

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

**Augustus B. Turnbull, III  
Florida State Conference Center  
555 West Tennessee Street  
Tallahassee FL**

**June 7, 2013  
1:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Allan Bense, Ed Burr, Susie Busch-Transou, Joe Camps, Rosie Contreras, June Duda, Joe Gruters, Andy Haggard, Mark Hillis, Leslie Pantin, Peggy Rolando, Brent Sembler and Gary Tyson

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

*Mr. Allan G. Bense, Chair*

Chair Bense called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*The March 8, 2013, Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.*

**III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

*Dr. Eric J. Barron, President*

President Barron highlighted recent notable news:

- Robert Olen Butler (English) received the F. Scott Fitzgerald Award for outstanding achievement in American Literature
- Ten FSU students won prestigious Fulbright grants for the 2013-2014 academic year
- Jawole Willa Jo Zollar was awarded the Doris Duke Performing Artist Award
- Film School students won first and third place Emmys in international competition
- Alan Marshall (Chemistry) was elected to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences
- The Undergraduate Mock Trial team was named national champions, after competing against 551 teams from across the country
- Bryan Cuevas (Religion) was awarded a Guggenheim Memorial Foundation fellowship
- Governor Rick Scott signed a bill designating Florida State University as one of two pre-eminent universities
- The Legislature and Governor were very generous in providing \$500,000 recurring to fund the Veteran's Center

President Barron offered two workshop topics for consideration by the Trustees and welcomed additional suggestions:

- Civic Center plans
- University-wide efforts regarding career enhancement and placement, especially as associated with the pre-eminence bill

In response to President Barron's request, Trustees provided input regarding desired characteristics in the new Athletic Director:

- CEO mindset with an interest in the business of athletics; not a former coach
- Business oriented and with the ability to build a competitive schedule long term thereby increasing revenues
- Ability to build a strong schedule is critical
- Broader appreciation and support for the Top 25 goal. A leader who is a strong communicator and strong relationship builder, with the ability to contribute in building the academic reputation
- Someone who is well established in the industry with tremendous energy and fundraising ability
- Someone who understands that the business of athletics is the business of media and television; understanding of media markets.

#### **IV. REMARKS**

*City of Tallahassee Commissioner Andrew Gillum, City of Tallahassee*

Commissioner Andrew Gillum thanked the Board and President for the opportunity to speak. Commissioner Gillum commended President Barron and the FSU leadership team for the great working relationship between FSU and the City of Tallahassee (City). Commissioner Gillum thanked President Barron for initiating the development of a business oriented brochure featuring FSU, Florida A&M University and Tallahassee Community College. Commissioner Gillum highlighted *Imagine Tallahassee*, a grass roots community effort that allows all sectors of the community to engage and re-imagine what Tallahassee can become. In closing, the Commissioner expressed appreciation for the partnership between FSU and the City that greatly benefits FSU, taxpayers and the City of Tallahassee.

## **V. UPDATES & REPORTS**

### **A. STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION UPDATE**

*Ms. Sara Saxner, Vice President of Student Government Association (SGA)*

Ms. Saxner stated that the over-arching vision of the Contreras/Saxner/Kurleman administration is utilization of SGA as a tool for fostering academic excellence, creativity, innovation and student led advocacy. Ms. Saxner highlighted several current SGA initiatives:

- The Summit of College Leadership Councils to be held in the fall
- Revision of statutes for the Student Council for Undergraduate Research and Creativity to streamline the grant submission process for FSU students to travel around the world
- Partnering with a student run business in the Jim Moran Institute to launch a project to engage students in City and local government
- Creation of a new Cabinet position – Secretary of the Arts. This position will focus on the arts community including dance, film, art, theatre and music
- In late June, six SGA representatives will travel to Washington, D.C. to speak with members of Congress about student loan interest rates and issues affecting student veterans

In closing, Ms. Saxner stated that SGA is an advocacy network and a means for student voices to be respected and heard. The Contreras/Saxner/Kurleman administration is looking forward to working with everyone at FSU to foster engaged citizens who are ready and unafraid to face the world.

### **B. FACULTY SENATE UPDATE**

*Dr. Gary Tyson, President of Faculty Senate*

On behalf of the Faculty Senate, Dr. Tyson commended President Barron for his strong and ardent support of research excellence and national pre-eminence, which will provide Florida State University with the needed funds to begin rebuilding the infrastructure.

The faculty strongly supports the goal of reaching the Top 25 in public universities. To show support, the Faculty Senate Steering Committee is encouraging faculty giving through the Library. The fundraising campaign titled “25 for 25,” invites faculty members to place “25” in their donation to acknowledge the goal of reaching the Top 25. Examples include \$25, \$2,500, \$25,000 or \$100.25.

Faculty have devoted a great deal of time to development and implementation of the new liberal studies curriculum, which brings an innovative and exciting approach to unique liberal studies course offerings.

### **C. UNIVERSITY RELATIONS UPDATE**

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

Seven Days of Opening Nights concluded its 2012-2013 season with a sold-out performance by Steve Martin and the Steep Canyon Rangers. Seven Days, in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, experienced one of its best years in ticket sales and corporate sponsorships.

Ms. Maryanski highlighted successful communication strategies focused on the Top 25, pre-eminent university and research initiatives. President Barron and a number of faculty have been prominently featured in regional, national and international media.

Recent university wide events facilitated by University Relations include a Black Alumni Association event, President's Toast to the Senior Class and Commencement.

The institutional message, *Spirit of Florida State*, a collaborative effort with the Film School, received an unprecedented number of local, regional and state awards and has qualified for national competition.

### **D. ATHLETICS UPDATE**

*Mr. Monk Bonasorte, Senior Associate Director of Athletics*

Mr. Bonasorte provided an update on activities in the Athletics Department:

- Dr. Greg Beaumont has joined Athletics as the Senior Associate Athletic Director and Director of Academic Support
- Twenty-one student-athletes received All-ACC Academic All-American recognition
- Six teams earned ACC regular season or tournament championships including volleyball, soccer, women's cross country, football, men's outdoor track and softball
- Eighteen teams competed in NCAA post season play for the 2<sup>nd</sup> straight year
- The sand volleyball team reached the AVCA national championships for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row
- FSU is currently ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in the Director's Cup
- Three coaches were named ACC Coach of the Year -- Karen Harvey (Cross Country), Mark Krikorian (Soccer) and Lonni Alameda (Softball).

## **E. STUDENT AFFAIRS**

*Dr. Mary B. Coburn, Vice President for Student Affairs*

Dr. Coburn provided an update on three areas in Student Affairs:

*Housing:* Currently, 75% of all freshmen live on campus; this will increase to 80% with the completion of Dorman and Deviney halls. Studies show that students who live on campus are more successful, e.g., they are more involved in student organizations, have higher GPAs and the retention rate at the end of the first year is 93% for students who live on campus as opposed to 89% for students who live off campus. Data shows a high satisfaction rate with Housing's programming and facilities.

*Graduating Senior Survey:* The response rate to the graduating senior survey is approximately 95%. Of those who responded, 56% are seeking employment, 50% have one or more job offers, 70% of those received offers in careers related to their majors and 25% plan to attend graduate school. Remaining respondents either have not looked for employment, are volunteering, have committed to family obligations or are entering the military. 37% of respondents indicated they had received assistance from the Busch-Transou Career Center. 2,212 students indicate they plan to remain in Florida.

*Garnet and Gold Scholar Society:* 81 students were inducted last year and approximately 400 students are in the program. There are over 100 faculty and staff advisors assisting these students. Those who complete the program report 2-3 times more service hours than those who do not participate.

## **F. OFFICE OF RESEARCH UPDATE**

*Dr. Gary K. Ostrander, Vice President for Research*

Dr. Ostrander updated the Trustees on proposal and award statistics. When comparing 2008 and 2012, the number of proposals submitted is stable, the number of awards has declined but the average dollar amount per award has increased. When third quarter data for 2012 is compared to 2013, the total amount awarded during 2013 is about \$7 million higher (approximately \$145 million in 2012 compared to \$152 million in 2013).

The sixty year trend in Federal extramural non defense research and development funding by function was reviewed. The data shows a large increase in funding for health when compared to other functions such as energy, space and general science. This could be an indication that additional funding may be available to faculty in biology, chemistry, magnet lab, and engineering.

## VI. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Requesting Approval for the Delegation of Authority to President to Approve the 2012 Florida Educational Equity Act (FEEA) Report
- B. Requesting Approval of Revision to the University Electronic Funds (EFT) Transfer Policy
- C. Requesting Approval of New Regulation FSU 2.026, Lost, Abandoned, or Seized Personal Property
- D. Requesting Approval of Issuance of Series 2013A and Series 2013B Refunding Bonds
- E. Requesting Approval to Explore Masters of Science in Applied Economics
- F. Requesting Approval for Termination of Master's and Bachelor's Degree Program of Health Education
- G. Requesting Approval for Termination of Bachelor's Program of Rehabilitation Counseling
- H. Requesting Approval for Termination of Bachelor's, Master's, Specialist, and Doctoral Program of Physical Education
- I. Requesting Approval of Student Government Bills

*Trustee Pantin moved to approve Consent Items A-I as presented. Trustee Sembler seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.*

## VII. FINANCE, BUSINESS & AUDIT

*Mr. David K. Coburn, Interim Vice President for Finance & Administration*

### AGENDA ITEMS (ACTION)

- A. Requesting Approval of FY 2013-2014 Tuition and Fees and Enacting Regulations

Mr. Coburn presented the item for consideration. As requested, the College of Law and Medicine tuition increases were considered separately.

*After discussion, Mr. Burr moved to approve the proposed increases in the financial aid and technology fees as presented. Trustee Hillis seconded the motion.*

*Trustee Gruters moved to amend the motion to include a decrease in the differential tuition of \$1.75 per credit hour. Trustee Duda seconded the amendment and, after discussion, the motion to approve the amendment failed 4 in favor – 9 against.*

*After further discussion, Trustee Burr moved to amend the motion to designate half of the 1.7% tuition increase for need based financial aid. Trustee Contreras seconded the motion and the motion to approve the amendment was approved unanimously.*

*Trustee Bense called for a vote on the original motion as amended. The original motion as amended was approved 10 in favor – 3 against.*

Mr. Coburn presented the request for tuition and fees increase for the College of Medicine and College of Law.

*After discussion, Trustee Camps moved to approve tuition increases of 6% for the College of Medicine and 5% for the College of Law. Trustee Rolando seconded the motion and it was approved 10 in favor – 3 against.*

Mr. Coburn requested approval to withdraw the Capital Improvement Trust Fund fee and the Orientation Fee increases from the Board of Governors agenda. Both fees were previously approved by the University Board of Trustees.

*Trustee Gruters moved to approve withdrawal of the Capital Improvement Trust Fund fee and the Orientation fee increases from the Board of Governors agenda. Trustee Duda seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.*

B. Requesting Approval of Tentative 2013-2014 Operating Budget and Releases

1. Approval of Tentative Operating Budget

*Trustee Rolando moved to approve Item B.1. as presented. Trustee Pantin seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.*

2. Requesting Approval of Delegated Authority to the President or Designee to make any other changes to the budget within available resources

*Trustee Pantin moved to approve Item B.2. as presented. Trustee Burr seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.*

3. Requesting Approval for the University President to prepare the Operating Budget as prescribed by laws and rules of the State of Florida

*Trustee Burr moved to approve Item B.3. as presented. Trustee Sembler seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.*

4. Approval for the DSOs to continue operations within available resources

*Trustee Sembler moved to approve Item B.4. as presented. Trustee Duda seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.*

C. Requesting Approval of Proposed FY 2014-2015 Fixed Capital Outlay Budget Request

*Trustee Busch-Transou moved to approve the FY 2014-2015 Fixed Capital Outlay Budget Request. Trustee Duda seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.*

D. Requesting Approval for State of Florida Land Swap between University and Seminole Boosters

*Trustee Pantin moved to approve the State of Florida land swap between the University and Seminole Boosters. Trustee Haggard seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.*

E. Requesting Approval of Revision to Regulation Amendment FSU 2.009, Parking and Traffic Regulations

*Trustee Sembler moved to approve the Revision to the Parking and Traffic Regulations. Trustee Burr seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.*

**VIII. UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT**

*Dr. Thomas W. Jennings, Vice President for University Advancement & President of the FSU Foundation*

**INFORMATION ITEM**

A. University Advancement Update

Dr. Jennings provided a fundraising campaign update. The campaign period is July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2018 with a \$1 billion goal. Currently, 46% of the goal has been achieved and 35% of the campaign period has elapsed.

Two new campaigns related to volunteer boards have been created:

- President's Campaign Cabinet – comprised of donors who have committed a minimum of \$5 million
- National Campaign Committee – comprised of donors who have committed a minimum of \$1 million

Dr. Jennings reported that the university-wide endowment totaled \$547 million as of March 31, 2013, including the Foundation, Real Estate Foundation, Research Foundation, Ringling Foundation and Seminole Boosters.

**AGENDA ITEMS (ACTION)**

B. Requesting Approval of the Real Estate Foundation Amended Bylaws

*Trustee Burr made a motion to approve the Real Estate Foundation amended bylaws as presented. Trustee Rolando seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.*

**IX. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

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

**AGENDA ITEMS (ACTION)**

**A. Requesting Approval of the University Work Plan**

*Trustee Haggard made a motion to approve the University Work Plan.*

*Trustee Gruters seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.*

**X. CHAIR'S REPORT**

*Mr. Allan G. Bense, Chair*

The Trustees requested that a survey be sent out regarding the options for the November/October Board meeting.

Chair Bense recognized Dr. Robert Bradley for his outstanding contributions to FSU and congratulated him on his retirement.

**XI. OPEN FORUM FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.