

**Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Board of Trustees**



Academic Affairs Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Time: 8:30 AM

Location: College of Law - Courtroom

Committee Members: Marjorie Turnbull, Chair
Torey Alston, Lucas Boyce, Bettye Grable, and Tonnette Graham

AGENDA

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| I. | Call to Order | Trustee Marjorie Turnbull |
| II. | Roll Call | |

ACTION ITEMS

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| III. | Approval of Minutes for December 3, 2014 Meeting | Trustee Marjorie Turnbull |
| IV. | Tenure Upon Appointment | Provost Marcella David |
| V. | Sabbatical and Professional Development Leave | Provost Marcella David |
| VI. | Academic Calendar for 2015-2016 | Provost Marcella David |

INFORMATION ITEMS

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| VII. | Moment of Recognition – Academic Achievement | Provost Marcella David |
| VIII. | Adjournment | |



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Item Origination and Authorization			
Policy ____	Award of Bid ____	Budget Amendment ____	Change Order ____
Resolution ____	Contract ____	Grant ____	Other ____

Action of Board				
Approved ____	Approved w/ Conditions ____	Disapproved ____	Continued ____	Withdrawn ____

Subject: Academic Affairs - Minutes (December 3, 2014)

Rationale: In accordance with the Florida Statutes, a governmental body shall prepare and keep minutes or make a tape recording of each open meeting of the body.

Attachments: Minutes for December 3, 2014

Recommendation: Approve the minutes of December 3, 2014.

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**Academic Affairs Committee Minutes
Trustee Marjorie Turnbull, Chair**

Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Marjorie Turnbull. The following Trustees were present: Torey Alston, Lucas Boyce, Bettye Grable, Tonnette Graham, and Marjorie Turnbull. A quorum was established.

President Mangum recommended *Tenure Upon Appointment* for Marcella David. The CV was reviewed by the FAMU College of Law's tenure and promotion committee, Dean Leroy Pernel, and the university-wide tenure and promotion committee. The CV was reviewed for evidence of highly competent teaching and research and other scholarly activities, services, and contributions to the University and to society. Based upon mutual agreement and final review of the recommendations by President Mangum, Ms. David was nominated for tenure upon appointment. Trustee Boyce moved the approval of the tenure upon appointment. The motion was seconded by Trustee Graham and the motion carried.

Next, Trustee Turnbull asked the members to review the minutes of the September 10, 2014, committee meeting. There were no corrections. Trustee Alston moved approval of the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Trustee Grable. The motion carried.

As the final action item, Interim Provost Wright presented a request for a new regulation (Regulation 4.107, Students in Military Service). In accordance with Chapter 1004.07, Florida Statutes, each "state university board of trustees shall establish policies regarding currently enrolled students who are called to, or enlist in, active military service."

Trustee Alston moved approval of the BOT Regulation 4.107 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 motion was seconded by Trustee Boyce and the motion carried.

The first informational item was a presentation by Dr. Michael J.L. Smith regarding the Medical Scholars Program, which is a partnership between the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine at Florida Atlantic University and Florida A&M University. The overall goal of the agreement is to attract and enroll outstanding high school seniors who have made an early and informed decision to ultimately pursue a doctoral degree in the field of medicine.

Next, Interim Provost Wright gave an update on the Division of Academic Affairs. The update included responses to the follow-up questions from the September BOT meeting regarding the USDA Land Acquisition and the access and opportunity admits. A copy of the *2014-2015 Accreditation Activities* was posted to the

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website. In addition, Mrs. Brittanian Gamble, Director of the Undergraduate Student Success Center, provided an overview of the center and new initiatives planned.

Dr. Patricia Green-Powell, Dean of the College of Education, and Dr. Patricia Hodge, Superintendent for FAMU DRS, gave an update on the strategies to be used for the school improvement initiatives and resources needed at FAMU DRS.

As the final informational item, Dr. Maurice Edington, Dean of the College of Science and Technology, presented an update on efforts to increase the number of FAMU STEM students who annually apply for and receive graduate fellowships from agencies such as the National Science Foundation. Dr. Edington discussed the college's initiatives to increase student awareness of funding opportunities and enhance the quality of student applications.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Turnbull, Committee Chair



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Action of Board				
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Subject: Tenure Upon Appointment

Rationale: In accordance with Article 15.08, Collective Bargaining Agreement (2010 – 2013), “Tenure may be granted to a faculty member by the Board at the time of initial appointment, upon recommendation of the appropriate administrator. The administrator shall consider the recommendation of the department or equivalent unit prior to making his/her final tenure recommendation.”

Tenure Upon Appointment is a condition of employment that is offered to a faculty member who has previously held a tenured position. Requests for Tenure Upon Appointment are approved by the Provost and the President. As a practice, the university-wide tenure and promotion committee has completed courtesy reviews of the documentation. Prior to the review of the documentation by the university-wide tenure and promotion committee, the documentation has been reviewed by both the school/college tenure and promotion committee and the dean of the school/college.

Attachments: N/A

Recommendation: The following applicants are recommended for approval of tenure:

<u>Name</u>	<u>College/School</u>
1. Keith Parker	Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities
2. Brian Sims	Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities
3. Shawn Spencer	College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences



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Action of Board				
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Subject: Academic Affairs – Approval of Sabbaticals and Professional Development Leaves

Rationale: Thirteen applications for sabbaticals and three applications for professional development leaves were submitted for the 2015 - 2016 academic year. The Sabbatical and Professional Development Leave Committee reviewed the applications and recommended the approval of 10 applications for sabbatical leave and 3 applications for professional development leave to Interim Provost Rodner Wright and President Elmira Mangum. In reviewing the applications, the committee considered the programs and activities to be followed while on leave; the expected increase in value of the employee to the university and to the employee's academic discipline; specific results anticipated from the leave; and any prior leaves that had been provided to the applicant.

Recommendation: Approval of sabbaticals and professional development leaves for the 2015 - 2016 academic year for the following applicants:

Sabbatical Leave

Name	Title	College/School	Semester(s)
Yassir Abdelrazig	Assoc. Professor	Engineering	Spring 2016
Genyne H. Boston	Professor	Social Sciences, Arts, and Humanities	Spring 2016
Hongmei Chi	Assoc. Professor	Science and Technology	Fall 2015
Jesse Edwards, III	Professor	Science and Technology	Fall 2015 and Spring 2016
Mazhar M. Islam	Professor	Business and Industry	Fall 2015 and Spring 2016
Gebre-Egziabher Kiros	Assoc. Professor	Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences	Fall 2015 and Spring 2016
Oghenekome Onokpise	Professor	Agriculture and Food Sciences	Spring 2016
Allezo Owens	Asst. Professor	Social Sciences, Arts, and Humanities	Fall 2015
Subramanian Ramakrishnan	Assoc. Professor	Engineering	Fall 2015
Hong Xiao	Professor	Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences	Fall 2015



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Professional Development Leave

Name	Title	College/School	Semester(s)
Robin Butler	Instructor	Nursing	Fall 2015
Deborah La Grasse	Instructor	Architecture and Engineering Technology	Spring 2016
Yvette Stennett	Instructor	Social Sciences, Arts, and Humanities	Fall 2015 and Spring 2016

SABBATICAL PROPOSAL SUMMARIES

Dr. Yassir Abdelrazig

College of Engineering

The proposed sabbatical will allow Dr. Abdelrazig the opportunity to explore a new research area: sustainability and green construction. The main impetus is the sustainable development movement, which is changing not only physical structures but also the workings of organizations that populate the built environment. He plans to establish collaborations in this research area as well as write publications related to this research. In addition, Dr. Abdelrazig will develop a new graduate course entitled “Sustainable and Renewable Energy” to complement a new course he developed – CCE5212, “Sustainability and Green Construction.”

Dr. Genyne H. Boston

College of Social Sciences, Arts, and Humanities

Educators face the challenge of introducing content and information that resonates with students and meets the curricular directives that continue to be imposed on the teaching profession. Dr. Boston plans to conduct a longitudinal study of culturally relevant pedagogy and practice in select secondary schools. The proposal will focus on identifying research-based, effective methods that are specifically intended to enhance the academic progress of our students, especially those who enter the university with deficiencies in reading and writing.

Dr. Hongmei Chi

College of Science and Technology

Cybersecurity is a national priority due to the widespread application of information technology and the growing incidence of cybercrime. During the sabbatical, Dr. Chi plans to establish a foundation for research, education, and collaboration focused on solutions to current and emerging challenges of mobile computing in domains with heightened requirements for reliability, security, and performance.

Dr. Jesse Edwards, III

College of Science and Technology

Dr. Edwards proposes to partner with three minority-owned and operated technology companies (510 Nano, Uber Operations, and EagleForce Associates) to deliver combined advanced solar energy capabilities and hydrogen storage technologies along with analytical monitoring systems for maximum energy sustainability. In addition, Dr. Edwards will continue efforts to obtain grants and to secure data for patents and licensing.

Dr. Mazhar M. Islam

School of Business and Industry

Dr. Islam plans to conduct research relevant to trading strategies and evaluation of investment and asset allocation decisions by portfolio managers, financial analysts, individual and institutional investors. In addition, he will propose a collaborative research project between faculty members of Florida A&M University and host institutions(s). The findings of this research will be submitted for publication in refereed international journals.

Dr. Gebre-Egziabher Kiros

College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

The proposed research is twofold: (1) identify and examine HIV prevalence rates among adults and young people by administrative districts and (2) understand factors contributing to geographic and socioeconomic variations in HIV prevalence. Dr. Kiros will conduct the study in collaboration with the faculty at the Center for Population Studies in Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia. In addition, Dr. Kiros will disseminate the findings at the professional annual meeting of the Population Association of America or American Public Health Association and submit a manuscript to a scientific journal for publication. Note: Dr. Kiros has applied for the Fulbright Scholar Program in the “Teaching/Research” category with placement at the Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia.

Dr. Oghenekome Onokpise

College of Agriculture and Food Sciences

The proposed sabbatical will allow Dr. Onokpise the opportunity to teach two courses during the sabbatical leave/Fulbright Fellowship Program activities. The two courses are “Advance Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding” and “Seed Science and Technology.” The courses will form the cornerstone of his proposed research on mahogany germ plasm evaluation and seedling nursery establishment. Note: Dr. Onokpise has applied for the Fulbright Scholar Program with placement at the University of Technology in Akure, Nigeria.

Dr. Allezo Owens

College of Social Sciences, Arts, and Humanities

Dr. Owens will research Josephus Roosevelt Coan, an African American clergyman, missionary, and educator who served the African Methodist Episcopal Church during a time when many in the African American community advocated for African emigration. During the sabbatical, Dr. Owens will delve into Coan’s papers with the expressed purpose of developing them into a major writing project, namely a historical volume on Coan and his works.

Dr. Subramanian Ramakrishnan**College of Engineering**

The proposed sabbatical will allow Dr. Ramakrishnan the opportunity to focus on research in the area of magnetic nan composites for aerospace applications at the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory in collaboration with researchers at NASA, Air Force Research Labs, Argonne National Labs, and Florida State University. In addition, his aim is to develop new synthetic methods to assemble hard/soft composite magnets using polymeric and ceramic assembly strategies to deliberately form controlled magnetic domains by utilization of nano-processing to maximize the energy product.

Dr. Hong Xiao**College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences**

Dr. Xiao proposes to focus on new methods to study cancer disparities among racial groups and different geographic areas in the State of Florida. The three specific aims of the proposal are: (1) methodological developments, (2) multilevel modeling across spatial scales – analysis of Florida database, and (3) multi-scale analysis of racial disparities. The methodology developed during this project will prevent the arbitrary use of administrative units regardless of the spatial patterns of the health outcomes and covariates under study, leading to more reliable estimation and interpretation of neighborhood's effect on health.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL SUMMARIES

Ms. Robin Butler

School of Nursing

Ms. Butler plans to complete the data collection for her dissertation. Her proposed dissertation is entitled, “The Effect of Resources on Adolescent Mothers’ Perceived Stress and Coping Behaviors during their Infants’ Stay in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.”

Ms. Deborah La Grasse

School of Architecture and Engineering Technology

As an artist teaching beginning design in the School of Architecture and Engineering Technology, Ms. La Grasse seeks to expand her interdisciplinary knowledge and creative expertise. Ms. La Grasse plans to investigate, using qualitative methods, the many ways that symbolism, myth, and legend in traditional Latvian folksongs and architecture may provide inspiration for creative thinking and art making today.

Ms. Yvette Stennett

College of Social Sciences, Arts, and Humanities

Ms. Stennett plans to complete a clinical fellowship as a Speech Language Pathologist. The professional development leave will allow her the opportunity to be a step closer to completing her graduate degree.



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Subject: **Academic Calendars for 2015 - 2016**

Rationale: The Academic Calendars for 2015-2016 is being presented to the Board of Trustees for approval, in accordance with Florida Board of Education Rule 6A-10.019. Additionally, Board of Governors Regulation 8.001 requires each university to adopt an annual calendar which includes the beginning and ending dates for each semester, the dates for final examinations, and the dates for the issuance of diplomas.

Please note that the beginning and ending dates of each semester, the holidays, and the breaks have been agreed upon by the Calendar Committee, which includes representatives from Florida A&M University, Florida State University, and Tallahassee Community College. The Calendar Committee meets annually to coordinate the calendars of the three educational institutions in Tallahassee.

The University's winter break is scheduled for Thursday, December 24, 2015 through Thursday, December 31, 2015. December 25, 2015 and January 1, 2016, are official state holidays.

Attachment: 2015 – 2016 Academic Calendars

Recommendation: It is recommended that the BOT approve the 2015 - 2016 Academic Calendars.

ACADEMIC CALENDARS: 2015 -2016

1. Please complete academic class and finals date information below:

Semester	Beginning Date of Classes	Last Day of Classes	Finals	# of Class Instruction Days
Fall 2015	08/24/2015	12/04/2015	December 7-11, 2015	76
Spring 2016	01/06/2016	04/22/2016	April 25- 29, 2016	77
Summer 2016 – Term 1 (C)	05/09/2016	08/03/2016	August 4-5, 2016	63
Summer 2016 – Term 2 (A)	05/09/2016	06/15/2016	June16- 17, 2016	29
Summer 2016 – Term 3 (B)	06/29/2016	08/05/2016	August 6-7, 2016	28

2. Does Fall Semester 2015 begin during the first three weekdays after August 22?
 Yes No
3. Does Spring Semester 2016 begin during the first three weekdays after January 4?
 Yes No
4. Does Summer Semester 2016 begin during the first three weekdays after May 5?
 Yes No
5. Does the year-round calendar provide 220 days of classroom instruction including examinations or 210 days of instruction excluding examinations?
 Yes No

If you answered no to question 2-4, please provide a request for exemption to Rule 6A-10.019 with your justification. Please note that you have worked with your area high schools and community colleges in order to insure smooth transition.

Note: We adjusted our begin dates to align with Florida State University to ensure smooth transition for our students

*Rotations for the College of Pharmacy may end 08/12/2016.



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Subject: Moment of Recognition – Academic Achievement

Summary: Loren Vasquez and Tameka C. Franco

Loren Vasquez is a full-time third-year student who grew up in South Florida. He has twice participated in the Puerto Rican Bar Association Moot Court Competition, winning Best Team both years. He serves as Editor-in-Chief of Florida A&M University *Law Review*. Additionally, he is a Policy and Decision Tools Fellow for FAMU's NOAA Environmental Cooperative Science Center. After taking the Florida Bar Exam, Mr. Vasquez will begin a two-year clerkship with the Honorable F. Rand Wallis in Florida's Fifth District Court of Appeal. He hopes to follow his judicial clerkship with a career in environmental and land use law.

Tameka C. Franco is a full-time second-year student from West Palm Beach, Florida. She serves as a governor for The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Law Student Division, a Staff Editor on The Florida A&M University Law Review, and a student representative for LexisNexis and Barbri. Ms. Franco was chosen to attend the 2014 Thurgood Marshall Leadership Institute and recently completed her first Moot Court Competition where she was received the award for Best Advocate and Best Team. She is interested in practicing corporate and civil litigation.