

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES ZOOM MEETING
MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2020
10:00 AM

Members Participating: Max Alvarez, Kathryn Ballard, Billy Buzzett, Ed Burr, Jim Henderson, Brent Sembler, June Duda, Bob Sasser, John Thiel, Jorge Gonzalez, Craig Mateer, Jonathan Leven and Eric Chicken

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.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (ACTION)

The March 23, 2020, meeting minutes were approved as presented.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments were provided by the following:

Vincenza Antonetta Berardo, Chief Negotiator, UFF-FSU, spoke regarding FSU and the Grad Assistants Union completing negotiations with a memorandum of understanding concerning the impact of the COVID-19. The process was efficient and productive. Both parties came together in an effort to solve a problem with safety in mind.

Ms. Adela Ghadimi, President, UFF-FSU-GAU, provided a perspective of what graduate students are experiencing during this time. Research and dissertations have been affected causing the need for extra time and support to do research. Dissertations are requiring restructuring for data collection. Moving forward, she has requested that FSU reconsider how fees are being collected in relation to Grad Students.

Mr. Michael Yost, FSU Grad Asst, echoed the above comments

Ms. Hayley Lemoine, PhD student, spoke regarding student fees that are charged to graduate students are waived at other universities (University of Virginia). The fees being charged this summer for programs that they won't have access to such as athletic fees, transportation fees and student facilities. Additionally, it would encourage students to go against orders to shelter in place.

Ms. Katherine Moore, FSU Graduate Students United, spoke regarding her research and dissertation in French Literature. Due to the current circumstances, she is unable to complete the final part of her research which will require her to return for another year of grad school. Modern Languages will be unable to fund for an additional year. She is requesting the university to prioritize funding for graduate assistance whom are already here.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. John Thrasher, President

President Thrasher began his update by welcoming SGA President, Jonathan Levin to the Board of Trustees. Additionally, he provided an update on the University's continued efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Some of the University's efforts included:

- The Florence International Program was closed
- Students were asked to leave main campus. Those that chose to stay were not allowed to leave and return.
- All classes moved to remote learning
- Cancellation of all events and sporting activities through summer
- President Thrasher and Chair Burr continue to have regular calls that include FLBOG
- Administration continues to work with the FLBOG on decisions
- Summer Session C has been moved to remote learning
- A Virtual Spring Commencement is being filmed and will be available on May 2, 2020
- Continuous communication efforts with faculty, staff and students regarding COVID-19

Trustee Sembler asked when decisions regarding the fall semester will be made. President Thrasher responded that July is the timeframe for fall semester decisions.

Additional information provided by President Thrasher included the 2020-2021 Legislative budget decisions. The Governor has not received the budget. A Special Legislative Session will potentially be scheduled. FSU is currently financially sound and not expecting furloughs.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Academic Affairs Committee

Dr. Sally McRorie, Provost

Mr. Jim Henderson, Chair

Action Items

1. Requesting Approval of the 2020 Accountability Plan
Trustee Henderson moved to approve the 2020 Accountability Plan. Trustee Duda seconded the motion and approved unanimously.
2. Requesting Approval to Explore MS in Athletic Coaching
Trustee Henderson moved to approve to Explore MS in Athletic Coaching. Trustee Thiel seconded the motion and approved unanimously.
3. Requesting Approval for Termination of Master's Degree in Cyber Criminology
Trustee Henderson moved to approve the Termination of Master's Degree in Cyber Criminology. Trustee Alvarez seconded the motion and approved unanimously.

Information Item

1. Extension of First Year Abroad Waiver - COVID-19 Conditions

Provost McRorie provided an update regarding students studying abroad. Students were sent home, rather quickly, from international program sites to ensure that students were safe and healthy. Due to all study centers being closed, first year abroad program has allowed out of state students to begin their first year abroad and earn 37 hours then they come in and get in-state tuition here at Florida State University. The students are being offered online courses and will be granted an out-of-state tuition waiver.

Additionally, Provost McRorie confirmed that Summer C Session will be moved to remote learning. Session C will include freshman and transfer students.

B. Student Affairs Committee

Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs

Mr. John Thiel, Chair

Mr. Thiel, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, commended the administration for their efforts during the transition.

Vice President Hecht provided an update regarding Student Affairs and their COVID-19 response:

Residence Halls

- Closed residence halls to students who left for spring break
- Halls remain open for 129 students
- Refunds were issued for those students who were no longer living on campus
- Move out information was communicated to safely move students out

University Health Services

- 631 appointments
- 419 Telehealth appointments/221 in-person
- 84% of appointments are now virtual
- CHAW Outreach
- 64 students were provided direct service
- 4 virtual events
- 15 education videos created
- 80.679 impressions through social media

Counseling & Psychological Services

- 840 unique counseling sessions
- 1,148 walk-in (individual and group sessions)
- 12 students received crisis interventions
- 18 calls to after-hours crisis service
- 49 online and virtual psychoeducational programs reaching approximately 100 students

Case Management

- Distributed 43 laptops and 11 webcams to students through the University's Technology Loaner program
- The Food Pantry has had 176 unique visits by students

Seminole Relief Fund

- Distributed \$338,862
- 1,364 applications received
- 556 students awarded
- Average award \$609

Orientation

- All orientation sessions will be offered fully online throughout the summer
- Students will learn the virtual resources available to them, as well as, the in-person resources for when campus reopens
- Students will connect virtually with Orientation Leaders, Advisors, and complete online content

Additionally, Dr. Hecht reviewed the Virtual FSU, which allows students to achieve their full potential and departments support students through transition.

Virtual FSU includes connections with jobs, internships, training skills, mentors, and career development.

C. Finance and Business Committee

Mr. Kyle Clark, Vice President for Finance & Administration
Mr. Bob Sasser, Chair

Vice President Clark provided an update regarding the potential fiscal impacts of COVID-19 for the spring, summer and fall 2020.

D. Audit and Compliance Committee

Mr. Sam McCall, Chief Audit Officer
Ms. Robyn Blank, Chief Compliance & Ethics Officer
Mr. Jorge Gonzalez, Chair

Mr. McCall provided an Office of Audit update. Audit continues to work on audits with ITS, College of Law as well as housing and meal plan refunds.

Ms. Blank provided an Office of Compliance update. They are continuing to work on distance learning licensure and certification. Also, Form 1 (Financial Disclosure) will be sent out for completion to be returned to the Commission on Ethics by July 1, 2020.

E. Athletics Update

Mr. David Coburn, Athletics Director

Mr. Coburn reported on Athletics as well as the impacts and adjustments of COVID-19 in athletics.

Mr. Coburn provided a recap of all the spring teams ranking prior to the shutdown:

- Baseball - 13
- Softball - 12
- Beach Volleyball - 3
- Men's Basketball - 4
- Women's Basketball – 19
- Women's Golf – 22
- Men's Golf - 39
- Men's Tennis – 28
- Women's Tennis – 2

The Name Image and Likeness will be discussed at the NCAA Council meeting. Workgroups report is due to the NCAA by the end of the month.

A Transfer Workgroup at the NCAA for undergraduates, has come to some conclusion that blanket exemptions for a one-time transfer will be discussed at the April 24, NCAA Council meeting and voted on during the May 20, Meeting. This would provide substantial flexibility for student -athletes for a one-time transfer with a criteria. Graduate transfer proposal vote is at the April 24, meeting and will allow considerable amount of flexibility for transfer to another school due to graduate programs.

The NCAA is providing an exception to spring sport athletes and providing an additional year of eligibility. FSU has approximately 20 seniors that could potentially take advantage of the additional year of eligibility with scholarship aid.

The NCAA provided guidance for incoming student-athletes during the fall with limited availability of standardized testing such as the SAT and ACT. If other academic criteria have been met (GPA), then the requirement of test scores will be waived. This will be an issue over the next year with all students.

Budget & Finance:

The NCAA & ACC distribution will be reduced by \$2.2-\$2.5 million based on the loss of the NCAA & ACC basketball tournaments. There will be some substantial savings with the cancellation of spring sports.

Cost-savings analysis is underway at FSU, ACC and NCAA, that will potentially save money across the board. This could include travel, practices, scheduling guidelines, etc.

FSU is planning several budget scenarios for next year –one including a budget without football.

Mr. Coburn commended the coaches, staff and athletes during this time being very understanding, flexible and supportive.

Fall schedule planning is underway and the ACC is developing principals to help guide. An ad-hoc workgroup, which includes Coach Norvell, is developing "Return to Play" models in concert with the NCAA oversight committee and the American Football Coaches Association.

The NCAA has developed a COVID-19 committee comprised of medical experts. A subcommittee is working on guidelines for "Return to Play."

Support continues for both in-house and remote athlete rehab for athletes injured or coming off surgery. Academic Advising, tutoring, and mental health services remain available. Nutrition and strength staff are active and engaged remotely.

Current sports operations, that include non-physical activities, are permitted in all sports, conditioning and weight training must be on their own and cannot be directed. Non-physical activities such as virtual meetings, film review and chalk talks can be supervised up to eight hours per a week. All is currently voluntary.

Recruiting is now virtual. Signing period opened on April 15th. We've signed six student-athletes across four different sports and received numerous verbal commitments from various sports.

The FLBOG approved the College Town Refinancing that was approved by the Trustees in March. Additionally, the ticket priority deadline has been moved to May 1st. The Annual Spring Golf Tour has been moved to weekly virtual one on ones with Coach Norvell, which are going very well. The ticket office has moved to online ticketing and parking processes.

The universal search for the replacement for Andy Miller (President, Seminole boosters) continues. The discussion of schedule and replacement is expected by fall.

As media and social media increases, coaches and student-athletes have done over 230 local, state and national media interviews.

F. Legislative Update

Ms. Kathleen Daly, Associate Vice President for University Relations

Ms. Daly provided a Legislative update as follows:

- Session officially ended on March 19th.
- the legislators came back to pass the \$93.2 billion state budget
- The budget includes \$21 million in recurring based money
- \$15 million for national ranking
- \$5 million Florida Institute of Child Welfare
- \$1 million for Institute of Politics
- \$20 million in PECO for College of Business Legacy Hall
- The Governor has not received nor acted upon the Bill. The Bill goes into effect July 1 – so he will need to receive it and act on it before then.
- There were 3,518 Bills filed for the 2020 Session. 210 of those Bills passed. The Governor has received 16 of those of the 210 Bills and signed those 16. The 16

includes a Tax Holiday in August and Disaster Preparedness Tax break for early May to end of June.

- Bills that passed that affects FSU – Comprehensive Higher Education Bill, which allows Universities to use Carryforward for expenses incurred during a declared State of Emergency, Conflict of Interest Foreign Influence Language and the Name Image and Likeness Bill that affects student-athletes

- Senator Galvano released a memo recapping some of what is happening including national economic outlook information, forecasts for the State of Florida, general revenue collection reports. One of interest will be released on May 11 –Post Corona virus impact.

- Continue to follow the CARE Act

G. University Advancement Update

Dr. Tom Jennings, Vice President for University Advancement

Dr. Jennings provided an update in regard to University Advancement/DSO COVID-19 response and communication strategies with constituents.

Additionally, an update regarding fundraising/philanthropy effort during the COVID-19 crisis was provided.

H. Office of Research Update

Dr. Gary Ostrander, Vice President for Research

Dr. Ostrander provided an update regarding FSU Research Funding and COVID-19 response in regards to research, which included:

Research Funding:

- Funding is even with the first three quarters

- Federal funding is behind although in receipt of two new Federal funding approvals. Funds should be received in the next few weeks.

- Fiscal year is expected to finish close to last year's record numbers

COVID-19 Response:

- As of April, the focus was minimizing people on campus and have them work from home

- Identified those with essential research, such as COVID-19 research, clinical activity/research if there was a potential harm (ie includes drugs), or cause severe loss of data, critical samples or equipment were allowed access to campus to continue their research with stringent safety guidelines

- Continued communication with research community

- Weekly research continuity Zoom meetings averaging 150 participants through 4 meetings includes overview on research issues

- Sponsored research Administration/Research foundation Zoom Meetings

- Human Subjects Zoom Meetings

- COVID-19 Research Issues Committee

I. General Counsel Update

Ms. Carolyn Egan, General Counsel

Ms. Egan provided an update from the office of General Counsel and the response with COVID-19 for FSU. Some of the items the General Counsel's office is assisting with are:

-In an effort to keep normal work going, the office of General Counsel has assisted various departments and staff with ideas to conduct work remotely – this includes conducting mediations and litigations.

-COVID-19 crisis has caused the cancellations of contracts – legal staff are assisting with the review of contracts.

VI. CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Ed Burr, Chair

VII. OPEN FORUM FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Ed Burr, Chair

Chair Burr reminded members of the next meeting on June 3 & 4, 2020.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Burr adjourned the meeting at 1:40 pm