffirmation for Limited Resources Degree Programs

Associate Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement Amy Guerette presented the specialized admissions reaffirmation for limited resources degree programs for submission to the Florida Board of Governors.

Trustee Hughes moved to approve the Specialized Admissions Reaffirmation for Limited Resources Degree Programs, Trustee Ballard seconded the motion, and the item was approved for recommendation by the Trustees to the full Board.

c) Action Item III: Request for Approval: Proposal to Implement M.S. in Marriage and Family Therapy

Associate Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement Amy Guerette presented the proposal to implement the M.S. degree in Marriage and Family Therapy.

Trustee Hughes moved to approve the proposal to implement the M.S. degree in Marriage and Family Therapy, Trustee Ballard seconded the motion, and the item was approved for recommendation by the Trustees to the full Board.

d) **Action Item IV: Request for Approval: Proposal to Implement Ed.S. in Marriage and Family Therapy**

Associate Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement Amy Guerette presented the proposal to implement the Ed.S. degree in Marriage and Family Therapy.

Trustee Hughes moved to approve the proposal to implement the Ed.S. degree in Marriage and Family Therapy, Trustee Ballard seconded the motion, and the item was approved for recommendation by the Trustees to the full Board.

e) **Action Item V: Request for Approval: Proposal to Repeal Regulation FSU-5.003 University Undergraduate Admission Committee Procedures**

Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management John Barnhill presented the proposal to repeal Regulation FSU-5.003 University Undergraduate Admission Committee Procedures in anticipation of approval of new Regulation FSU-5.001 University Admissions, which provides general admission requirements consistent with federal and state law, and Florida Board of Governors regulations.

Trustee Hughes moved to approve the proposal to repeal Regulation FSU-5.003 University Undergraduate Admission Committee Procedures, Trustee Ballard seconded the motion, and the item was approved for recommendation by the Trustees to the full Board.

f) **Action Item VI: Request for Approval: Proposal to Repeal Regulation FSU 5.008 Graduate and Post-Baccalaureate Professional Programs**

Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management John Barnhill presented the proposal to repeal Regulation FSU-5.008 Graduate and Post-Baccalaureate Professional Programs in anticipation of approval of new Regulation FSU-5.001 University Admissions, which provides general admission requirements consistent with federal and state law, and Florida Board of Governors regulations.

Trustee Hughes moved to approve the proposal to repeal Regulation FSU-5.008 Graduate and Post-Baccalaureate Professional Programs, Trustee Ballard seconded the motion, and the item was approved for recommendation by the Trustees to the full Board.

g) **Action Item VII: Request for Approval: Regulation 5.001 University Admissions**

Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management John Barnhill presented the request to approve new Regulation FSU-5.001 University Admissions, which provides general admission requirements consistent with federal and state law, and Florida Board of Governors regulations; addresses undergraduate, graduate, post-baccalaureate degrees, and international student admissions; and mandatory misconduct disclosures.

Trustee Hughes moved to approve the request to approve new Regulation FSU-5.001 University Admissions, Trustee Ballard seconded the motion, and the item was approved for recommendation by the Trustees to the full Board.

h) Action Item VIII: Request for Approval: Tenure Upon Appointment

Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement Jeanette Taylor presented the list of faculty members that were recommended for tenure at the start of their appointment to FSU. All 6 of the recommended faculty members have met FSU's rigorous standards for tenure and successfully passed reference and background checks.

Trustee Hughes moved to approve the roster of Tenure Upon Appointment candidates, Trustee Ballard seconded the motion, and the item was approved for recommendation by the Trustees to the full Board.

i) Action Item IX: Request for Approval: Promotion and Tenure

Vice President Jeanette Taylor presented information about the promotion and tenure process at FSU. For this action item, the President was recommending one candidate for promotion and tenure, effective Fall 2026. The recommended tenure candidate met FSU's rigorous expectations for performance in teaching, research/creative activity, and service.

Trustee Hughes moved to approve the recommended candidate for tenure, Trustee Ballard seconded the motion, and the item was approved for recommendation by the Trustees to the full Board.

j) Action Item X: Request for Approval: Amendment to FSU's 2026 Accountability Plan

Associate Vice Provost, Chief Data and Analytics Officer, and Institutional Data Administrator James Hunt presented the request to amend FSU's 2026 Accountability Plan. The Board of Trustees approved FSU's 2026 Accountability Plan on April 13, 2026, which included projections for nonresident undergraduate enrollment. Since that time, the Florida Legislature enacted HB 5601E, which links institutional accountability for nonresident enrollment to the projections contained in each university's Accountability Plan. As a result, the proposed revisions to its nonresident enrollment projections will ensure they reflect current enrollment expectations and provide an appropriate basis for future accountability.

Trustee Hughes moved to approve the amendment to FSU's 2026 Accountability Plan, Trustee Ballard seconded the motion, and the item was approved for recommendation by the Trustees to the full Board.

V. Open Forum for Trustees

Trustee Kathryn Ballard, Acting Chair

There was no additional discussion by committee members.

VI. Adjournment

Trustee Kathryn Ballard, Acting Chair

Trustee Hughes moved to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Ballard seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.