# MINUTES

**Committee Trustees Present**: Annie Egan, David Fenner, Stephen Joost, Paul McElroy

**Committee Trustees Absent (excused)**: Adam Hollingsworth, Wilfredo Gonzalez

## Item 1 Call to Order

Trustee Egan called the meeting to order at 11:56 a.m. and recognized a quorum.

## Item 2 Public Comments

Trustee Egan offered those in attendance the opportunity to comment on items on the Academic and Student Affairs Committee agenda. There were no public comments.

## Item 3 Consent Agenda

Trustee Egan asked for a MOTION to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Joost made a MOTION to approve, and Trustee McElroy SECONDED the motion. The consent agenda was APPROVED.

## Item 4 Amended Regulation 5.0020R Prohibition Against Hazing

Dr. Andrea Adams-Manning, Dean of Students and Ms. Rachel Winter, University Conduct Officer, addressed the Board and spoke of the need for amendments to the regulation prohibiting hazing (5.0020R). The proposed amendments broaden the definition of hazing, reference the Medical Amnesty Policy and “Andrew’s Law” and would make the regulation fully compliant with Florida Board of Governors regulations and Florida Statutes. Trustee Egan asked if there were any questions with regard to the proposed amendments. As there were none, Trustee Egan requested a MOTION to approve the proposed amendments to the regulation. Trustee Aloszka made a MOTION and Trustee Joost SECONDED. The amended regulation was APPROVED.

## Item 5 New Program Proposal – Global Master of Business Administration (MBA) in International Business

Provost Rhodes addressed the Board and spoke about the proposed Global Master of Business Administration (MBA) program in International Business. International Business has been a concentration within the MBA program, but the proposed new program will create a

standalone MBA in International Business. The Provost advised that this programmatic change fits well into the State University System’s Strategic Plan. It will enable UNF to include the International Business Global MBA program as a Program of Strategic Emphasis under the area of Economic Development – Global Competitiveness.

Trustee Egan asked for a MOTION to approve the New Program Proposal – Global MBA in International Business. Trustee Joost made a MOTION to approve, and Trustee McElroy SECONDED. The new program was APPROVED.

## Item 6 New Program Proposal – Master of Science (M.S.) in Educational Technology, Training and Development

Provost Rhodes addressed the Board about an additional new program proposal – the Master of Science (M.S.) in Educational Technology, Training and Development. The Educational Technology, Training and Development program is currently offered as a concentration within the Master of Education (MEd) in Educational Leadership graduate program. The Provost advised that this programmatic change also fits well into the State University System’s Strategic Plan. It will enable UNF to include the M.S. in Educational Technology, Training and Development program as a Program of Strategic Emphasis under the are of Economic Development – STEM.

Trustee Egan asked for a MOTION to approve the New Program Proposal – Global MBA in International Business. Trustee Fenner made a MOTION to approve, and Trustee Joost SECONDED. The new program was APPROVED.

## Item 7 Update from the Provost

Provost Rhodes provided an update on initiatives within his division. He relayed that the recently integrated Academic and Student Affairs division has allowed the division to have a more student centric approach. Provost Rhodes noted that UNF has a high number of first-generation students and has developed supports to assist these students with a successful transition into higher education. The UNF *Rise Above* resilience program is a toolkit, available 24 hours a day, which is designed to help students build resiliency. UNF is in the process of implementing *Ad Astra* scheduling software which allows universities to provide more student centric course offerings, by suggesting schedules tailored to students’ needs. Provost Rhodes

relayed that UNF is also using an advising software system – *Elucian Degree Works* – which allows students to log in from any location and use academic planning tools to track their progress to degree attainment.

Dr. Rhodes relayed that he sees the division of Academic and Student Affairs working in partnership with the Faculty Association. Academic and Student Affairs have put a task force together to examine how UNF conceptualizes thinking about teaching. They will provide resources to Chairs to ensure that Chairs have the appropriate training. The Provost also emphasized that UNF needs to diversify its staff.

## Item 8 UNF Faculty Association Update

Trustee Fenner shared that Dr. David Jaffee has been selected to serve as Faculty Ombudsman and will work on the faculty wellbeing committee. The committee will focus on the quality of work life and on how to conduct appropriate evaluations of teaching. The faculty have also put together an Identity Task Force, focusing in part on how faculty conceive of themselves within the Strategic Plan.

Dr. Fenner reminded the Trustees that, per Chair Hyde’s request, the President’s Office will reach out to the Trustees to arrange one-on-one lunches with Trustees and individual faculty members, in order to further engage Trustees with UNF and the faculty.

## Item 9 UNF Student Government Update

Trustee Aloszka addressed the Board and provided an update on recent activities of the UNF Student Government which support student wellbeing, including student mental and physical wellness. He spoke of the proposed Student Involvement Center which would be a centralized campus space (within the student union), to help students identify opportunities to better engage on campus. It would also provide a space for peer mentorship and support. Trustee Aloszka stressed the positive impact on retention these services have.

Trustee Aloszka spoke of food insecurity among UNF students and shared that the rate of poverty among UNF students is 31%. The UNF Lend-A-Wing Pantry has over 100 student visits per month. It is currently in Hicks Hall, and Trustee Aloszka indicated that moving it to central campus could be helpful. Trustee Aloszka also relayed that the Florida Student Association (FSA) has been working to support an appropriations bill which would fund homelessness and

food insecurity programs on college campuses. It has also been working to try to eliminate the textbook tax.

## Item 10 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:29 pm.