



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

University Research Committee

MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

Thursday, January 22, 2026

2:30 pm.

Via Zoom

Committee Members Attended Via Zoom: Jorge Gonzalez, Roxanne Hughes, and Brian Murphy

Committee Members Absent: Justin Roth

Other Trustees in attendance: Peter Collins

Staff and Others: Carolyn Egan, Glenn Ladwig, Robert Large, Kim Hill, Richard McCullough, Stacey Patterson, Mary Sechrist, Kelly Starke

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

Trustee Gonzalez welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm. A quorum was confirmed.

II. Action Item for Consideration of Recommendation to the Board of Trustees *Dr. Stacey Patterson, Vice President for Research*

Action Item I: Request for Approval: Participation in a Research Consortium sponsored by the Novo Nordisk Foundation

Dr. Patterson provided an overview of an international research consortium opportunity in which FSU has been invited to participate. If approved, the project would be supported by a \$2.2 million award over three years and led by an FSU faculty member in the Department of

Chemistry. It was noted that 747 proposals were submitted to the program, with only 22 ultimately selected for award.

FSU is seeking approval for an exception to BOG Regulation 9.012 to participate in the Gram-Negative Antibiotic Discovery Innovator Initiative (Gr-ADI), administered by the Novo Nordisk Foundation. Although the foundation itself is not a restricted entity, one of the 22 consortium partners is a Chinese entity, prompting the need for an exception. The Agreement does not require FSU to share institutional resources, facilities, microbial strains, or compound structures, and all project discoveries can remain confidential. No foreign principals will have access to restricted materials, technologies, or proprietary information.

The Committee engaged in a full discussion of the consortium's structure and methods of collaborating. Treatment of intellectual property was also discussed.

Board members expressed their appreciation for the Investigator's work and voiced their support for advancing the motion.

Carolyn Egan, Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel, reminded the Committee that it previously established a requirement that any exception request must receive a unanimous Committee vote to advance to the Board of Trustees.

Committee Chair Gonzalez moved to approve the request for FSU to participate in the Research Consortium sponsored by the Novo Nordisk Foundation. Each Committee member present at the meeting was asked to state their vote verbally. All present Committee members voted in favor of advancing the measure to the full FSU Board of Trustees for consideration.

III. Open Forum for Trustees *Trustee Jorge Gonzalez, Chair*

There was no further discussion.

IV. Adjournment *Trustee Jorge Gonzalez, Chair*

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.