

**STUDENT AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE**



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

FSU Board of Trustees  
Committee for Student Affairs  
Thursday, April 1st, 2021

Roll Call

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Report from Student Affairs (Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs)

- Health and Wellness Update

Report from Athletic Department (David Coburn, Athletics Director)

FSU Board of Trustees  
Committee for Student Affairs

Thursday, February 18 2021

Time: 2:00pm  
Start time: 2:14

I. Roll Call

- a. Trustees:
  - i. John Thiel, Chair
  - iii. Jorge Gonzalez
  - iv. Jonathan Levin, SGA President
  - v. Ed Burr, Board Chair
- b. University Administration
  - i. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs
  - ii. John Thrasher, President
  - iii. David Coburn, Director of Athletics

II. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

- a. Motion: Trustee Gonzalez
- b. Second: Trustee Levin
- c. Vote: Passed Unanimously

IV. Report from Student Affairs (Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs)

- a. Hosted State of the Division at the end of Jan for all staff
- b. Silver linings of the pandemic - communication, collaboration, renewed purpose, innovation, adaptation and execution
  - a. Communication
    - i. The division has gathered monthly to discuss new initiatives and COVID 19 updates
    - ii. Leadership team meets twice a week as opposed to every two weeks
    - iii. Technology has allowed us to expand our reach
  - b. Collaborations
    - i. ProfessionNOLE mentors
      - 1. Anyone can sign up to be a mentor online
        - a. complete an online form and a student will reach out to you
      - 2. We gave exceeded the original goal of mentors – over 2000
    - ii. Emergency relief fund with the foundation
      - 1. This year, we have fundraised the highest number of dollars in Student Affairs history
    - iii. Welcome New Directors
      - 1. DeOnte Brown (CARE), Dr. Sierra Turner (Student Equity and Inclusion), Dr. Felicia Williams ( Engagement)
- c. Renewed Sense of Purpose

- i. Continued to support student mental health
      - 1. Instituted Tele-mental health
      - 2. Expansion of the Resilience project
    - ii. Stay Healthy Ambassadors
      - 1. Student volunteers encouraging Covid protocols
      - 2. They have supervised over 100 events
    - iii. Developed new ways to engage
      - 1. Drive in movies
      - 2. Grab and go activities
      - 3. Circus reimagined practice and trainings
  - d. Innovation
    - i. Campus Rec
      - 1. Outdoor and virtual workouts
      - 2. Virtual personal trainings
      - 3. YouTube videos to get out and explore campus and Tallahassee
    - ii. Career center
      - 1. launched badging program to connect with student's Linked In accounts
    - iii. Greek life
      - 1. Made recruitment fully virtual
  - e. Adaptations
    - i. We have expanded group events from 50 to 100 people
  - f. Looking ahead
    - i. Covid 19 vaccinations
      - 1. Working to identify medically vulnerable students to be vaccinated
      - 2. Following the Governor's protocol for when people can get vaccinated
    - ii. The Seminole Tribe of Florida
      - 1. Commissioned art by a Seminole Tribe of Florida artist to be used in the union
    - iii. Fraternity expansion by IFC
      - 1. 6 new fraternities added to campus between now and 2024
    - iv. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the flying high circus
      - 1. Beginning a campaign to add on to the circus facilities
    - v. 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the FSU reservation
      - 1. Cabins, retreats, ropes course
  - g. The student experience
    - i. Impact of COVID 19
      - 1. Mental health challenges
      - 2. The incoming class will show more reliance on community than the classes before
      - 3. Financial impact of the pandemic
        - a. Homeless student waivers have doubled since previous years
  - h. Discussion points
    - i. What are you seeing in your communities or companies that may help shape the future of the student experiences?

- ii. What lasting impact on organization or people do you see as a result of the pandemic?
- c. Chair Thiel – I do think we need to think to how people are going to react to one another and how to balance the conflict between the people who have a lot of concern versus those who don't
- d. Trustee Henderson – can we identify who has been vaccinated? Where does the university lie with respect to mandatory face to face classes?
  - i. Recommendation of UHS is to not mandate any vaccine, especially one that is under an emergency proclamation. We will strongly encourage students to be vaccinated especially those in community housing and we are still prepared to isolate students in the residence halls in the fall – Dr. Amy Hecht
    - 1. None of the SUS is mandating vaccines but we are one of the few campuses actually offering the vaccine on campus. – VP Kyle Clark
  - ii. Resiliency in the students and faculty has been amazing. Quick response has been incredible
- e. Amy – End of Report

#### V. Report from Athletic Department (David Coburn, Athletics Director)

- a. To discuss at general board
  - i. Every sport except football competing this semester
    - 1. Football has spring practice and a spring game
  - ii. Staff is being worked over time after being asked to take pay cuts and furloughs
  - iii. 15 sporting events on campus next weekend
  - iv. Coach Norvell will join the general board meeting
  - v. Will start bring in a different coach for every board meeting
  - vi. Will talk about the NCAA issues, anti-trust, name image and likeness and undergraduate transfer

Meeting adjourned at 2:54 pm