

**New College of Florida Board of Trustees**  
**Academic Affairs, Student and External Affairs Committee Meeting**  
**Via Zoom**  
**Draft Minutes for January 23, 2023**

In attendance: Trustee James Stewart (Committee Chair), and Trustee Committee Members Matthew Lepinski, Sarah Mackie, and Grace Keenan.

In addition, in attendance were Suzanne Sherman, Maneesha Lal, and Christie Fitz-Patrick.

**Call to Order and Review of Minutes**

Trustee Stewart called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Roll call was called and quorum was established. Meeting has been publicly noticed.

Review of minutes from August 10, 2022 Academic Affairs Committee Meeting. Minutes were approved.

**New Business**

**Student Success Plan Completion: Consider Approval of Program Proposals for Research and Experimental Psychology & Econometrics and Quantitative Economics**

Provost Sherman presented the rationale for applying for new CIP (Classification of Instructional Programs) codes for the Economics and Psychology AOCs (Areas of Concentration). Currently, Economics and Psychology are in a general liberal arts CIP code (24.0199, Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities, Other). New, better-aligned CIP codes would more accurately reflect the curriculum and content of NCF's Psychology and Economics academic programs and increase the number of degrees NCF offers in Programs of Strategic Emphasis in the STEM category, thereby supporting the Florida Board of Governors 2025 System Strategic Plan. One of the goals in NCF's Student Success Plan is to improve our score on Performance-Based Funding Metric 6 (Bachelor's Degrees within Programs of Strategic Emphasis), thereby helping address critical workforce needs within Florida. Approving the Pre-Proposals and authorizing the development of full program proposals in Research and Experimental Psychology & Econometrics and Quantitative Economics would fulfill this goal. Trustee Chair Stewart and Trustee Lepinski endorsed the plan and praised the quality of the Pre-Proposal Forms. Trustee Keenan requested clarification about potential curricular and AOC name changes. Dr. Lal and Provost Sherman provided further details, indicating that the curricular changes would be minor updates and the current names of the AOCs (Economics, Psychology) would not be changed.

A motion to approve the program pre-proposals for Research and Experimental Psychology & Econometrics and Quantitative Economics, and to proceed with developing full proposals for the CIP code transition for both these AOCs, was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 am.

Respectfully submitted by Maneesha Lal, *Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs.*