

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONFERENCE CALL  
MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020  
11:00 AM

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Members Called-In: Max Alvarez, Kathryn Ballard, Billy Buzzett, Ed Burr, Jim Henderson, Brent Sembler, June Duda, Bob Sasser, John Thiel, Jorge Gonzalez, Craig Mateer, Evan Steinberg and Eric Chicken

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

*Mr. Ed Burr, Chair*

Chair Burr called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. Lynna Sands conducted the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (ACTION)**

The February 12, 2020, meeting minutes were approved as presented.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were available.

**IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

*Mr. John Thrasher, President*

President Thrasher provided an update in regards to the University's efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic. Today, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, was the first day of remote online teaching/classes. Many of the professors are doing live teaching through ZOOM. ZOOM was used for Cabinet meeting and President Thrasher joined a Chemistry class using. Administration is working with faculty to determine grading options.

FSU currently has approximately 180 students remaining on campus. Staff is continuing to work with these students and assist them with their needs.

Spring graduation has been cancelled and administration hopes to have spring graduates participate in a later graduation.

All spring athletic events have been cancelled. The NCAA is working to extend eligibility for spring sport athletes.

Vice President Jennings is creating a special fund to assist students who fall under financial hardships.

Students accepted for the summer term will do classes online due to campus being shut down. Students should contact their academic advisors with questions regarding their summer schedules.

FSU will continue to work with the SUS and Governor regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Finance and Business**

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

**Action Items**

1. Requesting Approval of Resolution for Executing Seminole Boosters, Inc. College Town Financing

*Trustee Alvarez moved to approve the Resolution for Executing Seminole Boosters, Inc. College Town Financing. Trustee Henderson seconded the motion and approved unanimously.*

2. Requesting Approval for FSU Research Foundation to commit \$2.5 million in matching funds for the construction of an incubator facility in Innovation Park

*Trustee Sembler moved to approve FSU Research Foundation's \$2.5 million matching funds for the construction of an incubator facility in Innovation Park. Trustee Duda seconded the motion and approved unanimously.*

**VI. CHAIR'S REPORT**

*Mr. Ed Burr, Chair*

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

*Mr. Ed Burr, Chair*

Mr. David Coburn, Athletic Director, provided a brief report regarding Athletics:

- All campus athletic facilities are closed
- 22 student-athletes rehabbing remain in Tallahassee. They are continuing their rehabilitation by working individually with staff and taking the appropriate precautions
- 140 student-athletes remain in Tallahassee
- Baseball & softball season tickets are being refunded. Ticket holders have the option to donate their ticket refund to the baseball and softball programs. Currently, ticket holders have donated \$15,000.
- Athletics staff are working remotely

Ms. Kathleen Daly, Associate Vice President for University Relations, provided a legislative session update.

- Legislative Session ended on March 19<sup>th</sup>
- A \$93.2 billion budget is on the table for approval by the Governor
- \$53.5 million budget for the pandemic and \$300 million for emergency response
- There is a potential Special Session
- Included in FSU's budget is \$15 million in recurring funds for National Rankings Enhancement, \$1 million for Institute for Politics, \$5 million for Florida Institute on Child Welfare and \$20 million for the College of Business Legacy Hall Building.

Chair Burr reminded members of the next meeting on April 16 & 17, 2020.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Burr adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.