

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING
MINUTES

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2020
1:30 PM

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 Levin and Eric Chicken

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mr. Ed Burr, Chair

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ben Serber, Graduate Assistant, indicated concern regarding reopening of registration in mid-July and the cancellation deadline for housing (June 26) do not coincide. Students are unable to cancel their housing contract until the registration reopens.

John Schwenkler, Professor – Department of Philosophy, expressed his disappointment regarding the reopening plan, which requires many of the classes to be move to online.

Michael Yost, Graduate Assistant, commented that the Reopening Plan that is presented is cautious and wise given the current circumstances. He commended the campus-wide mask mandate for this fall. He is requesting that the masks be distributed to students and employees without cost to the individuals.

III. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY'S CAMPUS REOPENING PLAN

Provost Sally McRorie provided an overview of the Reopening Plan for FSU's campus as directed by the Florida Board of Governors. With the safety of students and employees some of the requirements highlighted:

- Social distancing
- Mandatory face mask requirement while in campus buildings
- Cleaning procedures recommended by the CDC
- Athletics adhering to the NCAA and ACC guidance – daily screenings at entrances, testing of athletes,
- Briefing of safety precautions to visitors coming onto campus
- Contact tracing plan with Florida Department of Health and local hospitals
- Encourage FSU Community to take the Flu vaccination
- Aspirational goal to have baseline testing for faculty, staff, and students (not mandated)
- Testing will be available on campus, residence hall available for quarantine of students, if needed
- Remote classes following Thanksgiving holiday

-International Learning in Europe are currently closed – London, Florence, and Valencia

President Thrasher provided comments regarding the collaboration that took place to put the plan together with faculty, staff, and students. The plan follows the guidelines provide by the FLBOG. President Thrasher would like as many face-to-face classes, as possible, while following the CDC guidelines. This is not a final plan and work in progress that will be updated

Vice President Kyle Clark reviewed the availability of masks to the students, employees, and visitors. The masks that are available and meet the CDC guidelines. Students will be provided masks at the beginning of the fall semester at no charge.

Chair Burr inquired about the dorm contract deadline concern. Provost McRorie and Vice President Amy Hecht addressed the concern that the deadline has been extended to July 3rd and any other exemptions should be requested through email.

Trustee Sembler requested an updated from Vice President Gary Ostrander regarding the FSU CTI testing and safety of personal information. Vice President Ostrander responded that the Office of Research is responsible for setting up of the actual test facility. The testing will be a QTPCBB based test onsite. Facilities in Innovation Park are currently set-up with equipment. We are partnering with Tallahassee Memorial Health Care and they will be responsible for staffing of the facility. TMHC holds the CLIA Certification that is required for us to be able to do this type of testing on humans. The FSU College of Medicine, College of Nursing and University Health Center are working to establish how the collection of specimens. They continue to work to partner with other laboratories to be able to turn results around in 8 to 24 hours, which will make a significant impact on their ability to quickly respond.

Vice President Clark reiterated Dr. Ostrander's comments. Vice President Ostrander's group is focused on processing the specimens, while partnering with the College of Medicine and the College of Nursing in the fall, to collect the specimen. There are several people working through the logistical issues on the drive-thru sites, collecting the specimens and swabbing. Currently, the Wellness Center is able to collect the specimens for the drive thru. The General Counsel's Office has been working on issues regarding HIPAA and other privacy requirements associated with adhering to federal requirements in the letter of the law. Results will not be shared with anyone outside of the medical community. The University will receive information related to the test or who has been tested and whether someone was cleared, or not cleared to return to work. Testing issues or inconclusive test could give reason for someone not being cleared to return to work. The University also has opportunities to mail testing kits to people so that they do not have to come to a drop through testing site. This will be useful for students that live outside of Tallahassee with the goal to get as many of students to test before they come to campus. The cost to perform the test will be less than if we used one of our third-party partner. If insurance does not cover the cost, then University funds are allocated to cover the cost. The Wellness Center will process billing to insurance. Test results will be delivered through a secure portal.

Trustee Sembler inquired about the budget for the process of COVID-19 testing on campus. Vice President Clark responded that some of the insurance companies are not paying for the test and some of the insurance companies are. The cost has been covered by the Office of Research for running the tests, FSU received \$14 million in Federal Cares money due to the pandemic and the FLBOG has authorized the use of non-recurring money to prepare to repopulate campus.

Vice President Hecht reviewed the off-campus support plan for students that may test positive. The Department of Health will perform the contact tracing. FSU will communicate with the roommate their risks to make sure the student is self-isolated and their risks. We will ensure the student self-isolates and make sure they are in touch with case management to insure they have food or any other resources they need during that time, making sure they understand cleaning protocol. The sorority houses are to come up with a plan for positive cases.

Trustee Sembler moved to approve the Florida State University Campus Reopening Plan. Trustee Thiel seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Ed Burr, Chair

V. OPEN FORUM FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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President Thrasher shared words regarding recent issues around campus. He condemns all forms of hate, racism, discrimination, and police brutality. He is committed to long term changes so every person feels safe and treated with respect and dignity.

He spoke about a recent virtual meeting that was held with several students, athletes, TCC and FAMU students to discuss local issues with Mayor John Daily, Chief Lawrence Revell, Chief Terri Brown, and other community leaders. The dialogue and discussions were productive and positive while giving students an opportunity to voice their concerns and recommendations on how to improve relationships here in Tallahassee.

Trustee Eric Chicken spoke regarding the Faculty Senate passing a Resolution asking the Legislature to give FSU the naming rights for the BK Roberts Law building. The faculty and administration of the College of Law also called for the law change. The student body is currently working on a similar resolution. These are continuing efforts from the past few years that President Thrasher and College of Law have worked on to get the building renamed. The name change will require legislative action. Trustee Chicken is requesting the support of the FSU Board of Trustees. President Thrasher endorses the call for action. Chair Burr said the Board would take it under advisement at the September 11, 2020, FSU Board of Trustees Meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Burr adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm.