

**DRAFT**  
**BOARD OF VISITORS**  
**Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 7, 2026**  
**Minutes**

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

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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

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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

A motion 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 program 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:**

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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.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Mr. Gilbert Bland, Chair

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

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Date

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**ROLL CALL VOTE (March 5, 2026)**

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

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<b>Modification: School of Social Work</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>4-0</b>
<b>Departmental name changes: School of Education</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>4-0</b>
<b>Proposal to rename the Department of Early Childhood Elementary and Special Education to the Department of Educator Preparation and Leadership.</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>4-0</b>
<b>Proposal to rename the Department of Secondary Education and School Leadership to the Department of Counselor Education.</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>4-0</b>
<b>Off- campus instructional site closure: Paul D. Camp Community College</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>4-0</b>
<b>Proposed policy: BOV policy 08: Award of Academic Credit for military training and experience (Triennial Review)</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>3-0</b>

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<b>Proposed policy: BOV policy 09: Priority course registration for military- related students (Triennial Review)</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>3-0</b>
<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>3-0</b>