

**Academic and Student Affairs Committee Minutes**  
**Trustee Nicole Washington, Chair**  
**September 3, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Nicole Washington. Ms. Valeria Singleton called the roll and the following committee members were present: Ann Marie Cavazos, Kristin Harper, David Lawrence, Xavier McClinton, and Nicole Washington. A quorum was established.

Trustee Lawrence moved to approve the minutes for the meeting on August 6, 2020. The motion was seconded by Trustee Harper and the motion carried.

The Committee recommended approval of the following items:

**Tenure Upon Appointment for Deidrè Keller** - *Tenure Upon Appointment* is a condition of employment that is offered to a faculty member who has previously held a tenured position. The requests for *Tenure Upon Appointment* are approved by the Provost and/or the President. As a practice, the university-wide tenure and promotion committee completed a courtesy review of the documentation. Prior to the review of the documentation by the university-wide tenure and promotion committee, the documentation was reviewed by both the school/college tenure and promotion committee.

The CV for Deidrè Keller was reviewed for evidence of highly competent teaching and research and other scholarly activities, and services.

Trustee Lawrence moved to approve the request for tenure upon appointment for Deidrè Keller. The motion was seconded by Trustee Harper and the motion carried.

**Licensure Pass Rate Improvement Plans** – Dr. Edington stated that the BOG requested improvement plans for the four programs that were identified as below benchmarks. Dr. Edington provided a brief overview of the four improvement plans: law, nursing, physical therapy, and pharmacy. The improvement plans for law and nursing will be presented during the Board of Governors’ meeting on September 16.

Trustee Harper moved to approve the licensure pass rate improvement plans. The motion was seconded by Trustee McClinton and the motion carried.

**Student Affairs Updates** – informational updates were provided:

- Dr. William Hudson stated that student move-in was very successful and they will continue to utilize this model for future move-in dates. The university has instituted an indefinite residence hall curfew for our students from 10 p.m. until 6 a.m., on weekdays (Monday-Thursday); and 12 a.m. until 6 a.m., on the weekends (Friday-Sunday). The

curfew was created because of large student gatherings that took place on and off campus. Both Leon County's Mandate and FAMU's COVID-19 Conduct Enforcement Procedures prohibit gatherings of more than 10 people, while gatherings of 10 or less must be in a space allowing for physical distancing of six feet or more.

Our intent is to simply "Protect the FAMULY." The Office of Student Activities, which houses the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life; and the Office of Student Clubs and Organizations, will offer virtual activities and events for all students this semester. Additionally, the Office of Counseling Services will provide tips on managing isolation during this crisis, while University Housing will host a variety of programming for on-campus residents.

- Next, Ms. Teri Little-Berry provided an update on the weekly enrollment report:
  - In our current enrollment period, we achieved 93.3% of the total enrollment compared to this same time last year. This equates to an overall 6.7% decline based on preliminary estimates.
  - This year all residence hall spaces have been occupied as singles. The total number of beds available for fall is 1,956; and to date 1,312 beds are occupied. Some of the students who previously requested campus housing chose to defer until spring 2021 and some of the other students opted to remain at home.
  - A total of 8,303 students have been awarded financial aid in comparison to 8,944 students that were awarded financial aid last year.
  
- The final informational update was from Mr. Bryan Smith regarding the hazing prevention initiatives. Mr. Smith stated that several hazing prevention educational seminars have been or will be conducted this semester via virtual platforms. In addition, the Alivetek online hazing course will be available and required to various student entities.

**Academic Affairs Updates** – The following informational updates were provided:

- Provost Edington provided a brief update on fall semester instruction.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Washington, Committee Chair