

**FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONFERENCE CALL
MEETING MINUTES**

March 26, 2019
10:00 am

Augustus B. Turnbull III
Florida State Conference Center
555 West Pensacola Street, Room 214
Tallahassee FL

Members Present: Max Alvarez and Mark Hillis

Called-In: Todd Adams, Kathryn Ballard, Ed Burr, Billy Buzzett, June Duda, Jorge Gonzalez, Jim Henderson, Stacey Pierre, Craig Mateer, and Bob Sasser

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 and confirmed a quorum.

Chair Burr reviewed the Ethics/Conflict of Interest Statement.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (ACTION)

The February 22, 2019, meeting minutes were approved as presented.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

IV. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. John Thrasher, President

President Thrasher provided a brief update regarding the spring semester. Florida State University recently awarded an honorary doctorate to Allan Bense, former Speaker of the House and chairman of the FSU Board of Trustees.

The Florida Legislature is in its fourth week of Session. Some of the items of concern for Florida State University is the budget, Hazing Bill – would strengthen and expand current anti-hazing laws and Naming Bill which would give FSU the option to remove the name of BK Roberts Hall at the recommendation of the President's Advisory Panel on University Namings and Recognitions.

Maura's Voice was launched on March 4th – this research initiative will aim to uncover the root causes of violence.

The U.S. News & World Report "Best Graduate Schools" rankings were announced earlier this month and our social work, public affairs and education graduate programs have made significant jumps in the rankings.

FSU was awarded \$8 million from Triumph Gulf Coast as part of a major 10-year initiative to restore the Apalachicola Bay and revive the oyster industry. The initiative is funded by economic damages recovered after the 2010 BP oil spill. This is an important research endeavor with the potential to make a big difference for the community and region.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Academic Affairs

Dr. Sally McRorie, Provost

Action Item

Requesting Approval of the 2019 Accountability Plan

Trustee Sembler moved to approve the 2019 Accountability Plan. Trustee Henderson seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

Information Item

Update on Tenure

Provost McRorie provided update on tenure - 53 faculty and 13 new faculty have been provided Tenure for Fall 2019

VI. CHAIR ED BURR

Chair Burr reminded the trustees that the next regular meeting is scheduled for June 6 & 7, 2019.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Burr adjourned the meeting at 10:21 am.