# Minutes

**Trustees Present**Wilfredo Gonzalez, Paul McElroy, Annie Egan (acting chair), Jenna DuPilka, Stephen Joost

**Trustees Absent (excused)**

David Fenner and Adam Hollingsworth

## Item 1 Call to order

Trustee Egan (acting chair) recognized a quorum and called the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to order.

## Item 2 Public Comments

Trustee Egan offered those in attendance an opportunity for public comments. There were no comments from the public.

## **Item 3 Consent Agenda** Approval of draft minutes, October 11, 2018

Trustee Gonzalez made a MOTION to approve the minutes, Trustee Joost SECONDED. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

## **Item 4 Approval of New Degree Programs for the College of Computing, Engineering, and Construction** Interim Provost Chally introduced Dr. Chip Klostermeyer, Interim Dean of CCEC, who presented proposals for four new programs in Computing. These programs elevate what are currently four tracks into four distinct program degrees.

BS in Information Technology

BS in Information Systems

BS in Computer Science

BS in Information Science

These four programs are not new programs but currently tracks in Computer Science. The rationale for this change is to raise the profile of these programs, recruit and better monitor student progress. Additionally, the student transcripts will more appropriately identify the graduate’s specific degree. These degrees are increasing in enrollment, and it is helpful to distinct the degrees. UNF is the only

institution with four ABET accreditations in the nation. Moving in this direction is also in response to employers who would like to review the transcripts that are more specific to what the student skillset is.

There is no cost for the change to elevate these tracks to programs.

A question was whether there still needed to be a broad degree available to students. Dr. Klostermeyer responded that students are already in a narrow area of study since they enter the concentration and Director of Computing, Dr. Sherif Elfayoumy noted that this change will reduce student confusion and eliminate unnecessary credits. He indicated that this change is after reviewing some of the best curricula at the best programs nationally.

The new programs result in positive impact on the metrics: retention, employability, starting salaries, % STEM if the enrollment increases as expected. These programs are simply restructuring.

Trustees noted that there is a lot of IT development opportunities in Jacksonville. Dr. Klostermeyer stated that the community is interested in more IT graduates. A Trustee asked about collaboration with local industry, and Dr. Klostermeyer indicated that through the advisory council, there are many internship opportunities for our students.

An approval for these four programs is needed.

All four programs were unanimously approved.

## Item 5: Update on the College of Computing, Engineering, and Construction

Interim Dean Klostermeyer presented the current and future status of the CCEC. Questions included the following: can we reduce the number of credits down to 120? To accomplish that, we would have to eat into the general education requirements.

Is there an opportunity to engage the local military? Dr. Klostermeyer just met with NAS Jax last month and will continue to connect with them.

Is there a problem with math for students in the college? Calculus is problematic for the majors.

Trustee Gonzalez noted that the federal government has contracts for data warehousing (for example, HUD) and women engineers in the small business. Trustee Egan noted the program “Girls Who Code”.

## **Item 6: Update on Academic and Student Affairs Restructure** Interim Associate Provost Dan Moon updated the Board with a presentation on the status of the integration of Student Affairs with Academic Affairs.

Item 7: AdjournmentActing Chair Egan called for the meeting to adjourn.