

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Minutes
Trustee Nicole Washington, Chair
June 11, 2025

Trustee Nicole Washington called the meeting to order. Ms. Valeria Singleton called the roll, and the following committee members were present: Jamal Brown, Zayla Bryant, Natlie Figgers, Deveron Gibbons, Belvin Perry, and Nicole Washington. A quorum was established.

The Committee recommended approval of the following items:

Minutes for February 12, 2025 – Trustee Perry moved to approve the minutes for the meeting on February 12, 2025. Trustee Bryant seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Tenure - Applications for tenure were reviewed by the departments, the colleges/schools, the University Tenure and Promotion Committee, Provost Watson, and Interim President Beard. The applicants were evaluated based on their professional experiences, teaching effectiveness, university service, public service, demonstrated contributions to their teaching discipline, technical and performance competencies, publications and research records, certifications and exceptional scholarly or creative activities.

The 16 faculty members listed below were nominated for tenure:

Candidate Name	College/School	Department/Division
Jamel Ali	FAMU-FSU College of Engineering	Chemical and Biomedical Engineering
Bayaner Arigong	FAMU-FSU College of Engineering	Electrical & Computer Engineering
Vanessa Crowther	School of Allied Health Sciences	Health Care Management
Rafael Gamero	College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities	English and Modern Languages
Robbya Green-Weir	School of Allied Health Sciences	Health Care Management
Kajsa Henry	College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities	English and Modern Languages
Jacquelyn McMillan	College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities	Social Work
Kendra Mitchell	College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities	English and Modern Languages
Brandon Moton	School of Allied Health Sciences	Health Science
Brittany Nash	School of Allied Health Sciences	Occupational Therapy
Kellie O'Dare	College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences _Institute of Public Health (CoPPS_IPH)	Institute of Public Health

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Carlos Reyes-Ortiz	College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences _Institute of Public Health (CoPPS_IPH)	Institute of Public Health
Kenisha Thomas	College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities	Social Work
Angela Tidwell	School of Business and Industry	Information Systems & Operations Management
Marilyn Weatherspoon	School of Allied Health Sciences	Health Science
Clement Yedjou	College of Science and Technology	Biological Sciences

Trustee Bryant moved to approve the recommendations for tenure. Trustee Gibbons seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Amended Regulation 4.105 (Textbook Affordability) - The regulation was amended to align with Florida Board of Governors Regulation 8.003. The revisions included a faculty attestation statement confirming that faculty have reviewed courses taught each semester by the BOG Regulation 8.003. The regulation requires college/school administrative unit leaders to monitor adherence to textbook adoption deadlines each term. Additionally, all faculty must submit course syllabi (both undergraduate and graduate) to be posted at least 45 days before the first day of class, with statewide general education course syllabi remaining posted for at least five consecutive years. Further, FAMU, through its bookstore provider, must maintain a searchable database, and the FAMU Board of Trustees must submit an annual report by September 30 to the Board of Governors on Textbook and Instructional Materials. The title of FAMU Regulation 4.105 is changed from Textbook Affordability to Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability.

Trustee Gibbons moved to approve Amended Regulation 4.105 (Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability). Trustee Perry seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

Student Affairs Updates – informational updates were provided:

- Dr. William Hudson, Jr. provided updates on admissions, financial aid, and hazing prevention.
- The Office of Undergraduate Admissions and Recruitment continues to experience increases in first-time-in-college (FTIC) applications, with a 10% increase in FTIC applications over last year.
 - This year, we are recruiting students graduating with a high school diploma and an Associate of Arts degree. We have 643 applicants (or admitted students) this year who have received their AA.
- Data regarding the feeder counties was provided based on application and admission data. Data was also provided highlighting the top 10 feeder states.

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- There was a question regarding the impact of the Department of Education allowing the states to control the delivery of financial aid. Historically, before the federal government became the governing authority, the states controlled and maintained financial aid. If the decision is made to return that function to the states, it's not unfamiliar territory. However, there will be some complexity in moving the information.
- Hazing Prevention Update: During the 2024 – 2025 academic year, there were six separate investigations involving allegations of hazing. None of the cases were substantiated regarding individuals or organizations found responsible of hazing. FAMU continues to use the recommended online hazing prevention course module (Alivetek).

Academic Affairs Updates – informational updates were provided:

Student Success and Institutional Accountability – During the Deans' Council retreat in May, Vice Chancellor Emily Sykes from the Florida Board of Governors provided an overview of SUS 30. In addition, Dr. Roddrick Jones, Vice President for Strategic Planning, Analysis, and Institutional Effectiveness provided an in-depth review of the colleges/schools' dashboards and KPI's structures aligning our planning with not only the Boldly Striking Strategic Plan but the SUS 30 strategic priorities.

During the summer retreat, Provost Watson will do a deep dive into the happenings so that the Trustees will better understand the academic units. The deep dive will include everything from enrollment per unit to the number of research expenditure dollars and the cost of tuition compared to enrollment.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Washington, Committee Chair