

**THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Florida State University  
Turnbull Conference Center  
Tallahassee, Florida**

**Friday, March 2, 2012**

Members Present: Trustees Avi Assidon, Allan Bense, Ed Burr, Susie Busch-Transou, Joe Camps, June Duda, Joe Gruters, Andy Haggard, Mark Hillis, Jim Kinsey, Sandra Lewis, Peggy Rolando and Brent Sembler

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

*Mr. Andy Haggard, Chairman*

Chairman Andy Haggard called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and Dawn Randle conducted the roll call.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- The January 13, 2012, Conference Call Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

**III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

*Dr. Eric Barron, President*

President Barron reported on the 2012 Legislature Session

- Governor's Initial Proposal includes a flat budget with no tuition increases
- The Senate is focused on carry-forward funds, FSU could be tapped for more than \$50 M non recurring
- The House is focused on recurring funds; FSU could be tapped for between \$20 and \$30M
- The conference position may focus on carry-forward funds, FSU share not yet known

President Barron discussed the Research Excellence and National Preeminence Bill

- New mode of thinking – accountability based on a set of metrics – universities who achieve 11 of 14 metrics have preeminence status, with additional tuition and fee flexibility
- Tuition and fee proposals must be approved by the Board of Trustees (BOT) and Board of Governors (BOG)

- President Barron then provided an update on the Fine Arts Campus Big Idea. The Research Foundation purchased 1.4 acres on the corner of Call and Macomb Street on behalf of the University in support of the future Fine Arts Campus; entrepreneurial space will be included.

#### IV. UPDATES AND REPORTS

##### A. Faculty Senate

*Dr. Susan Fiorito, Vice Chair of Faculty Senate Steering Committee*

Dr. Fiorito thanked President Barron on behalf of the Faculty Senate for responding to the Legislature and developing the Metrics for Accountability. Dr. Fiorito further reported that the faculty is supportive of President Barron and Provost Stokes for hiring more tenure-track faculty.

##### B. Student Government

*Mr. Avi Assidon, President of Student Government Association*

Mr. Assidon provided an overview of Student Government Association activity, including a review of progress toward achieving campus goals:

- Cultivate Community
- Engagement
- Legislative Efforts
- Collaborative Efforts
- Service
- Future plans include:
  - Sponsor GPS System in the FSU buses
  - Oppose Proposed Bus/Bike Lane on Tennessee Street
  - Support for a Green Fee
  - Organize End of Semester Events

##### C. University Relations

*Ms. Liz Maryanski, Vice President for University Relations*

Ms. Maryanski provided an update on University Relations activities:

- The 2012 Seven Days of Opening Nights Season was very successful
- Two successful entrepreneurial student programs that take advantage of the University's incubator space were highlighted:
  - Wordio – a program which converts any text article to audio
  - Moolaguides – selling study guides, “Get Paid to Study”
- An overview of University Communications' efforts to support FSU as the most veteran friendly public university was provided

- Social Media continues to be a critical component of the communications strategy; FSU is gaining users of its websites faster than any Florida university
- On April 19, the University will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Integration with a 1,500 person human chain that will stretch across campus. This chain will symbolically represent the diversity that embraces the FSU campus.

D. Athletics

*Mr. Monk Bonasorte, Associate Director of Athletics*

Mr. Bonasorte highlighted achievements of the Athletics programs since the last BOT meeting:

- Tori Huster was named 2011 ACC Women's Soccer Scholar Athlete of the Year and First Team Scholar All-American
- Seven Soccer players received All-ACC Academic Awards
- Mike Fout and Hannah Brooks, Cross Country, were named ACC Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award winners
- Deividas Dulkys, Katie Rybakova, and Kimberly Williams were awarded the Weavers James Gorrigan Award, which includes a \$5,000 Post Graduate Degree Award□
- Bob Braman, Track & Field, was named ACC Indoor Coach of the Year
- Chris Corrigan, Volleyball, was named ACC Coach of the Year and American Volleyball Head Coaches Association SE Regional coach of the year
- Karen Harvey was named ACC Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year

V. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Requesting Approval of the 2012 Affirmative Action Plan
  - B. Requesting Approval of Orientation Fee – Effective no earlier than Summer 2013
  - C. Requesting Approval of Housing Rent Increase – Effective Fall 2012
  - D. Requesting Approval of SGA Bills & Resolutions
  - E. Requesting Approval of the 2012-2013 Academic Calendar
- Trustee Burr moved to approve all items. The motion was seconded by Trustee Camps and approved unanimously.*

VI. FINANCE, BUSINESS & AUDIT

*Mr. John Carnaghi, Senior Vice President for Finance & Administration*

Mr. Carnaghi introduced Elizabeth Swiman, Director of Campus Sustainability, to provide an update on sustainability efforts. Ms. Swiman reviewed the History, Vision and Mission and the University Guiding Documents of the Campus Sustainability Initiative (SCI). Ms. Swiman discussed graphs depicting energy conservation efforts

(energy usage vs. campus square footage) for campus and efforts to continue to build “green” buildings on campus. She also discussed the recycling efforts on campus.

- A. Mr. Carnaghi presented the request to establish a Student Green Fee  
*Trustee Kinsey moved to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Trustee Assidon and approved unanimously.*
- B. Requesting Approval of the Amendment to Campus Development Agreement  
*Trustee Bense moved to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gruters and approved unanimously.*

## VII. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

*Dr. Garnett Stokes, Provost & Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs*

- A. Requesting Approval of the Proposal to Explore MS in Corporate & Public Communication Degree Program  
*Trustee Busch-Transou moved to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kinsey and approved unanimously.*
- B. Requesting Approval of the Proposal to Explore Bachelors of Science Degree Program in Professional Communication  
*Trustee Bense moved to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Trustee Camps and approved unanimously.*

## VIII. STUDENT AFFAIRS

*Dr. Mary Coburn, Vice President of Student Affairs*

- A. Student Affairs Report on Hazing  
Vice President Coburn updated the Trustees on hazing prevention efforts on campus including the FSU Hazing Website – [www.hazing.fsu.edu](http://www.hazing.fsu.edu). The website includes a webpage where hazing can be reported anonymously.  
*Trustee Sembler recommended that a timeline be considered when immediate disciplinary action is taken (pending a full hearing).*
- B. Student Affairs Update
  - Student Government Elections were not certified due to violation complaints. Pending Student Supreme Court deliberations, a range of options will be considered before a final decision is made.
  - Eighty students will graduate from the Garnet and Gold Society.

Special guest, Basketball Coach Leonard Hamilton, arrived and briefed the Trustees regarding the upcoming ACC Tournament.

IX. UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

*Dr. Tom W. Jennings, Vice President for University Advancement and President, FSU Foundation*

- A. Requesting Approval of the Application for Recognition of Exemption for the Florida State University Real Estate Foundation, Inc. in accordance to State of Florida Statute 1004.28

*Dr. Jennings clarified that this item did not require a vote; the item is presented to the Board of Trustees for information purposes only.*

- B. Requesting Approval of the Amended Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws for The Florida State University Real Estate Foundation, Inc. in accordance to University Regulations 6C2R-2.025

*Trustee Burr moved to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gruters and approved unanimously*

- C. Requesting Approval of the Confirmation of Building Name Approval: Tibbals Learning Center and Phase II, Ulla R. and Arthur F. Searing Wing

*Trustee Busch-Transou moved to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Kinsey and approved unanimously*

X. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

*Mr. Andy Haggard, Chairman*

Chairman Haggard indicated that it was very inspirational to see the five student-athletes and students on the website on Student affairs presentation. Thank you to the faculty for helping prepare these students

Mr. Haggard then thanked President Barron for his efforts regarding the Preeminent University bill in the Legislature. The Senate and House have responded positively to President Barron with his recommendation

Vice Chair Busch-Transou indicated that, with regard to the Preeminence University Initiative, it is exciting to hear President Barron's vision for improved outcomes that are communicated in a clear, concise and measurable format.

XI. OPEN FORUM FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Trustee Gruters requested an update on the process to implement uniform bylaws for Direct Support Organizations (DSO). President Barron indicated that the process has gone very well to date, and that additional clarification has been provided in certain areas (e.g., number of Board members, appointment process). President Barron further reported that there will be some variations in the bylaws but that all will meet the guidelines provided by the Board of Trustees. Amended bylaws are expected to be presented for BOT consideration at the June meeting.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held June 7 & 8, 2012 in Sarasota, FL at the Ringling Museum. Hotel and Meeting information is forthcoming.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

**UPCOMING MEETING DATES**

June 7 & 8, 2012 (Sarasota)

September 6 & 7, 2012

November 1 & 2, 2012

*(Note: Subsequent to this meeting, the November 1 & 2 meeting was rescheduled to October 29 & 30)*