

MINUTES
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BOARD OF GOVERNORS
ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
June 27, 2024

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<https://thefloridachannel.org/videos/6-27-24-florida-board-of-governors-meeting/>.

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Chair Cerio convened the meeting at 1:03 p.m. with the following Governors present: Governors Edge, Bell Barnett, Frost, Haddock, Brinkman, and Phalin. A quorum was established.

2. Minutes of Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting

Chair Cerio requested a motion to approve the committee meeting minutes for May 8, 2024. Governor Phalin moved to approve, Governor Frost seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

3. Civil Discourse Implementation Update

Chair Cerio noted that all universities in the System have submitted plans regarding the Board's civil discourse initiative. He emphasized the importance of fostering civil discourse and commended universities in the System for programs supporting the Board's initiative.

4. Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.009,
Educational Sites

Chair Cerio recognized Ms. Emily Sikes, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, to provide an overview of the proposal to amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.009, Educational Sites.

Ms. Sikes explained that the proposed amendment clarifies definitions and approval processes for educational sites. Ms. Sikes noted that the proposed changes incorporate months of feedback from the universities and address the process used by the University of Florida to establish the Jacksonville site. She noted that the proposed amendment would rename the regulation from Educational Sites to Educational Locations.

Chair Cerio requested a motion to approve the Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.009, Educational Sites. Governor Phalin moved to approve, Governor Bell Barnett seconded, and the motion passed.

5. New College of Florida CIP Code Change Requests

Chair Cerio recognized Dr. Lynn Nelson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Innovation, to provide an overview of the request from New College of Florida to change CIP codes for academic programs.

Dr. Nelson stated that New College of Florida submitted a plan to the Chancellor's office to significantly reorganize its CIP codes. She added that due to the unique nature of the institution's request, staff recommended that the proposed CIP change requests be reviewed by the Academic Coordination Group, Board staff, New College of Florida's Board of Trustees, and the Board of Governors. She noted that the Academic Coordination Group and Board staff reviewed the request, expressing no concerns. The board of trustees approved the request on April 11, 2024.

Dr. Nelson notified the Board that New College of Florida requested changes to CIP codes for 28 existing programs. She noted that the changes incorporate discipline-specific CIP codes for programs that were more broadly categorized. She reported that the curricula, faculty, and cost of the programs would not change. Dr. Nelson added that the revisions would increase the number of the institution's programs that qualify as a Program of Strategic Emphasis from one to ten. Dr. Nelson explained that the revisions would also enhance articulation between the Florida College System and New College.

Chair Cerio requested a motion to approve New College of Florida's CIP code change requests. Governor Edge moved to approve, Governor Phalin seconded, and the motion passed.

6. Articulation Coordinating Committee's Equivalency Lists

A. Credit-by-Exam

Chair Cerio recognized Dr. Nelson to provide an overview of changes to the Credit-by-Exam Equivalency List recommended by the Articulation Coordinating Committee at its June 7, 2024, meeting.

Dr. Nelson explained that the proposed update to the Credit-by-Exam Equivalency List included recognizing the CLEP exam, History of the United States I, as meeting the general education core course requirement and the civic literacy competency requirement. Dr. Nelson noted that no exams were added to the equivalency list.

Chair Cerio requested a motion to approve the Articulation Coordinating Committee's Credit-by-Exam Equivalency List. Governor Bell Barnett moved to approve, Governor Frost seconded, and the motion passed.

B. Credit or Clock Hour for Military Experience

Chair Cerio recognized Dr. Nelson to provide an overview of the Credit or Clock Hour for Military Experience List recommended by the Articulation Coordinating Committee at its February 21, 2024, meeting.

Dr. Nelson stated that the list of additional academic credit or clock hour equivalencies for military experience approved by the Articulation Coordinating Committee was ready for the Board of Governors and State Board of Education to consider for approval.

Chair Cerio requested a motion to approve the Articulation Coordinating Committee's Credit or Clock Hour for Military Experience List. Governor Phalin moved to approve, Governor Frost seconded, and the motion passed.

C. Credit or Clock Hour for Law Enforcement Experience

Chair Cerio recognized Dr. Nelson to provide an overview of the Credit or Clock Hour for Law Enforcement Experience List recommended by the Articulation Coordinating Committee at its June 7, 2024, meeting.

Dr. Nelson stated that the list of additional academic credit or clock hour equivalencies for law enforcement experience approved by the Articulation Coordinating Committee was ready for the Board of Governors and State Board of Education to consider for approval.

Chair Cerio requested a motion to approve the Articulation Coordinating Committee's Credit or Clock Hour for Law Enforcement Experience List. Governor Edge moved to approve, Governor Phalin seconded, and the motion passed.

D. Credit or Clock Hour for Combat Medic Experience

Chair Cerio recognized Dr. Nelson to provide an overview of the Credit or Clock Hour for Combat Medic Experience List recommended by the Articulation Coordinating Committee at its June 7, 2024, meeting.

Dr. Nelson stated that the list of academic credit or clock hour equivalencies for combat medics recommended by the Articulation Coordinating Committee was ready for the Board of Governors and State Board of Education to consider for approval. She noted that this was the first list of equivalencies for combat medic experience to be considered for approval.

Chair Cerio requested a motion to approve the Articulation Coordinating Committee's Credit or Clock Hour for Combat Medic Experience List. Governor Phalin moved to approve, Governor Bell Barnett seconded, and the motion passed.

7. Academic and Student Affairs Updates

A. Council for Student Affairs (CSA)

Dr. Larry Faerman, Vice President for Student Affairs at Florida Atlantic University and the incoming chair for the Council of Student Affairs, provided an update on recent activities.

Dr. Faerman discussed the health and wellness summit recently held at the University of Central Florida. The summit provides a professional opportunity for student affairs leaders in the System to share ideas and practices to enhance student success. Topics included strategies for wellness, hazing prevention, and telehealth. Dr. Faerman remarked that leadership and risk management models were also discussed, adding that data on these subjects will be presented to the Board upon being fully aggregated.

B. Florida Student Association (FSA)

Governor John Brinkman, Chair of the Florida Student Association, provided an overview of the organization's role and activities.

Governor Brinkman introduced himself to the Board and recognized the other members of the 2024-25 Florida Student Association. He encouraged members of the Board to work with the FSA members to have a more complete perspective on the System.

C. Advisory Council of Faculty Senates (ACFS)

Governor Amanda Phalin, Chair of the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates, provided an update on recent activities. Governor Phalin thanked members of the Board for reducing regulatory burdens on faculty, considering feedback from faculty, and working toward the common goal of improving the System for the State of Florida. She noted that high turnover across the System has led to several new faculty chairs and expressed optimism about how turnover could create opportunities for new ideas to guide the System going forward.

Chair Cerio emphasized the importance of allowing conflicting ideas to influence and improve the Board's work. He thanked other members for their communication and commitment to civil discourse.

8. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Having no further business, Chair Cerio adjourned the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

Tim Cerio, Chair

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