

MINUTES
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STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS/STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY
BOCA RATON, FLORIDA
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Mr. Dasburg, Chair, convened the meeting of the Academic Programs/Strategic Planning Committee of the Board of Governors at 11:05 a.m., in the Live Oak Pavilion, University Center, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida, January 25, 2007, with the following members present: Dr. Arlen Chase, Ann Duncan, Charles Edwards, Frank Harrison, Dr. Stanley Marshall, Frank Martin, Sheila McDevitt, Lynn Pappas, Ava Parker, Tico Perez, Carolyn K. Roberts, John Temple, and Dr. Zach Zachariah.

1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held November 16, 2006

Mr. Perez moved that the Committee approve the Minutes of the Meeting held November 16, 2006, as presented. Ms. Pappas seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

2. Approval of Termination of Programs: Ph.D. and Ed.D., Comprehensive Vocational Education, FSU

Mr. Perez moved that the Committee approve the termination of the Ph.D. and the Ed.D. in Comprehensive Vocational Education, CIP Code 13.1320, Florida State University, as presented. Ms. Duncan seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

3. Approval of New Program: Ph.D., Biostatistics, FSU

Mr. Dasburg noted that the staff had reviewed the proposal for the new program in accordance with the guidelines this Board had adopted for new programs. Ms. Duncan moved that the Committee approve the proposed Ph.D. in Biostatistics, CIP Code 26.1102, at Florida State University, as presented. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

4. Accountability Measure: Degree Production

Mr. Dasburg said the Board, in 2005, had adopted a set of seven academic accountability measures, such as graduation rates and degree production. He said this latter measure was being tracked at different degree levels relative to the Board's long-term strategic goals. He said he worried about falling off the Board's degree goals, as presented in the Strategic Plan.

Ms. Duncan said she was interested in an update on Ph. D. programs, including where they were offered and graduation rates. She inquired how the Board should be measuring the production of doctoral degrees. Dr. Chase noted that the data was already available.

Dr. Dan Cohen-Vogel said the universities were increasing their production of doctoral degrees, but not at the rate projected in the Strategic Plan. In the production of first professional degrees, the universities were below the trend, but this degree production has now increased with the opening of the new law schools at FIU and FAMU. He noted that the universities were below the targets for masters degrees, as well, but were within a range which could still be achieved.

Mr. Dasburg said this was the beginning of the process to report back on goals made in the Board's Strategic Plan. He inquired of the Chancellor whether there were any areas of alarm. Dr. Rosenberg said there were declines in a number of areas identified as critical in the Strategic Plan. He noted the declines in doctoral degrees which posed real challenges in certain disciplines. Mr. Dasburg asked for specific details on the shortfalls.

5. Draft Board Regulations related to Academic Programs

Mr. Dasburg said the Agenda included a number of draft Board Regulations for Academic Programs. He said this Board had adopted all the rules in place from the Board of Regents, and then adopted by the Florida Board of Education, at its inaugural meeting on January 7, 2003. Last year, the Board had adopted a Regulation Development Procedure for the adoption of this Board's regulations. He said the staff hoped to bring all the new Regulations to the Board during this year. He reminded the Board that the Procedure called for a two-step process. The regulations were first presented to the Board for consideration and initial review. The regulations were then posted to the Board's website for public comment and were then brought back to the Board for final action and approval. He inquired whether it was the preference of the Committee to discuss these regulations in full at this meeting or to proceed with posting and have the full discussion at the March Board meeting. Mr. Perez said it was the preference of the Committee to entertain the full discussion at the March meeting.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m., January 25, 2007.

John Dasburg, Chairman

M. Bestebreurtje, Corporate Secretary