

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES

September 28, 2016
2:00 pm

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

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

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mr. Ed Burr, Chair

Chair Burr called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Lynna Sands conducted the roll call.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

III. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. John Thrasher, President

President Thrasher provided an update on the following items:

- Florida State University has moved up five (5) places to No. 38 in US News & World Report
- This is the greatest gain by a public university and is due in part to our 79% graduation rate and improved assessments by our peer institutions and high school guidance counselors contributed to our rise in the rankings
- At the recent Board of Governor's Meeting, we presented our plan to reach the Top 25. The LBR totaling \$70 million outlines resources needed to improve teaching, research, student success and recognition. Hire more faculty to improve student-faculty ratio and retain the faculty we have. Increase stipends and waivers to attract more graduate students and postdocs to expand graduate education and research enterprise
- The ACC Presidents recently met at Clemson to discuss controversial HB2. The difficult decision was made to remove previously scheduled neutral-site championship games from North Carolina for the 2016-17 academic year.

- The Strategic Plan is posted on the FSU website to share with campus community. Open forums were held on campus to get feedback.
- Hurricane Hermine recently hit our area only four days into the academic year. Thank the police, emergency management, communications and student affairs and other staff across campus for their extraordinary efforts in keeping the campus safe and keeping students and their parents informed throughout the storm.
- The Donald L. Tucker Civic Center opened three times in the aftermath of storm — twice as a comfort station where students could charge phones, watch movies, take advantage of AC, and once as the site of a viewing party to watch the FSU vs. Ole Miss Game on Labor Day. Aramark delivered boxed breakfast and lunches to residence halls.

IV. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

- A. Requesting Approval for the Textbook and Instructional Material Affordability Report

Trustee Pantin moved to approve the Textbook and Instructional Material Affordability Report. Trustee Sembler seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

V. OPEN FORUM FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Burr adjourned the meeting at 2:35 pm.