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Governor Norman Tripp, Chair, convened the meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee at 3:30 p.m. Members present were Matthew Carter, Joseph Caruncho, Patricia Frost, Manoj Chopra, Cortez Whatley, and Gus Stavros.

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Chairman Tripp called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Minutes from June 21, 2012

Mr. Carter moved that the Committee approve the minutes of the meeting held June 21, 2012, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whatley and members of the Committee concurred.

3. Public Notice of Proposed New Board of Governors Regulation 6.013 Military Veterans and Active Duty

Mr. Richard Stevens reviewed proposed Board Regulation 6.013 and explained that the current GI Bill is only 36 months. The proposed regulation would give active duty and veteran military members proper recognition and university credit for military training as well as grant them priority registration windows, leading to greater ease in degree completion.

Dr. Michael Rollo, Florida Gulf Coast University's Vice President of Student Affairs, introduced the president of FGCU's Student Veteran Organization who outlined the critical nature of legislation that aids and recognizes veteran students.

Mr. Carter moved to approve the proposed regulation and Dr. Chopra seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 6.002 Admission of Undergraduate First-Time-in-College, Degree-Seeking Freshmen

Chairman Tripp explained that the proposed regulations would clarify that students taking the ACT for admission purposes must also take the ACT Plus Writing, and would remove obsolete language that was in place during a transition period when the System realigned admission standards to new SAT/ACT tests. New language states that Department of Education “Level III” high school career and technical education courses may be used as electives in the admission process, and requirements for students presenting General Education Development (GED) credentials would be added. Mr. Carter moved to approve the proposed amendments and Mr. Whatley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Notice of Proposed New Board of Governors Regulation 6.008 Postsecondary College-Level Preparatory Testing, Placement, and Instruction for State Universities

Chairman Tripp explained that the proposed regulation would provide direction for state universities regarding the further assessment, placement, and instruction of students who fall below college level assessment standards at the time of admission. It would facilitate statewide articulation by establishing similar standards as those required by the State Board of Education for Florida College System institutions. Revisions will impact Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University as the only state university currently authorized to provide developmental education for remediation. Mr. Carter moved to approve the proposal and Dr. Chopra seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Proposal for the Jewish Museum of Florida to be a Special Purpose Center at Florida International University

Chairman Tripp stated that the proposal had been reviewed by staff and determined that the site and its designation as a Special Purpose Center is appropriate as defined in the Board regulation.

Dr. Mark Rosenberg, President at Florida International University, clarified that the center would be completely independent of the university’s operating budget and thanked those involved in organizing the partnership. Dr. Doug Wartzok, FIU’s Provost, said FIU already had two successfully accredited museums. This new museum involves numerous faculty members and will promote academic engagement. Judaic Studies will be moved to the museum, creating additional space for the university. The academic plan will eventually include a master’s degree program involving all three

partnered museums. The incorporation of the museum as a Special Purpose Center will enhance community engagement and fit well with the university's mission overall.

Ms. Frost offered support for the proposed partnership for its value to FIU's community involvement as well as curriculum offerings. Elliot Stone, the incoming President for the Jewish Museum of Florida's Board of Directors, introduced himself and gave a summary of his family's extensive background in the promotion of Jewish studies in Florida.

Mr. Beard asked about the university's financial obligations. Provost Wartzok answered that the museum would transfer a \$4 million endowment to the university and no E & G funding would go to the museum.

Ms. Frost moved to approve the proposal and Mr. Carter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Student Affairs Updates

a. Florida Student Association

Mr. Whatley recognized student body presidents in the audience and reported on the annual planning conference that FSA sponsored during the summer. During the conference, FSA also had a joint meeting with the SUS Council for Student Affairs. Governor Whatley said that the FSA's legislative agenda is still being developed. Chairman Tripp asked about FSA's position on Amendment 12, and Mr. Whatley said the organization has yet to decide a final stance on the issue due to conflicting opinions.

b. SUS Council for Student Affairs

Dr. Kevin Bailey, new chair for the SUS Council for Student Affairs, reviewed the CSA's most recent meeting and explained its advocacy role for student services in the SUS. The CSA will be sponsoring an anti-hazing summit at UF on September 24th and at FAU on September 27th, including nationally recognized speaker Dave Westol and a discussion on campus best practices. Mr. Carter asked if a statewide notice would be given for the summits. Dr. Bailey said all information given at the summits will be recorded and provided online. Chairman Tripp expressed his desire for Florida to become a national leader in the anti-hazing movement. FAMU's President Robinson announced that a town hall forum on anti-hazing will precede the summits. Dr. Bailey pledged his commitment to making anti-hazing activity long-term and sustainable. Chancellor Brogan thanked Dr. Bailey as well as former Council Chair Dr. Maribeth Ehasz for their leadership on these issues.

c. State University System Student Health Insurance Consortium: 2012 Update

Dr. Michael Rollo, FGCU Vice President for Student Affairs, outlined the services of student health centers on all 11 campuses, funded primarily by student health fees. Most services are offered for free. Resources go toward health education, prevention techniques, immunizations, and women's needs. Student health insurance has been a major issue since 2010, when the Board recommended the establishment of a System a consortium to lower cost. Five campuses from the SUS chose to be part of the initial group in the summer of 2010. The group later evolved into a purchasing group, putting out bids for service and eventually selecting United Healthcare. Around 8,800 students are involved in the plan which remains voluntary. The hard waiver requirement is found only at Florida State University. The five SUS universities involved in the initial group were able to save on administrative costs due to this partnership. Despite cost increases across the board in recent years, it is still much more cost-effective for students to acquire insurance through the programs offered by the involved universities than to acquire it independently. Dr. Rollo expressed his desire to add more universities and result in a single fee structure for the SUS.

Chairman Tripp said the Board will continue to monitor the consortium's work and evaluate ways to make it stronger. He asked that Chancellor Brogan speak with this group about goals moving forward and that the group explore reasons why all SUS universities are not joining. Dr. Rollo said that premium costs vary at each individual university and a decision will eventually need to be made concerning fees going up at some universities and down at others as the consortium grows.

8. Other Updates

Digital Domain - Chairman Tripp asked Chancellor Brogan to speak on the relationship between Florida State University and Digital Domain, considering its attention in the media recently. Chancellor Brogan recalled that a couple years ago Digital Domain began exploring possibilities for partnerships in Florida and ultimately resulted in a presence in Port St. Lucie as well as a partnership with the city of Palm Beach and Florida State University. In September, Digital Domain filed for bankruptcy, leaving the Palm Beach portion of the program in question.

Dr. Garnett Stokes, FSU's Provost, explained the FSU had established a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Animation and Digital Arts with 27 students, beginning the degree program this fall. FSU has received significant funding (\$2.15 million) for its distance learning program from Digital Domain. The curriculum is under FSU's purview and the university is able to continue with that curriculum. However, FSU is still waiting to see how developments will affect their relationship with Digital Domain.

Mr. Colson asked who holds the \$27,000 in tuition that the FSU students in Palm Beach have paid, and Provost Stokes said FSU does. Mr. Colson suggested that Provost Stokes should not assume that the program will remain in South Florida without Digital Domain. Chairman Tripp asked that Provost Stokes stay in contact with Chancellor Brogan on future activities with Digital Domain. Ms. Parker asked Provost Stokes to include in her next report to the Board an outline of the difference between FSU's offering and what already exists at Florida Atlantic University.

General Education Project - Dr. Jan Ignash, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, summarized the implementation plan for the statewide General Education Project that was mandated in House Bill 7135. Dr. Ignash explained that the bill calls for faculty committees appointed jointly by the Board of Governors and the Board of Education and comprised of state university and state college faculty to identify five key courses in each of the subject areas of communications, humanities, math, natural science, and social science. This general education core will make up 15 of the 30 credit hours required for general education in an AA or BA degree, affecting both the SUS and the Florida College System in the area of articulation.

Representative Proctor met with representatives from both systems to discuss legislative intent. The Steering Committee consists of equal numbers of SUS and the FCS representatives. In October, this Committee will identify faculty to determine the courses required from each subject area. Chancellor Brogan said this was a great opportunity for the state to make a statement about general education. Chairman Tripp asked if this decision will come back to the BOG. Dr. Ignash clarified that the General Education Steering Committee will make their recommendations to both system chancellors and then the recommendations will come to the Board. Dr. Chopra clarified that work is occurring at each institution on the selection of faculty by discipline.

9. Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.