



Academic & Student Affairs Committee Meeting

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Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

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Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Public Comment

IV. Action Items

A. ASA-1: Consent Agenda

1. 2.19.26 Academic and Student Affairs Committee Draft Meeting Minutes

B. ASA-2: Tenure and Post Tenure Review 12:00 PM

Presenter: Dr. Karen Patterson, Executive Vice President and Provost

- *Faculty Tenure (approval item)*
- *Post Tenure Review (informational item)*

C. ASA-3: Annual Academic Degree Program List (August 2026 - July 2027) 12:15 PM

Presenter: Dr. John Kantner, Senior Associate Provost for Faculty Success

D. ASA-4: Closure of Degrees 12:20 PM

Presenter: Dr. John Kantner, Senior Associate Provost for Faculty Success

E. ASA-5: Specialized Admissions Reaffirmation 12:25 PM

Presenter: Dr. John Kantner, Senior Associate Provost for Faculty Success

F. ASA-6: Department Name Changes 12:30 PM

Presenter: Dr. John Kantner, Senior Associate Provost for Faculty Success

1. Renaming the Department of Psychology to the Department of Psychological & Brain Sciences
2. Renaming the Department of Chemistry to the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry
3. Renaming the Department of Physics to the Department of Physics & Astronomy
4. Merging of the Department of English and the Department of Languages, Literatures & Cultures into the Department of English & World Languages

G. ASA-7: 2027-2028 General Education Core Courses 12:35 PM

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

H. ASA-8: Tenure Upon Hire for Dr. Lindsay Wolf 12:40 PM

Presenter: Dr. Mei Zhao, Brooks College of Health Dean

V. Discussion Items

A. DISC-1: Provost's Quarterly: Around the Nest - Healthy osprey - Advancing Student Well-Being 12:45 PM

Presenter: Ashley Ballard, Senior Director of Department of Recreation and Wellness

VI. Adjournment 1:00 PM



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Subject: **2025-2026 Faculty Promotion, Tenure, and Post Tenure Review**

Recommended Action:

Approval of Tenure Recommendations for 2025-2026 Academic Year.

Background Information:

The list of faculty candidates recommended for tenure for the 2025–2026 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.

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. Tenure and Post-Tenure Review, Overview of the Processes (handout)
2. PPT

Presenter:

Dr. Karen Patterson, Executive Vice President and Provost



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Subject: Annual Academic Degree Proposals Listing

Recommended Action:

Approve the Annual Academic Degree Proposals Listing

Background Information:

Florida Board of Governors Regulation 8.011 (Academic Degree Program Coordination and Approval) requires each board of trustees to annually review and approve a list of new degree programs proposed for implementation in the upcoming academic year. The 2026–27 list is due to the Board of Governors office by June 30, 2026.

The proposed list includes two carryforward degrees from the prior year and two new programs: the MA in Digital, Social and Emerging Media and the MS in Drug Development and Health Research.

The proposed degrees expand offerings in areas aligned with institutional priorities and regional workforce needs, reinforcing UNF’s role as a destination of choice and a driver of economic impact in Northeast Florida.

Supporting documentation:

1. UNF_2026_27_New_Academic_Proposals_Listing_final
2. PPT

Presenter:

Dr. John Kantner, Senior Associate Provost for Faculty Success



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Subject: Closure of Degrees

Recommended Action:

Approval to close the BA in Visual, BA in Africana Studies, BAE in Art Teacher Education, BAE in Physical Education, and MA in Practical Philosophy and Applied Ethics.

Background Information:

Board of Governors Regulation 8.012 (Academic Program Termination and Temporary Suspension of New Enrollments) requires a university Board of Trustees to approve the termination of degree programs.

The following programs have had new enrollments suspended for several years:

- BA in Visual Art
- BA in Art Education (BAE in Art Teacher Education)
- BAE in Physical Education
- MA in Practical Philosophy and Applied Ethics

Approval to close these programs will formally terminate programs that currently have zero enrolled students.

The BA in Africana Studies did not meet the threshold for degree conferral and was placed on the Board of Governors' degree productivity list. With the closure of the degree, Africana Studies will return to a concentration.

Closing programs that have been long suspended and/or placed on the Board of Governors' degree productivity list ensures that institutional systems and resources are appropriately aligned to support priority academic areas.

Supporting documentation:

1. 2026-06-03_Termination_of_Degree_Program_Visual Art_Final
2. 2026-06-03_Termination_of_Degree_Program_UNF BA in Africana Studies_Final
3. 2026-06-03_Termination_of_Degree_Program_ArtTeacherEd_Final



4. 2026-06-03_Termination_of_Degree_Program_Phys Ed Teaching Coaching_Final
5. 2026-06-03_Termination_of_Degree_Program_Prac Philosophy and Applied Ethics_Final
6. PPT

Presenter:

Dr. John Kantner, Senior Associate Provost for Faculty Success



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Subject: Specialized Admissions Reaffirmation

Recommended Action:

Approve the Bachelor of Science in Nursing and the Bachelor of Social Work to apply for reaffirmation of specialized admissions with the Board of Governors.

Background Information:

Board of Governors Regulation 8.013 (Specialized Admissions) requires undergraduate programs approved for specialized admissions due to limited resources to seek reaffirmation of this status every four years. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) were both granted specialized admissions status beginning with the 2023–2024 academic year.

To maintain this designation, the University of North Florida Board of Trustees must approve the request for reaffirmation and submit it to the Board of Governors by July 31, 2026, for consideration during the 2026–2027 academic year.

By maintaining specialized admissions for nursing and social work, the University ensures that enrollment is intentionally aligned with available resources, supporting retention, academic success, and timely degree completion. These programs directly support UNF’s Healthcare and Health Sciences area of focus and respond to regional workforce needs, reinforcing the University’s role as a talent pipeline and economic driver for Northeast Florida.

Supporting documentation:

1. SA_Reaffirmation_Application_SON_Final
2. SA_Reaffirmation_Application_BSW_Final
3. PPT

Presenter:

Dr. John Kantner, Senior Associate Provost for Faculty Success



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Subject: Renaming the Department of Psychology to the Department of Psychological & Brain Sciences

Recommended Action:

To approve the renaming the Department of Psychology to the Department of Psychological & Brain Sciences.

Background Information:

The change reflects the growing program in biochemistry, disciplinary trends, and breadth of faculty expertise.

The proposed name change aligns with UNF's strategic priorities by highlighting academic programs that respond to workforce needs in high-demand STEM and health-related fields.

Supporting documentation:

1. Faculty Association Approval

Presenter:

Dr. Kaveri Subrahmanyam, Ph.D. Dean College of Arts and Sciences



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Subject: Renaming the Department of Chemistry to the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry

Recommended Action:

To approve the renaming of the Department of Chemistry to the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry.

Background Information:

The change reflects the growing program in biochemistry, disciplinary trends, and breadth of faculty expertise.

The proposed name change aligns with UNF's strategic priorities by highlighting academic programs that respond to workforce needs in high-demand STEM and health-related fields.

Supporting documentation:

1. Faculty Association Approval

Presenter:

Dr. Kaveri Subrahmanyam, Ph.D. Dean College of Arts and Sciences



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Subject: Renaming the Department of Physics to the Department of Physics and Astronomy

Recommended Action:

To approve the renaming the Department of Physics to the Department of Physics and Astronomy.

Background Information:

The change reflects the growing program in biochemistry, disciplinary trends, and breadth of faculty expertise.

The proposed name change aligns with UNF's strategic priorities by highlighting academic programs that respond to workforce needs in high-demand STEM and health-related fields.

Supporting documentation:

1. Faculty Association Approval

Presenter:

Dr. Kaveri Subrahmanyam, Ph.D. Dean College of Arts and Sciences



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Subject: Approval of the merging of the Department of English and the Department of Languages, Literatures & Cultures into the Department of English & World Languages

Recommended Action:

To approve the merging of the department of English and the department of Languages, Literature & Cultures into the “Department of English & World Languages.”

Background Information:

The proposed merger of the Department of English and the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures into the Department of English and World Languages reflects evolving disciplinary trends and the growing integration of language, literature, writing, and cultural studies at both national and international levels. The merger will streamline administrative structures and enable more efficient use of existing resources without requiring additional recurring funding.

The proposed merger will advance student success and degree efficiency by helping to create clearer, more coordinated academic pathways. At the same time, it will position the college to deliver a future-facing, interdisciplinary liberal arts education that will equip students with essential communication, cultural, and critical thinking skills, along with the adaptability needed to navigate AI-enabled workforce and civic contexts.

Supporting documentation:

1. Faculty Association approval
2. English LLC Merger memo

Presenter:

Dr. Kaveri Subrahmanyam, Ph.D. Dean College of Arts and Sciences



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Subject: 2027-28 General Education Review and Approval

Recommended Action:

Approval of 2027-28 General Education curriculum.

Background Information:

Regulation and statute require the Board of Trustees and the University President to review and approve the general education offerings for the institution prior to submission to the Florida Department of Education and Florida Board of Governors.

Supporting documentation:

1. Excel file with courses, including number, description, and learning outcomes
2. Certification to be signed by BOT Chair and President
3. Power point slides

Presenter:

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



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Subject: Tenure Upon Hire for Dr. Lindsay Wolf

Recommended Action:

Approve the Tenure Upon Hire for Dr. Lindsay Wolf.

Background Information:

The committee will review and consider the recommendation for tenure upon hire for Dr. Lindsay Wolf, incoming Director of the School of Nursing in the Brooks College of Health.

Dr. Lindsay Wolf received her DNP (Concentration: Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner) from the University of Florida and MBA from Jacksonville University. She currently serves as the Associate Dean for the Keigwin School of Nursing in the Brooks Rehabilitation College of Healthcare Sciences at Jacksonville University. Dr. Wolf is a Certified Nurse Educator through the National League for Nursing (NLN) and Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner through the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB).

Supporting documentation:

1. Dr. Lindsay Wolf Curriculum Vitae
2. PPT slide

Presenter:

Dr. Mei Zhao, Dean, Brooks College of Health



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Subject: Provost's Quarterly: Healthy Osprey – Advancing Student Well-being

Recommended Action:

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

Background Information:

Provost's Quarterly: This presentation highlights the Department of Recreation and Wellness and the Healthy Osprey initiative's data-informed, campus-wide approach to supporting student well-being. Survey results reflect strong overall health outcomes, alongside continued growth in student engagement and sense of belonging. The university's holistic, multi-dimensional wellness model emphasizes integrated strategies that enhance access, strengthen engagement, and expand support through coordinated initiatives, centralized resources, high-impact connection programs, and cross-campus partnerships. Together, these efforts advance a vibrant, healthy, and connected campus environment.

Supporting documentation:

1. PPT

Presenter:

Ashley Ballard, Senior Director, Department of Recreation and Wellness