

**Academic and Student Affairs Committee Minutes**  
**Trustee Nicole Washington, Chair**  
**September 17, 2025**

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair Nicole Washington called the meeting to order. Ms. Valeria Singleton called the roll. The following committee members were present:

- Trustee Jamal Brown
- Trustee Zayla Bryant
- Trustee Jocelyn Dopson-Rodriguez
- Trustee Belvin Perry
- Trustee Nicole Washington

A quorum was established.

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**Action Items**

**1. Approval of Minutes – June 11, 2025**

Trustee Perry moved to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2025, meeting. Trustee Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**2. Request for Leave of Absence**

In accordance with BOT Policy Number 2005-21, the University considers requests for unpaid leave of absence for reasons including parental, medical, educational, military service, and personal leave.

- Professor Nandi Riley requested a leave of absence from September 26, 2025, through September 25, 2026.
- Trustee Perry moved to approve the request. Trustee Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**3. Academic Calendars (2025–2026 and 2026–2027)**

The proposed calendars were presented for approval in accordance with:

- Florida Board of Education Rule 6A-10.019
- Board of Governors Regulation 8.001

The calendars include semester dates, final exams, and diploma issuance dates. They were developed collaboratively by the Calendar Committee, which consists of representatives from FAMU, FSU, and TCC.

Trustee Brown moved to approve the academic calendars. Trustee Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **4. Annual Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability Report**

In accordance with Board of Governors Regulation 8.003, the University submitted its 2025 Annual Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability Report for approval prior to submission to the Chancellor of the State University System.

Dr. Kinsey confirmed that the University is in full compliance with the reporting requirements.

- For Fall 2024, the on-time adoption rate is just under 98%.
- For Spring 2025, the rate is approximately 96%.

Given that the State University System (SUS) requires a minimum threshold of 95%, FAMU exceeds the required on-time adoption rate for both terms.

Trustee Perry moved to approve the report. Trustee Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **5. Self-Supporting Programs Annual Report**

In accordance with BOG Regulation 8.002, the committee reviewed and recommended approval of FAMU's annual report on self-supporting and market-rate college-credit programs for FY 2024–2025.

Trustee Brown moved to approve the report. Trustee Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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### **Informational Items**

#### *Student Affairs Updates*

**Dr. William Hudson, Jr.**, provided the following updates:

- **Admissions & Recruitment**
  - FTIC applications increased by 7.3% from the previous year.
  - The number of admitted FTIC students decreased from 5,018 (Fall 2024) to 4,943 (Fall 2025), a 1.5% decrease, possibly due to stricter standards or a more competitive pool.
  - Fall 2026 targets: 1,590 FTIC students (19% out-of-state) and 1,000 transfer students.

- Five strategic areas guide recruitment:
    1. Data-Driven Targeting
    2. Brand Elevation and Messaging
    3. Digital and Hybrid Engagement
    4. Partnerships and Pipeline Programs
    5. Affordability and Financial Assistance
  - **Financial Aid**
    - As of September 15, approximately \$41,364,546.38 has been disbursed.
    - The Office of Financial Aid successfully disbursed financial aid to over 68% of the student population during the first disbursement period. Out of 8,718 students enrolled in degree-seeking programs, aid was disbursed to 5,931 students, including:
      - 245 law students
      - 398 graduate/professional students
      - 5,288 undergraduate students
  - **Housing**
    - 2,889 students assigned to on-campus housing
    - Occupancy rate: 86.06%
  - **Hazing Prevention**
    - National Hazing Prevention Week to be observed next week.
    - The annual SUS report has been released for review.
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#### *Academic Affairs Updates*

- **Licensure Pass Rates**
    - **Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT):** 81% current pass rate (13 of 16); two students scheduled to retake in October. The 2024 rate was 87.6%.
    - **Nursing:** 86.2% current semester rate; 88.9% cumulative (40 of 45 passed).
    - **Pharmacy:** 31 of 32 students passed the NAPLEX (91.9%); MPJE pass rate is 57%.
    - **Law:** Bar exam results to be released on September 22, 2025. Incoming L1 enrollment increased by 59% (177 students, LSAT avg: 152).
  - **Academic Program Efficiency**
    - Ongoing rigorous review to align academic programs with career readiness.
    - Fifteen programs reduced to 120 credit hours, with ABET-accredited programs (e.g., engineering) as exceptions.
    - Efforts include streamlining degree pathways and eliminating course redundancies.
    - 36 major code combinations reviewed for inefficiencies.
    - A detailed report will be presented at the December BOT meeting.
  - **Institutes and Centers**
    - Annual reports are no longer required for BOT approval per BOG Regulation 10.015.
    - The President now certifies reports for submission.
  - **Annual Action Plan (2025–2026)**
    - The Annual Action Plan was included in the committee’s materials for review.
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**Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Washington  
Chair, Academic and Student Affairs Committee