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### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

May 28, 2026 - 8:30am

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### AGENDA

1. Call to order

Chair Clarke-Mitchell

2. Student Affairs: 5 Goals, 5 Years q&a

VP Jeannette Smith

- a. *Recommit to our identity as a residential college*; modernization of processes has led to increases in commuter student occupancy, stronger retention of first year students, and a more accessible student employee program.
- b. *Create a culture of wellness*; a three-year Federal grant allowed us to participate in JED, complete facility upgrades, create a health promotion office, and lead the campus through a campaign highlighting the eight dimensions of wellness.
- c. *Increase assessment through an equity lens*; building our language and understanding of assessment and evaluations through professional development allowed us to meaningfully contribute to the collegewide strategic plan and perform program reviews to reduce and reform systemic barriers within our control to support student success.
- d. *Increase internal communications*; once siloed, our 18 offices and five departments now regularly engage through monthly division and department meetings, a weekly newsletter, and an online repository for documents.
- e. *Back to Basics with student leadership and development*; post Covid, our student government was non-existent. Now, all 20+ positions are filled, club and org participation is up, we revived the Volunteer Center and stood up a new Veteran and Military Affairs support center. The food pantry has blossomed into the Essential Needs Center, we began a graduate assistant program, and student peer mentors have revitalized our onboarding of new and transfer students.

Dean Luke Morrill

AD Laura Mooney

3. Adjournment

Chair Clarke-Mitchell