



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Academic Affairs Committee

MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)

Thursday, February 27, 2025
Westcott, Room 102
3:30pm-4:45pm

In Person Attendees: Trustee Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz (Chair), Trustee Bridgett Birmingham, Trustee Deborah Sargeant, Trustee Kathryn Ballard

Absent: Trustee Justin Roth

Other Trustees in Attendance: Trustee Peter Jones

Staff: Provost James Clark and other Academic Affairs Staff

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Trustee Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz (Chair) called the meeting to order at 3:30pm and confirmed quorum.

II. Approval of Minutes (Academic Affairs Committee Meeting – November 20, 2024)

Trustee Ballard moved to approve the committee meeting minutes from November 20, 2024, Trustee Birmingham seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously by all present at the meeting.

III. Informational Items

A. Admissions Update

John Barnhill presented the Class of 2029 admissions report. FSU received over 82,000 applications, a 7% increase from this time last year. Students were admitted from all 67 Florida counties, all 50 U.S States and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and 50 other countries. The middle 50% of admitted students for Summer/Fall 2025 have a core GPA of 4.2-4.6; ACT scores of 30-33, and SAT scores of 1340-1450. Discussions regarding Seminole Pathways, transfer student options, international program enrollment occurred among the Trustees.

B. Quality Enhancement Plan Update

Emily Leventhal provided an update of FSU's Quality Enhancement Plan, and the services offered through the Graduate Student Resource Center, University Libraries, Center for the Advancement of Teaching and the Career Center to support the success of the university's doctoral students.

C. Status Report on Funded Arts Projects

Associate Vice President Paul Harlacher presented the fiscal and space investments made in the three arts colleges (College of Motion Picture Arts, College of Music and College of Fine Arts) by the Office of the Provost and the Office of the President over the last three years.

D. Financial Literacy Presentation

Joe Calhoun from the Stavros Center for Economic Education shared the mission and reach of the program, *Unconquered by Debt*. The *Unconquered by Debt* program promotes choices that balance current and future lifestyles, the program provides content to inform decisions about: income, spending, insuring, saving, and investing to build wealth. Discussion among the Trustees regarding the benefits of this program for FSU students occurred.

E. Promotion, Tenure, and Social Media Policy Review Update

Trustee de las Cuevas-Diaz and Provost Clark provided an update on the promotion, tenure, and social media policy process review study. Phase I of the study is complete. The Steering Group has met twice to finalize the project's approach to define outcomes and key questions. The consultants from CiTTA Partnership have completed interviews with several Trustees and FSU leadership. Phase II of the review is currently underway. CiTTA Partnership is currently confirming an interview list of peer institutions in Florida, as well as from other institutions of higher education. Those interviews have begun, and the study is expected to conclude this semester, with a report of findings, considerations, and recommendations to the Board of Trustees to follow.

IV. Action Items

A. Action Item I: Request for Approval: FSU Regulation 5.077 International Programs

Associate Vice President Paul Harlacher presented the proposed changes to FSU Regulation 5.077 International Programs.

Trustee Birmingham moved to approve the changes to FSU Regulation 5.077 International Programs, Trustee Sargeant seconded the motion, and the revision to FSU Regulation 5.077 International Programs was approved unanimously by all present at the meeting.

B. Action Item II: Request for Approval: FSU Regulation 5.097 Deletion of Courses

Associate Vice President Paul Harlacher presented the proposed changes to FSU Regulation 5.097 Deletion of Courses.

Trustee Sargeant moved to approve the changes to FSU Regulation 5.097 Deletion of Courses, Trustee Ballard seconded the motion, and the revision to 5.097 Deletion of Courses was approved unanimously by all present at the meeting.

C. Action Item III: Request for Approval: Repeal FSU Regulation 2.02413 Florida Prepaid College Program

Associate Vice President Paul Harlacher presented the deletion of FSU Regulation 2.02413 Florida Prepaid College Program.

Trustee Birmingham moved to repeal FSU Regulation 2.02413 Florida Prepaid College Program, Trustee Ballard seconded the motion, and the repeal to FSU Regulation 2.02413 Florida Prepaid College Program and was approved unanimously by all present at the meeting.

D. Action Item IV: Request for Approval: FSU Regulation 5.098 Textbook Adoption and Affordability

Associate Vice President Paul Harlacher presented the proposed changes to FSU Regulation 5.098 Textbook Adoption and Affordability.

Trustee Sargeant moved to approve the changes to FSU Regulation 5.098 Textbook Adoption and Affordability, Trustee Birmingham seconded the motion, and the revision to FSU Regulation 5.098 Textbook Adoption and Affordability was approved unanimously by all present at the meeting.

E. Action Item V: Request for Approval: Tenure Report

Provost Clark and Vice President Kistner presented the 2024-2025 Tenure Report for consideration and approval. President McCullough recommends 35 candidates for tenure effective Fall 2025, all candidates met FSU's high expectations for performance in teaching, research/creative works, and service. All candidates were hired via national searches, have terminal degrees and at least 2 years of postdoctoral work prior to hire. During the pre-tenure period, the tenure cohort for consideration attracted more than \$63M in external research support, taught over 500 courses, reaching more than 25,000 students and the majority have been selected for one or more national and international honors and awards.

Trustee Birmingham moved to approve the Tenure Report, Trustee Sargeant seconded the motion, and the Tenure Report was approved unanimously by all present at the meeting.

IV. Open Form for Trustees

Trustee Birmingham announced that this would be her last meeting as the faculty representative on the Board of Trustees. She thanked everyone for their time and support of FSU.

V. Adjournment:

Trustee Birmingham moved to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Ballard seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:06pm.