

The Florida State University Board of Trustees Meeting
FSU Student Services Building
Tallahassee, Florida
September 19, 2008
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Trustees Susie Busch-Transou, June Duda, Manny Garcia, Andrew Haggard, Laymon Hicks, James Kinsey, Harold Knowles, Richard McFarlain, Jim Smith and Jayne Standley were present. Trustees Derrick Brooks, David Ford, and Leslie Pantín had excused absences.

1. Call to Order and Welcome: Mr. Jim Smith, Chair

1. Chairman Smith welcomed everyone to the Board of Trustees' Meeting.
2. He welcomed Sheila McDevitt, chair of the Board of Governors, to the meeting and she addressed the Board. She indicated that her goal in visiting each Board of Trustees around the state was to build relationships of trust between the two boards. Governor McDevitt said that she wants the boards to establish priorities and work together as a system, especially on Legislative priorities.
3. After some discussion between the trustees and Governor McDevitt, Laura Brock performed the Roll Call.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Trustee Duda made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Garcia and passed unanimously.

3. Comments, Faculty Senate: Dr. Eric Walker

- Dr. Eric Walker expressed his gratitude on behalf of the faculty for being involved in major decisions concerning the university.

4. Comments, Student Government Association: Mr. Ryan Powers

- Mr. Ryan Powers provided an update on SGA activities. He said that the SGA encouraged the Students to wear Garnet to the Wake Forest Game and had been involved with many statewide student activities.

5. Legal Update: Ms. Betty Steffens

- Ms. Betty Steffens briefed the trustees on the reply to the NCAA on the notice of allegations regarding the Athletic Department. She said there would be a hearing held in Indianapolis on October 18, 2008, with a decision rendered by the end of the year.

6. Strategic Plan Update and Funding

1. President Wetherell stated that a year ago he charged Provost Abele to lead the university through a strategic planning effort to identify and prioritize the key strategic initiatives on which Florida State should focus over the next five years to strengthen the university and position it as a world-class institution of higher education. He said that an infusion of financial resources would be needed. Those resources would come from a variety of sources, including increased tuition, fees, research endeavors, reallocation of existing resources, and the state of Florida. Dr. Wetherell said that the FSU Foundation would be launching a campaign effort to raise \$1 billion by 2015.
2. Dr. Abele listed the top five areas of importance for the university funding.
3. Mr. Charles Rasberry, President of the FSU Foundation discussed the extraordinary efforts that will be made by the FSU Foundation

7. Consent Items

1. Trustee Knowles made a motion to approve the consent items. Trustee Haggard seconded the motion and the following items were approved unanimously:
 - a. Ratify SGA Bills
 - b. Approval of 2008-2009 Work Plan for the Office of Audit Services Status Report on Purchase Orders over \$1 million and 5 year+ Service Contracts for Fiscal Year 2007-2008
 - c. Status Report on Construction Projects over \$1 million for Fiscal Year 2007-2008
 - d. Adoption of 6C2R-2.0151, Supplier Diversity Program
 - e. Amendment of Regulation 6C2R-2.015 Purchasing and Procurement
 - f. Request for Final Approval after Notice of FY 2008-2009 Tuition Policy and Administrative Action
 - g. ACC Certification Form

8. University Relations Update: Lee Hinkle, Vice President for University Relations

1. Ms. Hinkle said that University Relations has been working on the identity campaign.
2. She said the Siegel + Gale Firm will be back in Tallahassee during the end of October and early November.
3. The Werkmeister Room is being renovated into a museum space to offer exhibits and displays on FSU history.
4. Ms Hinkle said that Myron Rolle has developed a health and living program "Our Way to Health" that is being used at a charter school run by the Seminole Tribe.
5. FSU Foundation has had the best fundraising year ever, \$140 million in gifts and pledges has been collected and committed.

Action Item:

1. Political Campaign Policy

Ms. Hinkle described the political campaign policy to the Board of Trustees.

- Trustee Duda made a motion to adopt the Political Campaign Policy. Trustee Garcia seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

9. Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs: Dr. Lawrence G. Abele, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

Action Items:

1. College of Business Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws for DSO: Dr. Caryn Beck-Dudley

- Following the Board action in April, the College of Business developed Articles of Incorporation and by-laws to establish the direct support organization to support a student-managed investment fund and other programs.
- Trustee Busch-Transou made a motion to adopt the College of Business DSO articles of incorporation and bylaws. Trustee Kinsey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. College of Medicine Waivers: Dr. Myra Hurt

- The College of Medicine requested authority to waive a portion of the out-of-state tuition for a limited number of medical students due to increased competition for qualified medical students.
- Trustee Garcia made a motion to waive a portion of out-of-state tuition. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kinsey and passed unanimously.

3. Undergraduate Out-of-State Waivers: Dr. Lawrence Abele

- To attract more out-of-state high-achieving students, a new component would be added to waive up to 50% of the out-of-state fee for high achieving students. Based on 30 student credit hours per year, these select out-of-state students would pay approximately \$12,000, still considerably more than the \$4,500 paid by Florida resident students. The policy would be effective fall 2009 for incoming freshmen. The university's goal will be to enroll approximately 15% undergraduates as out-of-state by 2013.
- Trustee Hicks made a motion to approve the out-of-state waivers. Trustee Busch-Transou seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Information Items:

1. **Strategic Plan Update: Dr. Robert Bradley**
 - Dr. Bradley provided an update on the strategic plan. He also discussed all the revenue sources and costs for the University strategic plan priorities for the next five years.
2. **University Compacts: Dr. Robert Bradley**
 - Dr. Bradley explained the composition of University Compacts. The Board of Governors and the university share their plans for upcoming years, so the state can plan for the future.
3. **Update on U.S. News & World Report Rankings: Dr. Larry Abele**
 - Dr. Abele discussed the overall rankings of the university in comparison with other universities in the U.S. News & World Report rankings.
4. **Collective Bargaining Update: Ms. Joyce Ingram**
 - Ms. Ingram discussed recently updated union contracts for Faculty and Staff.
5. **Research and Pathways Update: Dr. Kirby Kemper**
 - Dr. Kemper discussed the productiveness of the faculty of the university and their contract and grant awards.
 - Nine (9) Pathways clusters have been approved and 25 new faculty members have been hired.
 - This past year has produced a record number of PhD degrees.
 - In January, the magnet lab funding was renewed for five years. The magnet lab has also received international recognition.
6. **Board of Governors' Regulation on Board of Trustees Powers and Duties: Anne Blankenship**
Ms. Blankenship indicated that there are three remaining issues being discussed: the selection of the University President, the annual evaluation of the President, and property and purchasing.
 - There was much discussion concerning the BOG ratification process in selecting a new candidate for President of the University.
 - Some BOT members were opposed to the addition of this new process in selecting a President.
 - Many Board members indicated their concern about the roles of the Board of Trustees versus the role of the Board of Governors.
 - Ms. Blankenship, along with President Wetherell answered several different questions related to this topic. Further, Governor McDevitt indicated that she would look into the concerns expressed by Board members.

Student Affairs: Dr. Mary Coburn, Vice President for Student Affairs

Information Items:

1. Athletics Update: Mr. Randy Spetman

- Mr. Spetman provided an update on athletics.
- He said a facilities issue being examined is an indoor multi-purpose facility. The facility would accommodate all sports, including intramural sports.
- The entire volleyball staff has been replaced with the University of Arkansas volleyball staff.
- Women's soccer is currently ranked seventh in the nation.
- Ticket revenue in football is an issue – the university is \$1.5 million under budget in ticketing.

2. Student Affairs: Dr. Mary Coburn

- Dr. Coburn provided an update on Student Affairs activities. She said FSU is in the top 100 in selectivity in the 2012 class.
- Despite Hurricane Fay, there was a very smooth opening to the Fall Semester. Thanks to technology, on-campus students were able to move in five days prior to the first day of class. Seminole Sensation Week was a success, bringing much participation from the students and faculty.
- Construction update: the Dunlap Success Center will be dedicated today, the Health and Wellness Center is in planning, Wildwood Phase 2 is in the works, and finally there is some renovations at the Seminole Reservation (lakefront property).

Finance and Business: Mr. John Carnaghi, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration

Agenda Items (ACTION):

1. Finalization of the following Budgets (tentatively approved 6/13/08)
 - a) 2008-2009 Operating Budget
 - b) 2008-2009 Direct Support Operating Budget
 - c) 2009-2010 Fixed Capital Outlay Budget Request
- *Trustee Garcia made a motion to approve the 2008-2009 Operating Budget, Direct Support Operating Budgets and 2009-2010 Fixed Capital Outlay Budget Request with delegation to the President or his designee of to make changes as needed within available resources and fund balances. Trustee Duda seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

10. Open Forum for Board Members Discussion

- Chairman Smith directed Board members attention to the President Evaluation forms and performance materials prepared by President Wetherell. He asked the trustees to complete evaluation forms by October 6, 2008 so that he could compile a report for the November Board meeting.

11. President's Report: Dr. T.K. Wetherell, President

- President Wetherell provided an update on university activities since the last Board meeting.
- He said that FSU students have created a United Way fund, hoping to raise \$100,000. FSU works with the United Way, and hope they will provide a grant called Employee Emergency Loan Fund. FSU will match that grant.
- Dr. Wetherell also touched on the international recognition of the magnet lab.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.

The minutes were approved at the November 14, 2008 Board of Trustees meeting.