



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Academic Affairs Committee

MEETING MINUTES

(Approved 9.12.24)

Thursday, June 20, 2024

Via Zoom

12:30 pm

Committee Members Present: Trustee Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz (Chair), Trustee Kathryn Ballard, Trustee Bridgett Birmingham, Trustee Justin Roth (left meeting at 11:45am)

Committee Members Absent: Trustee Deborah Sargeant

Committee Staff: Provost James Clark

Others in Attendance: Trustee Maximo Alvarez, Trustee Jorge Gonzalez, Board Vice Chair Bob Sasser, Trustee John Thiel, Trustee Drew Weatherford, President McCullough, University Vice Presidents, and other staff.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Trustee Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz, Chair

As previous meetings concluded early, Trustee Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz (Chair) called the meeting to order at 10:53am and confirmed quorum.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 31, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Trustee Birmingham moved to approve the committee meeting minutes from the January 31, 2024, meeting; Trustee Roth seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously by all present at the meeting.

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. BOG Anticipated New Academic Degree Programs for 2024-2025

Amy Guerette, Associate Vice President, presented an update on the submission to the BOG regarding the Anticipated New Academic Degree Programs for the 2024-2025 academic year. The twelve (12) new anticipated degrees are: Aerospace Engineering (MS

& PhD), Emergency Management and Homeland Security (BS), Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (BA), Computer Engineering (MS & PhD), Food and Nutrition (PhD), Genetic Counseling (MS), Hospitality (MS & PhD), Entrepreneurship (PhD) and Jazz Studies (MS).

B. Post Tenure Review Report (PTR)

Provost Clark presented the Post Tenure process and review, as required by BOG Regulation 10.003, the 2024 PTR cohort included faculty who were awarded tenure or promoted to Full Professor in 2019 (No. 46). The Regulation also requires inclusion of 20% of faculty members tenured prior to 2019 and allows universities to decide how this group is selected. Eligible tenured faculty members were permitted to volunteer to be in the 2024 PTR cohort, as described in FSU-BOT Regulation 4.073, and a sufficient number of faculty members (No. 88) volunteered to meet the required 20% of faculty tenured prior to 2019. The outcomes of the PTR are below:

Rating	Number
Exceeds Expectations	88
Meets Expectations	46
Does Not Meet Expectations	0
Unsatisfactory	0

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. **Action Item I: Request for Approval:** Proposal to Implement Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering

Jennifer Buchanan, Associate Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement and College of Engineering Dean, Suvranu De presented this Action Item to the committee for consideration.

Trustee Birmingham moved to approve the request, Trustee Roth seconded the motion, and the approval to implement a Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering was approved unanimously by all present at the meeting.

B. **Action Item II: Request for Approval:** Proposal to Implement Masters in Aerospace Engineering

Jennifer Buchanan, Associate Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement and College of Engineering Dean, Suvranu De presented this Action Item to the committee for consideration.

Trustee Roth moved to approve the request, Trustee Birmingham seconded the motion, and the approval to implement a master's in aerospace engineering was approved unanimously by all present at the meeting.

C. **Action Item III: Request for Approval:** BOG Regulation 8.014: 120 Credit Hour Exception Revisions

Amy Guerette, Associate Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement presented this Action Item to the committee for consideration.

Trustee Ballard moved to approve the request, Trustee Birmingham seconded the motion to approve the following revisions to five (5) bachelor's degree programs holding Boards of Governors approval to exceed 120 credit hours. The changes include the following: 1) Reduce Biomedical Engineering from 131 credit hours to 128 credit hours; 2) Reduce Chemical Engineering from 131 credit hours to 128 credit hours; 3) Reduce Secondary Education and Teaching to 120 credit hours and remove from list; 4) Reduce Music Therapy to 120 credit hours and remove from list and 5) Reduce Nursing to 120 credit hours and remove from list. The motion was approved unanimously by all present at the meeting.

D. **Action Item VI: Request for Approval:** FSU Regulation 5.079 Revision

Amy Guerette, Associate Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement presented this Action Item to the committee for consideration.

Trustee Ballard moved to approve the request, Trustee Birmingham seconded the motion, and the approval to update FSU Regulation 5.079 was approved unanimously by all present at the meeting.

E. **Action Item V: Request for Approval:** BOG Regulation 8.005: Review of General Education Courses

Amy Guerette, Associate Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement presented this Action Item to the committee for consideration.

Trustee Ballard moved to approve the request, Trustee Birmingham seconded the motion, and the approval of the general education offerings as presented was approved unanimously by all present at the meeting.

F. **Action Item VI: Request for Approval:** Tenure Report

Chair de las Cuevas-Diaz began the discussion on this action item, with a request for committee support to conduct a two-pronged study that would focus on identifying the best practices for tenure review among AAU universities and comparing those practices to our current process. Additionally, the study would identify the methodologies preeminent universities are utilizing to address their social media policies for faculty and staff.

Trustee Ballard made a motion to support the request to conduct the study as presented by Chair de las Cuevas-Diaz; the motion failed to receive a second.

Provost Clark provided comments on the benefits of an empirical review of our tenure process and social media policies and how our current policies compare to AAU institutions.

Janet Kistner, Vice President Faculty Development & Advancement presented the Tenure Report to the committee for review and consideration.

Trustee Birmingham moved to approve the request, Trustee Ballard seconded the motion, and the approval of awarding tenure to 52 faculty members reviewed during the annual Promotion & Tenure process and 11 faculty members reviewed for Tenure Upon Appointment was approved unanimously by all present at the meeting.

G. **Action Item VII: Request for Approval:** 2024-2025 Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund Proposal

College of Nursing Dean Wang presented the collaborative LINE proposal with Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare (TMH) and Mayo Clinic in Florida.

Trustee Birmingham moved to approve the request, Trustee Ballard seconded the motion, and the approval of the 2024-2025 LINE funding proposal for submittal to the BOG in the amount of \$447,537 was approved unanimously by all present at the meeting.

V. **OPEN FORUM FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Trustee Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz, Chair

There were no comments from Academic Affairs committee members.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz, Chair

Trustee Birmingham moved to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Ballard seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 am.