

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES

January 17, 2017  
10:00 am

Florida State University  
222 South Copeland Street  
201 Westcott Building  
Tallahassee FL

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Members Present: Max Alvarez, Kathryn Ballard, Ed Burr, Billy Buzzett, June Duda, Susan Fiorito, Mark Hillis, Craig Mateer, Nathan Molina, Leslie Pantin  
Members Excused: Bob Sasser and Brent Sembler

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

*Mr. Ed Burr, Chair*

Chair Burr called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Lynna Sands conducted the roll call.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were available

**III. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

*Mr. John Thrasher, President*

President Thrasher provided an update on the following items:

- Thanked Vice Chair Les Pantin and Sean Pittman for their hospitality at the Orange Bowl. Mr. Pittman will be the next President of the Orange Bowl.
- Mr. Barry Jenkins and other FSU Film School alumni recently won Best Motion Picture at the Golden Globe for his acclaimed film, "Moonlight." The film has also been nominated for eight Academy Awards including Best Picture
- US New & World Report ranked three online graduate programs have been ranked in the Top 10 – Education, Criminology and non-MBA Business program
- The men's and women's basketball teams are ranked in the top 10
- Legislative Session and Committee meetings are beginning to take place. In addition, Rep. Trujillo has requested some detail about the FSU Foundation including revenues and expenditures.
- FSU and Coke have signed a significant Coke contract which will have a

- significant financial boost to the university
- President Thrasher attended the College Football Playoff Managing Prospect meetings. Attended as the ACC representative. Discussed the College Football system
- President Thrasher attended and spoke at Leon County’s Martin Luther King event along with Larry Robinson, FAMU and Jim Murdaugh, TCC, and all signed a resolution honoring the rights and dignity of all that attend our institutions
- Black Student Union groundbreaking is schedule for Friday, January 27, 2017
- Bradford Marsalis Quartet will be performing  
*Chair Burr has requested a notice to trustees regarding performing arts events.*

**IV. FINANCE, BUSINESS & AUDIT**

*Mr. Kyle Clark, Vice President for Finance & Administration*

**Action Item**

Requesting Approval for Authorization for the Seminole Boosters to issue taxable debt up to \$46M for College Town Phase I and III

*Trustee Duda moved to approve the Authorization for the Seminole Boosters to issue taxable debt up to \$46M for College Town Phase I and III. Vice Chair Pantin seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.*

**V. UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT**

*Dr. Thomas W. Jennings, Vice President for University Advancement*

**Action Item**

Requesting Approval for the Naming of the Albert J. and Judith A. Dunlap Champions Club

*Trustee Hillis moved to approve the Naming of the Albert J. and Judith A. Dunlap Champions Club. Trustee Buzzett seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.*

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

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Burr adjourned the meeting at 10:38 am.