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MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, October 30, 2025

2:45 – 3:45 pm

Augustus B. Turnbull Conference Center
555 W Pensacola St, Tallahassee, FL 32306
Room 101

The agenda will be followed in subsequent order and items may be heard earlier than the scheduled time.

- I. Call to Order and Welcome**
Trustee Jorge Gonzalez, Chair
- II. Approval of Minutes**
August 28, 2025, Meeting Minutes
- III. Office of Research Informational Items and Updates**
 - a. General Research Update**
Dr. Stacey Patterson, Vice President for Research
 - b. Commercialization**
Valerie McDevitt, Assoc. Vice President of Strategic Partnerships and Innovation
 - c. National High Magnetic Field Laboratory (MagLab) Renewal Proposal**
Dr. Kathleen Amm, MagLab Director
- IV. Open Forum for Trustees**
Trustee Jorge Gonzalez, Chair
- V. Adjournment**
Trustee Jorge Gonzalez, Chair



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Committee Members Attended In Person: Jorge Gonzalez, Roxanne Hughes, Brian Murphy, and Justin Roth.

Committee Members Absent: None

Other Trustees in attendance: Chairman Peter Collins, Jim Henderson, and Peter Jones.

Staff and Others: President Richard McCullough, Vice President Stacey Patterson, Drew Allen, Bill Bobo, Jim Clark, Josh Duncan, Carolyn Egan, Heather Flynn, Deborah Gautier, Clay Ingram, Glenn Ladwig, Robert Large, Lina Rojas, and Kelly Starke.

I. Call to Order and Welcome *Trustee Jorge Gonzalez, Chair*

Trustee Gonzalez welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 2:45 pm. A quorum was confirmed.

II. Approval of Minutes *June 12, 2025, Meeting Minutes*

The minutes were approved unanimously and without objection.

III. Year-End Updates

Dr. Stacey Patterson, Vice President for Research

Fiscal Year 24 Updates:

- FSU Faculty Submitted 1533 competitive proposals for \$1.22B this year. This is an all-time high for FSU and demonstrates the determination and resiliency of the FSU Faculty...thank you.
- Overall awards are down around 15% year over year. This isn't a complete surprise due to the federal agency changes which have significantly slowed the process of review and award over the past six months. This delay will likely impact next year's numbers as well.
- Dr. Patterson shared the good news that of the \$103.5M in federal contracts and grants that had been cancelled, we have successfully appealed several and that \$65.5M has been reinstated. There are a few additional appeals pending.
- She also discussed the Office of Research's approach to sharing information and support. The university has set up a contingency fund program, trainings, resource pages, and one-on-one support to help impacted faculty navigate these unprecedented changes.
- The 3rd Annual Discovery Days week will be October 18-25. The week includes more than 25 events to celebrate research and innovation and shared that they would love to have the Board of Trustees members participate.

IV. Behavioral Health

Dr. Heather Flynn & Dr. Bill Bobo, FSU College of Medicine

Dr. Heather Flynn provided an overview of the FSU Mood and Anxiety Center of Excellence and introduced Dr. Bill Bobo (a recent recruit from the Mayo Clinic)...as part of the FSU Health Initiative, Dr. Flynn's work exemplifies the power of academic health combining research, education, and quality clinical care.

V. InSPIRE/FLAME Updates

Dr. Stacey Patterson, Vice President for Research

Drew Allen, FSU InSPIRE Executive Director

Dr. Patterson introduced Drew Allen, the new Executive Director of InSPIRE, the new aerospace and manufacturing institute in Panama City. Drew joins FSU from the University of Oklahoma Aerospace and Defense Innovation Institute, where he helped secure more than \$50 million in federal contracts and built collaborations with more than 25 aerospace and defense companies. Drew is a former U.S. Air Force commander and has led teams of thousands and managed budgets topping \$1 billion.

Dr. Patterson provided an update to the committee on FSU's FLAME (Florida Advanced Manufacturing Engine) proposal submitted to the National Science Foundation. FSU is one of 29 semi-finalists in this highly competitive program, which could result in an award exceeding \$160 million. If selected, NSF's investment will serve as a catalyst for the university's InSPIRE initiative, positioning Northwest Florida as a national leader in advanced manufacturing.

Together, FLAME and InSPIRE are projected to generate hundreds of millions of dollars in additional economic output across the region.

VI. Adjournment

Trustee Jorge Gonzalez, Chair

The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 pm.

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