Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Board of Trustees



Student Affairs Committee Minutes Trustee Torey Alston, Chair

Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2015

The Board of Trustees Student Affairs Committee meeting was convened by Trustee Tonnette Graham.

The first action item was a motion by Vice Chair Graham for the approval of the minutes from the December 3, 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Turnbull. The motion carried--the minutes were accepted as presented.

The second action item, presented by Vice President Hudson, was a proposed new Regulation codifying the University's Assessment and Care Team (ACT). The Care Team will be responsible for reviewing, assessing, and make recommendations and/or referrals regarding any University student who may be in significant distress—especially ones who may be of harm to self, others, or their behavior is significantly disruptive to the educational environment. Students, faculty, staff, stakeholders or other individuals with direct knowledge of the behavior in question may make a referral. Decisions/recommendations of ACT are not disciplinary action but rather remedial action taken to assist and protect individuals. The Vice President for Student Affairs determines the composition of the team.

The University requested that the committee approve new Regulation 2.011 for notice and adoption after the expiration of the thirty (30) day notice period, provided there are no public comments, in accordance with the Florida Board of Governors' Regulation Development Procedure.

The action was moved for approval by Trustee Turnbull and seconded by Trustee Grable. The motion carried.

The third action item presented by Vice President Hudson was for approval of a revision to Regulation 2.007 Voluntary and Involuntary Withdrawal. This regulation is being revised to simplify and clarify the involuntary and immediate administrative withdrawal processes and establishes conditions upon which a student's return to the University may be based. The University requested that the committee approve the amendment to Regulation 2.007 for notice and adoption after the expiration of the thirty (30) day notice period, provided there are no public comments, in accordance with the Florida Board of Governors' Regulation Development Procedure.

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The action was moved for approval by Trustee Grable and second by Trustee Turnbull. The motion carried.

Student Affairs informational items and updates were presented.

Vice President William Hudson, Jr., provided the Division of Student Affairs updates which included:

Enrollment Management: As of February 27, 2015, we have received 3,137 applications compared to 2,509 and admitted 1,383 students compared to 1,105 last year. The average GPA is 3.52 and test scores 1470 SAT/ 21.5 ACT. The TCC2FAMU program has been finalized and the MOU signed by both institutions. FAMU day at TCC occurred February 18, 2015.

There was discussion, comments and questions regarding enrollment management as it relates to social media, community college outreach, articulation agreements, recruitment, FTIC, and ACT/SAT scores.

Financial Aid: To date, 10, 218 students have been awarded federal, institutional, private, and state funding. Financial aid spring disbursements have been processed for 8,712 students in the amount of \$58,320,173.59. A breakdown of grants and loans will be provided at the next BOT meeting.

LGBTQA (Lesbian Gay Bisexual, Questioning, Allies) Committee:

Safe Zone Training

Safe Zone trainings have been held on campus. One hundred and twenty (120) individuals completed the first session – Safe Zone Part 1. The Department of Social Work and Resident Advisors in Housing have completed Part 2 of the Safe Zone training resulting in 28 participants receiving Safe Zone stickers. We want to continue to encourage faculty, staff and students to attend the Safe Zone trainings.

Dr. Hudson presented information on Anti-hazing and the Ombudsperson functions at the University. President Mangum also expanded on the role and need for the Ombudsperson.

Department of Campus Safety:

The Department of Campus Safety and Security was presented official accreditation status by the Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission on February 25, 2015, in Daytona Beach, FL. The Department will be scheduled for a re-accreditation review in October 2017.

Via Skype, Vice President Hudson introduced Mr. Thomas Alexander who is the new Associate Vice President for Student Life. Mr. Alexander will oversee the areas of Student Government, University Housing, Campus Recreation, Student Union and the Office of Student Activities.

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Mr. Alexander was previously at Bucknell University, University of Alabama at Birmingham, and the University of Florida. He has an extensive background in the area of student affairs and student services.

Submitted by:

Trustee Tonnette Graham