



New College of Florida

Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, May 28, 2026

Time: 10:34 am - 11:52 am

Location: Library, room 141

Attendees:

David Rohrbacher, Manuel Lopez-Zafra, Rob Zamsky, Melinda Ball, Sandra Gilchrist, Ryan Buysens, Carrie Benes, David Harvey, Will Hustwit, Nova Myhill

1. SRTG Follow-up (CB)

Discussion:

Concerns were voiced about the way the SRTG funds have been reworked without input from faculty leaving the knowledge of what students needs are incognizant.

Action Items:

Provost Rohrbacher to have Mitch (CEO) come to the next AAC meeting to discuss.

2. Problems reported with Navigate360 unofficial transcripts (CB)

Discussion:

Faculty have been directed to unofficial transcripts and Navigate360 with both containing incorrect information. Correct information comes from Banner and DegreeWorks. Would need specific examples of what is happening to understand how to assist with the issues.

3. Is the AY 26-27 calendar on the website the official one? (CB)

Discussion:

Knowledge of whether the AY 26-27 calendar on the website was the correct one was unknown. The registrar is the one who knows if it's up to date or not.

4. Do we have anticipated dates for SASC reviews so that we can plan meetings? (SG)

Discussion:

Action Items:

5. Presidential scholars course designations (WH)

Discussion:

History of the presidential scholars was communicated to the committee. The three presidential scholars for next year are Stanley Fish (English - Intro to Poetry), Christopher Smith (Sociology/Religion), and Gil Salu (computer scientist who does not fit into a category).

Discussion was held about presidential scholars working closely with the disciplines and related fields as well as how it is determined what field they will be part of.

Currently, we do not know who the presidential scholars are for next year. That is at the discretion of the President.

6. College position and information on new green card requirements for adjustment of status. What are the implications for faculty who are in the process of getting a green card? (SG)

Discussion:

Concerns of multiple faculty are in the process of obtaining their green card and what steps NCF takes if they are required to return to their home country. Faculty are concerned about whether they will keep their jobs if/when they return, especially since they would be unable to work for NCF from their home country.

Action Items:

Provost Rohrbacher will bring this up on Tuesday during his meeting with Erin Fisher.

7. Space (SG)

Discussion:

Discussion occurred about the new space at USF recently acquired by NCF and how that space would be utilized, including space for incoming faculty, movement of current alphabet buildings, classes, and lab space/availability. It's too early to determine what space is available this fall.

Concerns about transit between the two campuses were discussed as well as safety concerns for those who do not have a car to get to and from each campus. There is a trail near the soccer field that is paved and safe.

It was communicated that there is a vision for the campus and that the committee would like to know what that vision looks like.

Action Items:

President Corcoran to meet with chairs to discuss his vision.

8. Policy for Overloads (RZ)

Discussion:

Discussion was held whether there is something created to provide faculty regarding overloads. The previous Social Studies chair, Barbara Hicks, wrote a policy last year but there were questions on whether it was up to date. There have been faculty who have been working around the policy by having three classes with small student attendance and some faculty seeing it as unfair.

Concerns about junior faculty feeling the pressure to meet the needs of their program by taking on all the thesis students and teaching more classes was mentioned.

Challenge with having the application forms for overload classes dispersed the first week of class was discussed.

Action Items:

Provost Office and division chairs are to pay closer attention to the details of the overload class requests.

Provost Rohrbacher to discuss the overload policy challenges with President Corcoran.

Circulate the most recent overload policy to the committee.

9. Late submission of course designations and contract certifications by faculty (DH)

Discussion:

Concerns about the late submission of the course designations and contract certifications by faculty was discussed. This included the many reasons they need to be completed by the deadline, including financial aid decisions, scholarship decisions, athletic eligibility, graduation determination, and students on probation. The main problem this year was the confusion about what the deadline was.

Discussion occurred about how to motivate faculty to meet these deadlines either by documenting a violation of campus regulations in their post tenure review or providing a note in their human resource file.

10. Multiple platform challenges

Discussion:

Problems, confusion and frustrations about the multiple platforms that do different things was discussed. Providing a legend on platforms, providing directions on how to submit things and putting guides on the intranet or on the provost webpage was suggested.

The Provost Office is working on a one dashboard solution where everything will be in one location to provide more clarity and consistency.