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Thursday, June 12, 2025, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

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Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Public Comment

III. Action Items

A. ASA-1: Consent Agenda

1. 3.5.25 Academic and Student Affairs Committee Draft Meeting Minutes

B. ASA-2: Faculty Tenure Recommendations

12:00 PM

Presenter: Karen Patterson, Provost

C. ASA-3: Tenure Upon Hire - Dr. Lyle McKinney

12:05 PM

Presenter: Steve Dittmore, Dean of Silverfield College of Education and Human Services

D. ASA-4: Proposed New Degree: BS in Kinesiology

12:08 PM

Presenter: John Kantner, Senior Associate Provost of Faculty & Research

E. ASA-5: Proposed New Major: Astronomy added to BS in Physics

12:11 PM

Presenter: John Kantner, Senior Associate Provost of Faculty & Research

F. ASA-6: Proposed New Major: Accounting and Data Analytics added to MS in Business Analytics

12:14 PM

Presenter: John Kantner, Senior Associate Provost of Faculty & Research

G. ASA-7: Proposed New Majors added to Existing Degree – BS in Public Relations; BS in Multimedia Journalism; BS in Advertising; BS in Digital Video Production

12:17 PM

Presenter: John Kantner, Senior Associate Provost of Faculty & Research

H. ASA-8: Proposed Amended Regulation: 5.0020R - Prohibition Against Hazing

12:20 PM

Presenter: Robyn Blank, Associate Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer

I. ASA-9: Proposed Amended Regulation: 1.0040R Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity

12:25 PM

Presenter: Robyn Blank, Associate Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer

J. ASA-9: General Education Core Courses

12:30 PM

Presenter: Kaveri Subrahmanyam, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

IV. Discussion Items

A. DISC-1: Post-Tenure Review Results

12:40 PM

Presenter: Karen Patterson, Provost

B. DISC-2: Provost's Quarterly: Around the Nest - Accelerate the Success of Faculty and Staff

12:50 PM

Presenter: Mike Binder Ph. D., Faculty Director, Public Opinion Research Lab

V. Adjournment

1:00 PM



UNF Board of Trustees
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
June 12, 2025

Subject: March 5, 2025 Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action:

Approval of March 5, 2025 Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

Background Information:

Committee members will review and approve the Minutes of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting held on March 5, 2025.

Supporting documentation:

1. 3.5.25 Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

Presenter:

Ali Korman Shelton, Chair of Academic and Student Affairs Committee



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Subject: Tenure Recommendations – 2024–2025 Academic Year

Recommended Action:

Approval of Tenure Recommendations for 2024–2025 Academic Year

Background Information:

The list of faculty candidates recommended for tenure for the 2024–2025 academic year will be presented. Each candidate has undergone a comprehensive, year-long review process aligned with rigorous departmental and institutional standards.

Recommendations have been made by external subject matter experts, the departmental peer review committee, department chair, college dean, the University Promotion and Tenure Committee, the Provost, and the President.

These candidates will be brought forward to the committee for approval and subsequent recommendation to the Board of Trustees as part of the Consent Agenda.

Supporting documentation:

1. Slate of Recommended Tenure Candidates for 2024–2025 Academic Year

Presenter:

Dr. Karen Patterson, Provost



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Subject: Tenure Upon Hire – Dr. Lyle McKinney

Recommended Action:

Approval of Dr. Lyle McKinney's tenure upon hire

Background Information:

The committee will review and consider the recommendation for tenure upon hire for Dr. Lyle McKinney, incoming Andrew S. Robinson Endowed Professor in Education Policy and Economic Development.

Dr. McKinney holds a PhD in higher education administration from the University of Florida. He is currently a professor of Higher Education Administration and Policy Studies at the University of Houston, an R1 institution, where he also serves as co-founder and co-director of the Education Research Lab-Houston, a longstanding research-practice partnership between the UH College of Education and the Houston Community College System.

Supporting documentation:

1. Lyle McKinney Curriculum Vitae
2. PPT slide

Presenter:

Dr. Stephen Dittmore, Dean, Silverfield College of Education and Human Services



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Subject: Proposed New Degree – BS in Kinesiology

Recommended Action:

Approval; Motion and Second Required

Background Information:

The proposed Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology directly supports the State University System (SUS) Strategic Plan and UNF's institutional goals by addressing workforce needs in health-related fields, enhancing academic quality, and expanding community engagement. As the only CAAHEP/CoAES-accredited program in northeast Florida, it will strengthen the SUS's academic reputation, increase degree productivity, and foster interdisciplinary research in areas such as obesity, aging, and sports performance. The program will produce approximately 90 graduates in Year 1, growing annually, and prepare students for careers or graduate studies in high-demand health professions. It will also support faculty development, attract external funding, and promote commercialization of health innovations. Community partnerships will be expanded through clinical placements and service-learning, reinforcing UNF's mission to enrich lives and fuel regional prosperity. The program replaces the current BS in Health concentration in Kinesiology, reallocating its \$763,417 base budget, and is projected to enroll 180 students in Year 1, increasing to 250 by Year 5.

Supporting documentation:

1. PPT

Presenter:

Dr. John Kantner, Senior Associate Provost for Faculty Success



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Subject: Proposed New Major added to Existing Degree – BS in Astronomy

Recommended Action:

Approval; Motion and Second Required

Background Information:

A new Astronomy major will be added to the existing BS degree and major in Physics to be implemented Fall 2025. The Astronomy major will focus on data science and will be integrated into newly established astronomy courses. Students will analyze real data to support their learning, and gain training in statistical methods, scientific reasoning, and critical thinking skills. The proposed new major in Astronomy at UNF directly supports the university's strategic plan by advancing its focus on data science, increasing research activity, and enhancing student recruitment and degree productivity. Designed with a data science emphasis from inception, the program will be the only one of its kind in the State University System (SUS) outside of UF, addressing a statewide gap in specialized astronomy education. With over \$1.7 million in recent federal grants awarded to astronomy faculty and active participation in the AstroFlorida initiative, the program will elevate UNF's research profile and foster statewide collaboration. It will also attract students who might otherwise leave Florida for astronomy degrees, supporting UNF's enrollment growth goal of 25,000 students by 2028. By leveraging existing faculty expertise and overlapping curricula with physics, the program will efficiently expand academic offerings while contributing to workforce development in data-intensive scientific fields.

Supporting documentation:

1. PPT

Presenter:

Dr. John Kantner, Senior Associate Provost for Faculty Success



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Subject: Proposed New Major added to Existing Degree – MS in Accounting and Data Analytics

Recommended Action:

Approval; Motion and Second Required

Background Information:

A new Accounting and Data Analytics major will be added to the existing MS degree and major in Business Analytics to be implemented Fall 2025. The Accounting and Data Analytics major prepares graduates to tackle complex financial challenges through data-driven strategies and advanced analytical techniques. This enhances the traditional accounting curriculum with cutting-edge analytical skills but also meets the evolving demands of the global market for professionals who are adept at interpreting and leveraging financial data within an information-driven economic context. The Accounting and Data Analytics major will elevate UNF's academic prestige, expand research and innovation, and foster external funding opportunities. It also strengthens community and industry engagement by meeting the talent needs of Jacksonville's accounting sector and supports faculty success through interdisciplinary research. As a direct response to UNF's strategic focus on data science, cybersecurity, and information technologies, the program will attract top-tier students and enrich the local and state workforce.

Supporting documentation:

1. PPT

Presenter:

Dr. John Kantner, Senior Associate Provost for Faculty Success



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Subject: Proposed New Majors added to Existing Degree – BS in Public Relations; BS in Multimedia Journalism; BS in Advertising; BS in Digital Video Production

Recommended Action:

Approval; Motion and Second Required

Background Information:

The current four concentrations of the BS in Communication—Public Relations, Multimedia Journalism, Advertising, and Digital Video Production—are being elevated to standalone majors under the existing CIP code of the BS in Communications effective Spring 2026. The elevation from concentration to major will not require any additional resources but will strengthen students' positions in the job marketplace with greater specificity. The changes were supported by the program's external advisory council and students. The new majors directly support the UNF strategic plan and SUS strategic plan priorities of community engagement and relevant research.

Supporting documentation:

1. PPT

Presenter:

Dr. John Kantner, Senior Associate Provost for Faculty Success



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Subject: Proposed Amended Regulation 5.0020R, Prohibition Against Hazing

Recommended Action:

Approval of Amendments to UNF Regulation 5.0020R

Background Information:

This regulation provides notice of UNF's prohibition of hazing activities and procedures for investigation and adjudication. Revisions are pursuant to passage of the federal Stop Campus Hazing Act, which adopts a comprehensive definition of hazing and designates it a reportable crime for Clery Act purposes.

Supporting documentation:

1. Redline version of proposed amended regulation
2. Clean version of proposed amended regulation

Presenter:

Robyn Blank, Associate Vice President and Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer



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Subject: Proposed Amended Regulation 1.0040R, Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity Regulation

Recommended Action:

Approval of Amendments to UNF Regulation 1.0040R

Background Information:

Changes to the regulatory landscape at the state and federal levels necessitate updates to UNF's regulation prohibiting discrimination and retaliation. Revisions provide for enhanced definitions of "Responsible Employee," "Confidential Employee," and "Student," and set expectations for reporting of regulation violations. Revisions also provide updates to available campus offices and names of offices, including the Office of Title IX and Civil Rights (formerly Equal Opportunity and Inclusion).

Supporting documentation:

1. Redline version of amended regulation
2. Clean version of amended regulation

Presenter:

Robyn Blank, Associate Vice President and Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer



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Subject: 2026-27 General Education Course List Review

Recommended Action:

Approval of UNF 2026-27 General Education Course List

Background Information:

In May 2023, the State of Florida enacted Senate Bill 266, introducing changes to higher education across the state. These changes included updates to general education standards and subject areas at all public universities and state colleges.

Following this legislation, Sections 1007.25 and 1007.55 of the Florida Statutes authorized the Board of Governors (BOG) to revise Regulation 8.005: *General Education Course Options*. The updated regulation, reflecting new core course options and standards, was based on recommendations from the state's Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC) in October 2023 and received full BOG approval in January 2024.

As a result, General education courses at Florida's public postsecondary institutions undergo annual reviews to ensure compliance with state statutes. Each institution's Board of Trustees must approve its list and submit both the approved list and presidential certification by September 1.

Supporting documentation:

1. UNF 26-27 Gen Ed Curriculum-1
2. UNF 26-27 Gen Ed Curriculum
3. President Institution Certification 2026
4. PPT Presentation

Presenter:

Dr. Kaveri Subrahmanyam, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences



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Subject: 2024-2025 Post Tenure Review

Recommended Action:

No action necessary. This item is for informational purposes only.

Background Information:

Per BOG regulation 10.003 Post-Tenure Faculty Review, the chief academic officer shall report annually to the university president and Board of Trustees on the outcomes of the outcomes of the post-tenure review process for the previous fiscal year.

Supporting documentation:

1. PTR Report to President and BOT

Presenter:

Dr. Karen Patterson, Provost



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Subject: Provost's Quarterly: Around the Nest – Connecting Faculty

Recommended Action:

No action necessary. It is presented as an informational item.

Background Information:

Provost's Quarterly: Around the Nest is a quarterly ASA presentation. Each quarterly presentation focuses on one of the four UNF's Strategic Plan areas of focus. 1) Ensure Student Success from Enrollment to Employment and Beyond 2) Inspire Relevant Research and Impactful Innovation 3) Expand Mutually Rewarding/Beneficial Partnerships with the Community 4) Accelerate the Success of Faculty and Staff

Dr. Binder will discuss initiatives to connect faculty to campus and highlight faculty and student creative works in the Art, Art History, and Design Department

Supporting documentation:

1. PPT

Presenter:

Dr. Michael Binder, Interim Assistant Vice President of Faculty Relations, Academic and Student Affairs