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Fitchburg State University

Minutes

Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee Meeting

Academic Affairs Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday October 14, 2026 at 10:00 AM

Location
This is a virtual meeting and it will be livestreamed

Public Live Stream:
https://www.fitchburgstate.edu/live

Committee Members Present
E. Gregoire (remote), J. Flanagan (remote), M. Fiorentino, Jr., M. Morris (remote)

Committee Members Absent
S. King-Goodwin

Ex Officio Members Present
D. Hodge (remote)

Guests Present
Catherine Buell (remote), David Weiss (remote), Franca Barricelli (remote), Jannette McMenamy (remote), K. Lundgren (remote), L. Barrieau (remote), Liz Gordon (remote), Matt Bruun (remote), Matt Burke (remote), Mia Vestal (remote), Michael Cloutier (remote), Nate Robichaud (remote), Nermin Bayat (remote), Pam McCafferty (remote), Stacey Luster (remote), Stefan Dodd (remote), Tim St. John (remote), Travis Chambers (remote)

I. Opening Items

A.

Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Flanagan called a meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of Fitchburg State University to order on Wednesday Oct 14, 2026 at 10:00 AM.

C. Approve Minutes

E. Gregoire made a motion to approve the minutes from Academic Affairs Committee Meeting on 03-25-26.
M. Morris seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

E. Gregoire	Aye
M. Fiorentino, Jr.	Absent
J. Flanagan	Aye
M. Morris	Aye
S. King-Goodwin	Absent

II. Academic Affairs

A. NECHE

Announcement - Finance Program has been fully approved! Spring 27. Recruiting has begun.

NECHE Update

- Five-Year Interim Report: Preparation is currently in progress, focusing on four main standards:
  - Mission, Organization, Governance and Planning
  - Academic Program, Faculty, and Students
  - Institutional Resources
  - Integrity, Transparency, and Public Disclosure
- Key Areas of Emphasis: Financial planning, institutional plant and deferred maintenance, Board of Trustees structure, fostering a culture of assessment, with attention to programs offered through SGOCE.
- Board Engagement: Discussion took place regarding strategies to leverage committee meetings to maintain forward momentum and increase attendance.
- Timeline: The submission deadline is January 2027. The committee remains confident in meeting all milestones.

B. Middle School Mathematics Education, Middle School (5-8) Licensure

Middle School Mathematics Education (Grades 5-8 Licensure) Program

- The committee reviewed the program mission and rationale for the proposed Middle School Mathematics Education major.
- General Education Alignment: J. Flanagan inquired how this program integrates with general education requirements overall.
- Education Partnerships & Advising: E. Gregoire addressed the strategic partnerships with education programs and the advising process designed to guide students through the pathway.

C. Recommendation, Middle School Mathematics Education, Middle School (5-8) Licensure - VOTE

M. Morris made a motion to Approve the math major.
E. Gregoire seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
E. Gregoire	Aye
J. Flanagan	Aye
M. Morris	Aye
M. Fiorentino, Jr.	Absent
S. King-Goodwin	Absent

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Flanagan