



# New College

THE HONORS COLLEGE of Florida

## Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, August 20, 2026

Time: 10:30 am - 11:31 am

Location: Library, Room 141

Attendees: David Rohrbacher, Manuel Lopez-Zafra, Rob Zamsky, David Harvey, Amy Clore, Will Hustwit, Joe Moore, Hui Min Wen, Mitch Ruzek, Joe Moore, Deja Rowe, David Gillman, Melinda Ball

### Thesis Discussion (DR/ML/RZ)

- An idea for a Thesis Fair to be brought back was presented.
- Timing, length of the fair, formats, and such would need to be determined.

### Florida DOGE Analysis (DR)

- The Florida DOGE analyzed SUS syllabus and determined that NCF's weighed heavily on indoctrination and light on rigor.
- Faculty will need to return to their syllabus to add certain requirements to increase the rigor within the next month.

### Faculty Committee Membership and Vacancies (DH)

- The link to the faculty committee memberships is not updated and certain faculty openings are missing.
- As soon as the information is provided, the information will be updated on the NCF Provost website.

### SES Replacement/Narrative Evaluations New Platform (DR/ML)

- The SES replacement has been promised for some time and the replacement is now in a prototype stage.
- This new platform will bring all the good things of SES and more. Students will be able to see all the classes they have taken. Faculty will be able to see all the classes they are teaching, the number of students in each class, evaluations that have been submitted, the ability to save a draft, and see if students have read the evaluation. It will allow faculty to submit designations first and narratives later.
- Division Chairs and PAC can have access to faculty evaluations as well.

### Faculty Fundraising Involvement Idea (AC)

- There is faculty interest in creating an ad hoc outreach/external relations committee of faculty interested in working with Admissions and the Foundation .
- It will need to be discussed with the Foundation first.

### Transportation to North Campus Updates? (AC)

- There are questions and concerns about transportation to and from the north campus.

- The Breeze shuttle, walking and biking are current ways to travel.
- Currently, there is work being done to use golf carts for transportation.
- The idea was raised to revitalize the bike shop for students to use bikes to get there and back.

**STEM Lab Location (AC)**

- Discussion occurred about where the STEM lab will be located on the north campus.

**CEO Internship Course Instructor Position (ML)**

- Discussion occurred regarding possible CEO titles for internship instructors. Certain terms, like “instructor,” cannot be used due to collective bargaining implications.