BOARD OF VISITORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 7, 2026
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I. Call to Order/ Establish Quorum

Mr. Gilbert Bland, Chair, called the Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting to order at approximately 11:45 am. A quorum was established with a 3-0 roll call vote.

Committee Members Present
Mr. Gilbert Bland, Chair
Dr. L.D. Britt
Bishop K. Brown

Committee Members- Virtual
Mr. Darrell "DJ" Jordan

Committee Members Absent Mr.
Mike Andrews

Other Board Members Present
Mr. Jay Jamison
Mr. Edward Saunders
Mr. Dwayne Blake
Dr. Thornton
Dr. Watkins

NSU Administrators and Staff Present
Dr. Javaune Adams- Gaston, President
Bishop Kim Brown, Rector
Dr. Aurelia T. Williams, Academic Affairs
Dr. Justin Moses, Operations
Dr. Leonard Brown, Student Affairs
Dr. Tanya White, Office of the President
Dr. Melody Webb, Athletics
Dr. Melissa Barnes, Enrollment Management
Ms. Phillita Peeples, Internal Audit
Mrs. Dericka Burgess, Internal Audit
Dr. Khadijah Miller, Academic Affairs
Dr. James Walke, Operations
Mr. Ron King, OIT
Ms. Sher're Dozier, Clerk to the President/BOV
Mrs. Sharea' Williams, Exec. Asst. for VP of Ops
Mr. William Bynum, Student Affairs
Mrs. Anne Ford, Enrollment Management
Dr. Terrye Venable, Student Affairs
Ms. Erica Saunders, Academic Affairs
Ms. La'Toya Edwards, Student Affairs
Ms. Saranette Williams, Student Affairs
Ms. Laurie Carpenter, Career Services
Mr. Wayne Ivey, Veteran Affairs
Mr. Dennis Jones, Budget
Dr. Davida Harrell- Williams, Auxiliary Services
Mr. Kentrell Kearney, Athletics
Mr. Terry Woodhouse, Facilities
Mr. Gregory Baptiste, OIT

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II. Recommend Approval of Electronic Participation

Mr. Darrell "DJ" Jordan stated that he was more than 60 miles away from Campus. A motion was made by Rector Kim Brown and seconded by Dr. L.D. Britt. The committee unanimously approved the electronic participation of Mr. Jordan with a 3-0 roll call vote.

III. Recommend Approval of March 5, 2026, Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. L.D. Britt to approve March 5, 2026, minutes and seconded by Rector Brown, with a 4-0 roll call vote. The Committee unanimously approved the March 5, 2026, Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting minutes.

IV. Discussion Items

a. Academic Affairs Update- Dr. Aurelia Williams (I)

Dr. Williams discussed the following:

1. Proposed policy: BOV policy 03: Role of Faculty in University Governance (Triennial Review) A motion was made by Dr. Bitt and seconded by Rector Brown. With a 4-0 roll call vote the committee unanimously approved BOV policy 03: Role of Faculty in University Governance (Triennial Review)

2. Proposed policy: BOV policy 28: Academic Freedom (Triennial Review)

A motion was made by Dr. Bitt and seconded by Rector Brown. With a 4-0 roll call vote the committee unanimously approved BOV policy 28: Academic Freedom (Triennial Review)

3. Proposed policy: BOV policy 31: Open Educational Resource (Triennial Review)

A motion was made by Dr. Bitt and seconded by Rector Brown. With a 4-0 roll call vote the committee unanimously approved BOV policy 31: Open Educational Resource (Triennial Review)

4. Proposed Program Modification & Departmental Changes

- Modification: School of Social Work

A motion was made by Dr. Bitt and seconded by Rector Brown. With a 4-0 roll call vote the committee unanimously approved the modification: School of Social Work.

- Departmental name changes: School of Education

A motion was made by Dr. Bitt and seconded by Rector Brown. With a 4-0 roll call vote the committee unanimously approved the departmental name changes: School of Education

- Proposal to rename the Department of Early Childhood Elementary and Special Education to the Department of Educator Preparation and Leadership.

A motion was made by Dr. Britt and seconded by Rector Brown. With a 4-0 roll call vote the committee unanimously approved the proposal to rename the Department of Early Childhood Elementary and Special Education to the Department of Educator Preparation and Leadership.

- Proposal to rename the Department of Secondary Education and School Leadership to the Department of Counselor Education.

A motion was made by Rector Brown and seconded by Dr. Britt. With a 4-0 roll call vote the committee unanimously approved the proposal to rename the Department of Secondary Education and School Leadership to the Department of Counselor Education.

- Off- campus instructional site closure: Paul D. Camp Community College

Amotion was made by Rector Brown and seconded by Dr. Britt. With a 4-0 roll call vote the committee unanimously approved the Off- campus instructional site closure: Paul D. Camp Community College.

5. 10% increase in graduation applications.
6. 100% of our academic programs have implemented at least 5 research based high impact practices.
7. New Gen. Educational curriculum that will begin this fall.
8. Academic certificates

The Floor was opened for Questions:

b. Student Affairs Update- Dr. Leonard Brown

Dr. Brown discussed the following:

1. 2026-2027 Military friendly school.
2. Ranked #2 Military friendly designation
3. Ranked #1 Military spouse friendly school
4. Housing update: 46% housing application computation rate.
5. NASPA Stellar 50 class- Mr. William Bynum

The Floor was opened for Questions:

c. Enrollment Management- Dr. Justin Moses

Dr. Moses discussed the following:

1. 12562 total applications for admittance have been received.
2. 9932 completed applications
3. 8603 students have been admitted to the university
4. 631 deposits and waivers
5. 417 students in attendance for Admitted Students Day
6. High School counselors' day with 88 schools
7. Introduction of new University Registrar Ms. Anne Ford
8. Proposed policy: BOV policy 08: Award of Academic Credit for military training and experience (Triennial Review)

9. A motion was made by Dr. Bitt and seconded by Rector Brown. With a 3-0 roll call vote the committee unanimously approved BOV policy 08: Award of Academic Credit for military training and experience (Triennial Review)

10. Proposed policy: BOV policy 09: Priority course registration for military- related students (Triennial Review)
11. A motion was made by Dr. Bitt and seconded by Rector Brown. With a 4-0 roll call vote the committee unanimously approved BOV policy 09: Priority course registration for military-related students (Triennial Review)

The Floor was opened for Questions:

d. Athletics Update- Dr. Melody Webb
Dr. Webb discussed the following:
1. Executive order on Transfers and Eligibility
2. NIL revenue sharing
3. Prioritizing student athletes' mental health
4. Building NIL infrastructure
5. How to navigate the executive order

V. Public Comment

VI. There being no further business, Mr. Gilbert Bland adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m. The motion was made by Dr. Britt and seconded by Mr. Bland, with a 3-0 roll call vote, the Committee unanimously approved the Adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mr. Gilbert Bland, Chair Date

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Sharea' Williams, Executive Administrative Assistant to the VP for Operations Date

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Academic and Student Affairs Committee ROLL CALL VOTE (March 5, 2026)

Item	Mr. Gilbert Bland (Chair)	Dr. L.D. Britt	Mr. Darrell "DJ" Jordan (Virtual)	Mr. Mike Andrews (Absent)	Rector Kim Brown	Totals
Quorum	Yes	Yes	Virtual	-	Yes	3-0
Recommend Approval of Electronic Participation	Yes	Yes	Virtual	-	Yes	3-0
Approval of the Minutes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	3-0
Proposed policy: BOV policy 03: Role of Faculty in University Governance (Triennial Review)	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	3-0
Proposed policy: BOV policy 28: Academic Freedom (Triennial Review)	Yes	Yes	-	-	Yes	3-0
Proposed policy: BOV policy 31: Open Educational Resource (Triennial Review)	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	4-0
Modification: School of Social Work	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	4-0
Departmental name changes: School of Education	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	4-0

Proposal to rename the Department of Early Childhood Elementary and Special Education to the Department of Educator Preparation and Leadership.	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**-**	**Yes**	**4-0**
Proposal to rename the Department of Secondary Education and School Leadership to the Department of Counselor Education.	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**-**	**Yes**	**4-0**
Off- campus instructional site closure: Paul D. Camp Community College	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**-**	**Yes**	**4-0**
Proposed policy: BOV policy 08: Award of Academic Credit for military training and experience (Triennial Review)	**Yes**	**Yes**	**-**	**--**	**Yes**	**3-0**
Proposed policy: BOV policy 09: Priority course registration for military- related students (Triennial Review)	**Yes**	**Yes**	**-**	**-**	**Yes**	**3-0**
Adjournment	**Yes**	**Yes**	**-**	**-**	**Yes**	**3-0**