

MINUTES
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STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FLORIDA A & M UNIVERSITY
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Ms. Sheila McDevitt, Chair, convened the meeting of the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Governors at 1:40 p.m., in the Grand Ballroom, Student Union, Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, Florida, January 24, 2008, with the following members present: Dr. Arlen Chase, Frank Martin, Ryan Moseley, Ava Parker, and Tico Perez. Other members of the Board also present were: Charlie Edwards, Ann Duncan, Carolyn K. Roberts and Gus Stavros.

1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held December 5, 2007

Mr. Martin moved that the Committee approve the Minutes of the meeting held December 5, 2007, as presented. Dr. Chase seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

2. Consideration of Intent to Notice Proposed BOG Regulation regarding Vaccinations against Meningococcal Meningitis and Hepatitis B

Ms. McDevitt said that after the meningitis case at the University of South Florida, the Student Affairs Committee had asked members of the Florida College Health Centers Alliance, i.e., the directors of the State University System institutional health centers, to work cooperatively with the Florida Department of Health, the American College Health Association, and the Center for Disease Control to develop a data-based definition of students who were "at-risk" for contracting meningococcal meningitis. The Committee had then asked the group to propose a policy regarding student vaccinations. She explained that the proposed regulation required all new matriculating students, effective July 1, 2008, to provide documentation of vaccinations or to provide a signed waiver for each declined vaccination.

Dr. Chase moved that the Committee approve for public notice its intent to promulgate a new BOG Regulation regarding Vaccinations against Meningococcal Meningitis and Hepatitis B, as presented. Mr. Martin seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

3. Consideration of Intent to Notice Amended BOG Regulation 6.006, Acceleration Mechanisms

Ms. McDevitt said the BOG Regulation on Acceleration Mechanisms provided guidance for the acceptance and treatment of acceleration mechanisms within the State University System. Successful completion of the specified courses and examinations provide a way for high school students to earn university credit.

Dr. Minear said the proposed changes clarify the use of acceleration mechanisms and include a definition of an "early college dual enrollment course." Beginning with students admitted Summer 2009, specified early college dual enrollment courses would have the same weighting as Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and Advanced International Certificate of Education courses.

Mr. Martin moved that the Committee approve for public notice its intent to amend BOG Regulation 6.006, Acceleration Mechanisms, as presented. Ms. Parker seconded the motion.

Dr. Chase expressed his opposition to the amendment. He said these dual enrollment courses should not have the same weight as IB or AP credits. He said these were not standardized curricula. The universities had no way to know the content of the courses or the evaluation of the coursework. He said the determination of course credit should be the prerogative of the universities.

Ms. McDevitt said the proposal did not mandate to the universities the weight they were to assign the courses. Dr. Minear said the universities could determine the admissions based not only on the weight accorded to these dual enrollment courses, but on an array of indicators.

Members of the Committee concurred, with Dr. Chase voting no.

4. Miscellaneous

Ms. McDevitt said Dr. Marshall chaired the Mental Health Subgroup of the Student Affairs Committee. She said Dr. Marshall had been unable to attend this Board meeting, so his subgroup would meet by telephone conference call prior to the March Board meeting in order to report the group's findings to the full Student Affairs Committee at the March meeting.

5. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m., January 24, 2008.

Sheila McDevitt, Chair

Mary-Anne Bestebreurtje