# BOARD OF VISITORS
# ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

700 Park Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23504
Student Center Board Room, Suite 301
November 10, 2017

## MINUTES

1. **Call to Order -** Dr. Melvin Stith, Chair, called the Academic Affairs Committee meeting to order. A quorum was established by Roll Call.

   Committee Members Present:
   Dr. Melvin T. Stith, Chair
   Dr. Ann A. Adams
   Ms. Corynne S. Arnett
   Mr. B. Keith Fulton
   Mr. Michael J. Helpinstill

   Committee Member Absent:
   Mr. Rodney O. Powell

   Other Board Members Present:
   Dr. Byron L. Cherry, Sr., Rector

   Faculty Senate Representative to the Board Present:
   Dr. Lamiaa S. Youssef, Faculty Senate President

   Members of the NSU Staff Present:
   Mr. Eddie N. Moore, Jr., President and CEO
   Dr. Stacey Franklin Jones, Interim Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs
   Mr. Harry Aristakesian, Chief Audit Executive
   Mr. Ericke S. Cage, Executive Policy Advisor to the President and to the Board of Visitors

   Faculty Members Present:
   Ms. D'nita Andrews-Graham, Assistant Professor, Computer Science
   Dr. Suely Black, Professor, Chemistry and Center for Materials Research
   Dr. Rajeev Chandra, Assistant Professor, Biology
   Dr. Howard B. Duncan, Professor, Biology
   Dr. Joseph D'Silva, Associate Professor, Biology
   Dr. Anne M. Fernando, Assistant Professor, Mathematics
   Dr. Rhonda M. Fitzgerald, Assistant Professor, Mathematics
   Dr. Ernestine Duncan, Department Chair and Professor, Psychology
   Dr. Ashley N. Haines, Associate Professor, Biology
   Dr. Malikah Israel, Chair, Biology
   Dr. Joseph C. Hall, Interim Dean, College of Science, Engineering and Technology
   Mr. Solomon R. Isekeije, Professor, Visual and Performing Arts
   Dr. Rasha Morsi, Professor, Engineering and Graduate Program Coordinator

Faculty Members Present: *(continued)*
Dr. Cassandra L. Newby-Alexander, Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts
Mr. Chindeu E. Okala, Professor, Visual and Performing Arts
Dr. Camellia M. Okpodu, Professor, Biology
Ms. Maureen Scott, Assistant Professor, Biology
Dr. Ronald Thomas, Professor, Psychology
Dr. Sandra Williamson-Ashe, Assistant Professor, Social Work

Counsels Present:
Ms. Pamela F. Boston, University Counsel
Mr. Ronald Forehand, Senior Assistant Attorney General for NSU Board of Visitors

2. **Academic Affairs PowerPoint Presentation -** Dr. Stacey Franklin Jones gave an overview of six (6) discussion items with the Board:
    1. Academic Affairs Overview
    2. Green and Gold Standard
    3. Business Impact Analysis (BIA)
    4. SACSCOC Readiness Report
    5. Specialized Program Accreditation
    6. BOV Action Items

3. **Discussion Items**

**Academic Affairs Overview -** Dr. Stacey Franklin Jones provided an update for the Division of Academic Affairs:

- In addition to the traditional areas, the Division of Academic Affairs includes Information Technology Services, Institutional Research, Title III, Academic Effectiveness (focuses on continuous improvement and assessment), and Academic Engagement (including the Student Success Center, Student Pathways and Academic Formation). The Division has in place a new team structure that supports improving retention and graduation rates.

**Green and Gold Standard –** Dr. Stacey Franklin Jones stated that the Green and Gold Standard is an initiative developed over the last 15 months to serve as the basis for the Strategic Plan, for Faculty Team Lead initiatives and for the Spartan Seminar Series. The pre-registration rate is approximately 40% over last year's. This increase is a positive indicator of student intent to return for the next semester.

**Business Impact Analysis (BIA) -** Dr. Stacey Franklin Jones stated that the university-wide focus to the end of the year will be on the campus-wide Business Impact Analysis (BIA) for all 112 units. The BIA plan helps to safeguard and recover from a potential natural or human-induced data/information disaster. NSU is working closely with VITA and the Department of Education to prepare an audit in the spring. The BIA will assist NSU in preparing an overall campus risk assessment for continuous improvement.

**SACSCOC Readiness Report -** Dr. Stacey Franklin Jones' comments included the following:

- The NSU SACSCOC review will be spring 2019 rather than spring 2018. NSU has in place and continues to build a team to ensure that NSU is on track to complete the Reaffirmation of Accreditation Process successfully. The report will undergo three external reviews before submitting the report by September 2018.

**Specialized Program Accreditation** – Dr. Stacey Franklin Jones provided an update for the following recent program accreditations and visits:

- NSU awaits a decision for ACEN (Accreditation Commission for Education and Nursing) and ABET (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc.).

- NSU just received word for reaffirmation for ATMAE (Association of Technology, Management and Applied Engineering).

**BOV Action Item –** Dr. Stacey Franklin Jones discussed the two action items and requested approval.

Dr. Stith motioned, seconded by Dr. Adams and with a 5-0 Roll Call vote recommended approval of the Master of Science Program in Cyberpsychology to go forward to the Full Board.

Dr. Stith motioned, seconded by Mr. Helpinstill and with a 5-0 Roll Call vote recommended approval of the JLARC and Faculty Load Assessment to go forward to the Full Board.

**4. Faculty Senate Report**

- Dr. Youssef shared her perspective of the Commission's guidelines for faculty credentials listed on the SACSCOC website. She encouraged the Board to refer to the faculty credential guidelines.

- Dr. Youssef presented her views of faculty concerns with the Board. The following items were offered: (1) University-wide Committees, (2) Faculty Grievance

Committee, (3) Faculty Hiring and Search Committee Processes, (4) Faculty Evaluation and Promotion, (5) School of Extended Learning, (6) Faculty Treatment, (7) The 2+2 Advising Model, (8) Blackboard "Observer Access," and (9) University Website.

**5. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Academic Affairs Committee meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dr. Leroy Hamilton, Jr., (new Interim Provost)
on behalf of
Dr. Stacey Franklin Jones, Provost and
Vice President for Academic Affairs (Interim)

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Mr. B. Keith Fulton (new Chair)
on behalf of
Dr. Melvin T. Stith, Chair
Academic Affairs Committee