

MINUTES
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
University of Florida
March 27, 2024

Video or audio archives of the meetings of the Board of Governors and its committees are accessible at:

<https://thefloridachannel.org/videos/1-24-24-board-of-governors-meeting/>

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Chair Cerio convened the meeting at 9:01 a.m. on March 27, 2024, with the following Governors present: Governors Edge, Bell Barnett, Frost, Haddock, Hitchcock, and Phalin. A quorum was established.

2. Minutes of Committee Meeting

Chair Cerio requested a motion to approve the committee meeting minutes for January 24, 2024. Governor Frost moved to approve, Governor Phalin seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

3. Public Notice of Intent to Repeal Board of Governors Regulation 8.004, Academic Program Coordination

Chair Cerio recognized Ms. Emily Sikes, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, to provide an overview of the Public Notice of Intent to Repeal Board of Governors Regulation 8.004, Academic Program Coordination.

Ms. Sikes stated that the proposal to repeal Regulation 8.004, Academic Program Coordination, is to incorporate the requirement for reviewing academic programs by the Council of Academic Vice Presidents (CAVP) and the CAVP Academic Coordinating Group (CAVP ACG) into the proposed amendment to Regulation 8.011, Authorization of New Academic Degree Programs and Other Curricular Offerings. This action will streamline the program coordination and approval process into one regulation. In addition, Board staff worked with universities to simplify the academic program approval form to make the process more efficient.

Chair Cerio requested a motion to approve the Public Notice of Intent to Repeal Board of Governors Regulation 8.004, Academic Program Coordination. Governor Phalin moved to approve, Governor Haddock seconded, and the motion passed.

4. Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.006, Civic Literacy

Chair Cerio recognized Dr. Lynn Nelson, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, to provide an overview of the Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.006, Civic Literacy.

Dr. Nelson explained that at the January 24, 2024, meeting, the Board of Governors approved an amendment to Regulation 8.005, General Education Course Options, which added AMH X010, Introductory Survey to 1877, as a general education core course option in the social sciences. The course was reviewed by a faculty discipline committee on February 23, 2024. The faculty committee recommended that the student learning outcomes of the course be updated to align with the civic literacy competencies outlined in section 1007.25, Florida Statutes. As a result of this recommendation, Dr. Nelson outlined that the AMH X010 course will satisfy two requirements for students starting in the fall of 2024. The course will meet the general education core requirement for social sciences and the civic literacy course requirement. In addition, the faculty discipline committee reviewed CLEP History United States I and determined that the exam does meet the civic literacy competencies.

Dr. Nelson presented the proposed amendment to Regulation 8.006, Civic Literacy. The proposed amendment included recognizing the AMH X010 course and the CLEP History United States I exam to meet the civic literacy course requirement. The proposed amendment also included a provision for undergraduate students entering in fall 2024 to complete the Florida Civic Literacy Examination to meet the assessment requirement, replacing the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Naturalization Test. Dr. Nelson explained that the change in the examination aligns with the examination used by the Florida College System and Florida high school students.

Chair Cerio requested a motion to approve the Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.006, Civic Literacy. Governor Frost moved to approve, Governor Edge seconded, and the motion passed.

5. New College of Florida Master of Science in Marine Mammal Science, CIP 45.0102

Chair Cerio next recognized Dr. Nelson to provide an overview of the proposed New College of Florida Master of Science in Marine Mammal Science, CIP 45.0102.

Dr. Nelson reported that the proposed Master of Science in Marine Mammal Science offers an interdisciplinary course of study that will provide students with knowledge and skills in marine mammal research and analysis. She highlighted that students will be provided opportunities to conduct publication-quality research and participate in internship experiences alongside industry partners in marine wildlife conservation.

Dr. Nelson said that New College anticipates enrolling ten students in the program's first year and growing over the first five years to more than 60 students.

She highlighted that workforce demand for survey researchers, conservation scientists, and natural science managers is growing faster in Florida than at the national level.

Dr. Nelson also reported that the proposed program will be funded through education and general funds, as well as existing grants and endowment funds. New College will charge students the currently approved graduate tuition rate of \$474.33 per credit hour for resident students and \$1,169.47 per credit hour for non-resident students.

President Richard Corcoran of New College of Florida recognized the talented faculty directing the new marine mammal science program.

Chair Cerio requested a motion to approve New College of Florida's Master of Science in Marine Mammal Science, CIP 45.0102, at the currently approved graduate tuition rate of \$474.33 per credit hour for resident students and \$1,169.47 per credit hour for nonresident students, with a program implementation date of fall 2024. Governor Phalin moved to approve, Governor Frost seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

6. University of Florida Proposed Jacksonville Site

Chair Cerio recognized Dr. Ben Sasse, President of the University of Florida, to provide an overview of the request to establish the UF Jacksonville site.

President Sasse asked that the Chair of the University of Florida's Board of Trustees, Mr. Mori Hosseini, provide background on the proposed site.

Board of Trustees Chair Hosseini emphasized the importance of Jacksonville's commitment to the University of Florida throughout the planning process. He stated that the UF Jacksonville campus will strengthen partnerships with the University of North Florida, producing significant benefits for the region.

President Sasse reported that the UF Jacksonville campus will be designed to include artificial intelligence (AI) segments in academic programs to prepare students to meet the needs of the growing digital economy across the state. The campus will also offer programs at market-rate tuition while adhering to the policies of the Board of Governors.

Vice President Kurt Dudas of the University of Florida provided an overview of the academic programs that are planned for the Jacksonville site. The proposed programs include two degrees from the Warrington College of Business, two degrees from the Hebert Wertheim College of Engineering, three degrees from the College of Public Health and Health Professions, and one program in the study of law designed for non-lawyers working in tax compliance.

All of the programs would be offered part-time to meet the needs of working professionals.

Vice President Dudas noted that a temporary campus site would be located within the Jacksonville Electric Authority Headquarters building in downtown Jacksonville. He said the permanent campus would be constructed at one of three potential locations, including the Prime Osbourne Convention Center, Florida State College at Jacksonville on Laura Street, or the Jacksonville Fairgrounds site adjacent to Everbank Football Stadium.

Governor Edge emphasized the importance of memorializing the collaboration between the University of Florida and the University of North Florida for future reference to ensure it is in the state's best interest.

Governor Haddock highlighted the implications of AI for the system's mission and strategic goals. He emphasized that the UF Jacksonville site presents a unique opportunity to address the growth of AI in the state and expand educational offerings with regional business partners.

Governor Levine commented that state universities should collaborate to enhance their competitiveness against out-of-state institutions vying for in-state talent.

Dr. Moez Limayen, President of the University of North Florida, and Mr. Kevin Hyde, Board of Trustees Chair for the University of North Florida, reaffirmed their commitment to collaborating with the University of Florida on curriculum, shared facilities, and regional research efforts to support the community of Northeast Florida.

President Sasse emphasized the importance of keeping up with the rapid pace of AI in higher education. He suggested utilizing the HiPerGator, UF's supercomputer, to support research with the University of North Florida and benefit Jacksonville industries.

University of Florida, Board of Trustees Chair Hosseini clarified that the University of Florida would return for the Board for approval of the proposed new programs and tuition. He also noted that the city of Jacksonville came to the University of Florida in direct support of a UF Jacksonville campus.

Board Chair Brian Lamb emphasized the importance of university collaboration at an elite level and the need for accountability in executing university partnerships.

Chair Cerio requested a motion to approve the establishment of the University of Florida Jacksonville educational site with graduate-level programs as a Type III Campus, initially starting with a temporary instructional site until the campus is constructed at one of the three site locations identified at the meeting. This motion also serves as an approval of the request to establish the campus with the nine academic programs and concentrations included in the request. This motion does not include any approval of academic programs or tuition actions subject to Board of Governors regulations and

state law. If enrollment exceeds 1,000 FTE at this site at any point, the University of Florida will need to come to the Board to request the site be reclassified to a Type II or Type I campus. Governor Frost moved to approve, Governor Haddock seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

7. Academic and Student Affairs Update

A. Florida Student Association (FSA)

Governor Hitchcock noted that the Florida Student Association recently traveled to Washington, D.C., to lobby on legislative issues related to student interactions with universities.

B. Advisory Council of Faculty Senates (ACFS)

Governor Phalin reported that the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates (ACFS) changed its constitution to align the terms for faculty and student governors. Both terms will now start in June.

8. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Having no further business, Chair Cerio adjourned the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Tim Cerio, Chair

Ryan Ford,
Policy Associate, Academic and Student Affairs