

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



**Academic and Student Affairs Committee Minutes
Trustee Nicole Washington, Chair**

**April 17, 2019 @ 4 pm
President's Conference Room – Conference Call**

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Nicole Washington. Ms. Valeria Singleton called the roll and the following committee members were present: Bettye Grable; David Jackson, III; Dave Lawrence; Nicole Washington; and Robert Woody. A quorum was established.

Accountability Plan – Dr. Edington and Ms. Barrington presented and discussed the Accountability Plan.

Dr. Edington briefly discussed the six strategic priorities outlined in the University's 2017-2022 Strategic Plan to include specific areas of focus. In addition, Dr. Edington discussed the key initiatives for the next three years that will drive improvement in academic quality and operational efficiency.

Ms. Barrington briefly discussed the Graduation Rate Improvement Plan, Key Achievements for 2017-2018, and the Performance Based Funding Metrics.

Trustee Washington asked Ms. Barrington to describe the change to the cost per degree metric and whether the decline is unique to us or whether the other institutions saw a decline. Ms. Barrington stated that the decline is not unique to us because additional waivers, additional institutional scholarships, and Bright Future scholarships were reflected in Metric #3 (Average Cost to the Student).

Ms. Barrington stated that the Board of Governors (BOG) made a change this year to enrollment planning. The BOG is only looking at all degree-seeking students at all campuses instead of total headcount enrollment which include unclassified students (dual enrollment students).

Ms. Barrington also discussed a new table – **Percent of Baccalaureate-Seeking Resident Undergraduates Who Earned 15+ Credit Hours**. This metric is important to us because it will help our students graduate in four years.

Dr. Edington discussed the new programs under consideration by the University in academic years 2019-20 and 2020-22. The programs on both lists were identified as programs that have priority in our Strategic Plan. Several of the programs have been approved at the pre-proposal phase by the BOG Coordinating Committee. Listed on the chart are the proposed dates the programs will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval.

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Trustee Washington asked how many programs have been approved over the past five years and whether the programs met their projected enrollment targets. We will provide the data later for the new programs as it relates to their projected enrollment targets. Trustee Moore stated that additional information as to how the Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) program is included in the metrics.

Dr. Edington stated that an Academic Plan will be presented at the June meeting. The plan will address the IDS program, the distance education program, and other topics that are of interest to the Board.

Trustee Lawson stated that we should consider some executive education and put it on the radar for further discussion.

Trustee Grable made a motion to approve the Accountability Plan and it was seconded by Trustee Woody. The motion carried.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Washington, Committee Chair