



**FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021  
9:00 AM VIA ZOOM  
MEETING MINUTES**

Committee Attendees: Jorge Gonzalez (chair), Eric Chicken, Bob Sasser  
Ex-Officio: Peter Collins  
Staff: Laurel Fulkerson, Joe Frascella, Eric Holmes, Donna O’Neal, Jenn Garye,  
and Kelly Starke  
Presenters: Gary Ostrander, John Fogarty, Jeffrey Joyce

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

*Chair Gonzalez*

Trustee Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 9:02am. He conducted the roll call and confirmed a quorum. Notification was given that the meeting was being recorded.

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

*Chair Gonzalez*

The minutes from the October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting were approved without objection.

**III. DRAFT MISSION STATEMENT**

*Chair Gonzalez*

“The Research Subcommittee, serving at the pleasure of the Chair of FSU’s Board of Trustees, supports the Office of the Vice President for Research in **CREATING** and **DISSEMINATING** a **STRATEGIC VISION** for research, innovation, and creative activities across the university. We offer guidance and advice pertaining to FSU’s initiatives for advancing basic, applied, and clinical research, and technology transfer. We serve as proud and effective ambassadors for the wide range of research occurring on all campuses.”

There were no proposed edits to the mission statement, which was adopted by the committee.

**IV. OVERVIEW OF THE FSU COLLEGE OF MEDICINE**

*Dr. John Fogarty, Dean, FSU College of Medicine*

Please see powerpoint.

Questions and comments:

- Gonzalez: Some see research being in opposition to the mission of the CoM, but I see it as an evolution.

- Fogarty: I agree, which is why we added the “discover and advance knowledge” to our mission statement. We need 5 things that we can be great at – population studies, health disparities

- Gonzalez: Uniqueness of the distributive model?

- Fogarty: We took a different approach, and our students have a “homeroom” base at their location, but then go out in the actual community and serve.

- Gonzalez: overview of the Guide House process with TMH?

- Fogarty: TMH wants to be a home for FSU’s medical program. They are helping us establish a framework for the partnership with FSU and TMH for clinical research.

- Gonzalez: Collaborations outside of the College in the FSU research ecosystem?

- Fogarty: We have really done this a lot over the last 3 years. Working with 7 colleges on campus.

- Joyce: Engineering; and worked with the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville.

- Sasser: more about the hospital and the possibility of having a Tallahassee regional campus hospital.

Fogarty: Our model doesn’t require a hospital, but it would help our ability to grow our research to have patients. TMH is probably not building, so now the focus is on hiring high end specialty doctors.

- Collins: O’Bryant has mentioned that TCC has a facility on their campus for nursing. Is that so?

- Fogarty: Yes, it was built about 10 years ago. They produce the workforce of nurses and EMTs for TMH. They are looking to partner with someone in the PCC area to do the same thing over there.

- Collins: Who funded and owns the building?

- Fogarty: I believe it is a TCC facility.

- Fulkerson: I believe TMH donated the land.

- Collins: Are we now competing with TCC in Nursing?

- Fogarty: Dean Wang not here, but that industry is in such high demand there is enough space for both; we would be training specialized rather than general nurses.

- Collins: If we had a physical building, how long would it take to grow our program?

- Frascella: Realistically it is probably 5-10 years to establish this program.

- Fogarty: We are going to have to hire 100 faculty. Space is an issue, so a facility at TMH would help.

- Ostrander: We have already picked up the low hanging fruit to double our NIH funding to date, so it will take a significant investment to move that needle further.

Joe Frascella, Chief Clinical Research Officer, is working to increase our clinical research program with TMH. With the establishment of OCRA and CRTU we are positioning ourselves to be very successful.

Donna O’Neal, Director OCRA, added that OCRA was established about a year and a half ago, right before COVID shut things done.

Emily Pritchard is leading our partnership with the Mayo clinic. She added that we have a small program with Mayo focusing on commercialization, and over 160 faculty engaged in an internship program.

## **V. BRIEFING ON TRIUMPH GULF COAST**

*Dr. Gary Ostrander, Ph.D. & Dr. Eric Holmes, Asst. VP for Research*

Triumph Funding originated from the BP oil spill in the Gulf, and only the 8 impacted counties are eligible. It will total at least \$1.5 billion over the next 12-13 years. In the first four years, 248 pre-proposals were submitted to Triumph, and they selected 120 to move forward in the review process. So far, they have funded or are in discussions/considerations for funding 47 proposals (ca. 20%).

Previous award of \$8M for the FSUCML to restore the oyster beds in the Apalachicola Bay, working with the surrounding community. We invested \$2m of FSU funds, hired 3 new faculty, and we are building a new research hatchery at the FSUCML. This money also helped to get federal funding for a \$20 million restoration proposal.

The second project that we are working with Triumph on is PARC, the Panhandle Aging Research Center, in partnership with St. Joe, which was a \$78 million proposal on successful aging, including a research facility on land provided by St. Joe, with 18-20 faculty. Triumph were not willing to commit, so it has been on hold. But in February 2021, the St. Joe Company partnered with FSU and TMH and that was the catalyst for revisiting. Triumph want to see 60% of the funds coming from outside the state.

Questions and comments:

- Gonzalez: Triumph created by Legislature to oversee these funds. BP to pay \$2B to the state and 75% goes to Triumph to redistribute. The main currency for Triumph is creating high end jobs. Triumph is made up of 8 members appointed by the state leaders on rotational terms. They have staff and an economist.
- Sasser: Are we organized to get what we need from Triumph?
- Ostrander: PCC just got a separate \$11.3m award from Triumph. We have good experience with what they want, and have been able to meet their cost share requirements. I feel good about the relationship.
- Gonzalez: We are just scratching the surface, but will need well thought out programs.
- Holmes: Involving community support from the beginning is key.
- Ostrander: Absolutely: the community has to say it is a top priority for them.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS AND UPDATES**

A. External Advisory Board was discussed in our last meeting. Seemed to be some interest.

- Sasser: Yes, I think this is great, but like you said, how we do this is the key.
- Gonzalez: Figuring out who will best serve on this board. Will discuss more in the next meeting.

B. Standing meetings, with *ad hoc* meetings as needed. Laurel will send out invites for CY 2022.

## **VII. OPEN FORUM**

Sasser: Thank you for putting together all the speakers and information to help educate us. It is helpful to have slide decks in advance for following along.

Fulkerson: At our next meeting do we want Commercialization to present?

Gonzalez: Yes, please.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 10:50am by Chair Gonzalez.