



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Student Affairs Committee

MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)

June 18, 2026
Virtual Meeting

Attended: Trustee Kathryn Ballard, Trustee Tim Weisheyer, Trustee Seibert

Absent: Board Vice Chair Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz

Staff: Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs

Others in attendance: Trustee Jorge Gonzalez, Trustee Jim Henderson, Trustee Roxanne Hughes, Trustee Peter Jones, Trustee Brian Murphy, President Richard McCullough, General Counsel Carolyn Egan, and other University administrators and staff.

I. Call to Order and Welcome
Trustee Kathryn Ballard, Chair

As previous committee meetings concluded early, Trustee Ballard called the meeting to order at 9:58 a.m. Heather Mayo called the roll and confirmed a quorum.

II. Approval of Minutes
February 24, 2026, meeting minutes

Trustee Seibert motioned to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2026, meeting. Trustee Weisheyer seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously by all committee members present.

III. Informational Items and Updates
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs

a. Monthly Senate & SGA Lunches

- i. Dr. Hecht launched monthly meetings with Student Government leadership to foster open communication, gather student feedback, discuss campus priorities,

and strengthen collaboration between student leaders and the Division of Student Affairs

- ii. Every month they cover different topics with different University Administrators as well.

b. Unconquered Scholars Engagement

- i. Dr. Hecht also expanded engagement with Unconquered Scholars after a recent visit with them at their New York City leadership retreat. Dr. Hecht got to talk to them about her personal leadership journey and help prepare them for their next academic year. Ideas that were discussed were leadership development opportunities, recurring student lunches will start in the fall, and strategic planning to support student success and future leadership pathways.

c. Orientation Leaders

- i. Dr. Hecht hosted all 65 Orientation Leaders at her residence prior to the start of the summer orientation season as a thank you and to recognize their key role in welcoming FSU's newest students and families. She also hosted the group at a Men's Basketball game during the spring semester, further investing in relationship-building and expressing gratitude for their leadership, service, and commitment to the university.

d. 2026 Orientation Updates

- i. The university will welcome over 15,000 students and family members from May 17 to July 2. All supported by 42 Orientation Leaders.

e. Student Government Association Updates

- i. Dr. Hecht introduced to the newly elected Student Government Association executive officers for the 2026–2027 academic year: Ian Seibert, Student Body President; Sela Teplin, Student Body Vice President; and Maddox Goodman, Student Body Treasurer.

f. Legacy Tea

- i. FSU's inaugural Legacy Tea hosted in partnership with the First Lady and Panhellenic Association. The event welcomed more than five hundred attendees and celebrated FSU's history as a women's college while recognizing the contributions of female leaders.

g. University Housing Updates

- i. University Housing reported strong demand for on-campus housing, achieving an 82% first time-in-college student capture rate while processing more than 7,400 housing contracts for the upcoming academic year. Staff reported that all students with active housing contracts were successfully placed, 100% of housing accommodation was fulfilled, and all housing waitlists have been eliminated, with every student on the waitlist receiving a contract offer prior to the start of the fall semester.

h. Food for Thought Pantry

- i. The Food for Thought Pantry, which served 3,900 unique students through more than 26,000 student contacts over the past year. Staff noted future facility needs to better support integrated student services and improve accessibility for students.

IV. Open Forum for Trustees

Trustee Kathryn Ballard, Chair

Trustee Ballard asked the Board if there was anything they would like to discuss in the Open Forum.

Chair Kathryn Ballard expressed her interest in learning more about Division of Student Affairs programs and events taking place both in Tallahassee and across the country. She noted that she would have welcomed the opportunity to attend the recent New York City student engagement events. Dr. Amy Hecht let her know we would be pleased to share future event dates and opportunities for participation with the committee.

Dr. Hecht then thanked everyone for coming to the committee meeting.

There were no further comments.

V. Adjournment

Trustee Kathryn Ballard, Chair

Trustee Weisheyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Trustee Seibert seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.