

FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
MEETING MINUTES
ONE POLY PLACE
439 S. Florida Avenue, Suite 300
Lakeland, FL 33801
May 2, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order

Dr. Sandra Featherman called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. Roll call was completed by Gina DeJulio. Members on the call were Chair Sandra Featherman, Trustee Dick Hallion, and Trustee Don Wilson (quorum). Others on the call: Trustee Kevin Hyman.

Staff & Consultants: Dr. Ghazi Darkazalli, Gina DeJulio, Mary Carpenter, and Mike Mattimore.

2. Approval of Minutes

Trustee Wilson made a motion to accept the minutes from March 19, 2013. Trustee Hallion seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Faculty Contract Models

Mike Mattimore spoke on creating a platform for employment for the faculty. Florida Polytechnic is looking at using a non-tenured model that is not a traditional model in the State University System. This model will allow for some security and reliability that will allow the University to recruit and retain top talent. He presented the Faculty Contract Model and answered questions asked by the Committee concerning the model.

Trustee Wilson proposed a motion to recommend to the full Board approval of the Faculty Contract that has been proposed for the University that offers faculty members a non-tenured fixed term contract and for the contracts to be renewable at the discretion of the University as reflected in the letter of offer and the faculty employment contract. Trustee Hallion seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. SACS Update

Dr. Carpenter gave an update on the SACS process. Updates will be brought before the Committee at each Academic Affairs monthly Committee meeting.

5. MERIT – Academic Summer Program Update

Dr. Darkazalli gave an update on the summer program MERIT (Medical Engineering and Robotics Innovation for Tomorrow). Florida Polytechnic is partnering with Winter Haven Hospital, All Saints Academy, and a group of surgical doctors that work at the robotic clinic at Winter Haven Hospital. Junior and Senior students will come from Polk County high schools.

6. Curriculum Development and Faculty Recruitment Update

Dr. Darkazalli presented the average SAT score and GPA that would be expected for admission to the University. Dr. Darkazalli advised there will also be several other factors the University will be looking at when students are recruited to the University.

7. Next Steps & Closing Remarks

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Hallion made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Trustee Wilson. The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.