



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

University Research Committee

MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)

Thursday, August 27, 2026

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

FSU Westcott Building, 3012 Westcott Annex
3rd Floor Office of Research
Conference Room 3025
222 South Copeland St.
Tallahassee, FL 32306

Attended in Person (committee): Jorge Gonzalez (Committee Chair), Roxanne Hughes, Brian Murphy, Justin Roth

Absent (committee): None

Staff (committee): Stacey Patterson

Others in attendance: Jeremy Slaga, Kyle Clark, Carolyn Egan, Jenn Garye, Kathleen Haughney, Beth Hodges, Tarah Jean, Trustee Peter Jones, Robert Large, Jessica Lauther, President Richard McCullough, Valerie McDevitt, Joan Schenkel, Dennis Schnittker, Jay Waagmeester

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:33 p.m. Chairman Gonzalez acknowledged the presence of all Committee members and confirmed a quorum.

II. Approval of Minutes *June 18, 2026, Meeting Minutes*

The June 18, 2026, minutes were approved as submitted.

III. Research Updates

Dr. Stacey Patterson, Vice President for Research

Dr. Stacey Patterson provided an update on Florida State University's research enterprise, highlighting record proposal activity, continued innovation growth, and strategic efforts to navigate a challenging federal funding environment.

FSU submitted a record 1,701 proposals totaling \$1.5 billion in requested funding during FY26, while maintaining \$272.5 million in research awards. The committee discussed federal funding uncertainties, including regulatory changes, delayed funding decisions, and reduced agency spending, and reviewed strategies to strengthen faculty support, diversify funding sources, and increase engagement with federal stakeholders.

The committee received updates on several strategic research priorities, including the university's quantum initiative, the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, expanding Air Force and Department of Defense partnerships, and continued growth of the Center for Advanced Power Systems (CAPS).

Members also recognized six faculty recipients of the 2026 NSF CAREER Award and received updates on innovation and commercialization efforts. FY26 outcomes included seven startups formed, 13 licenses executed, 16 options executed, and 45 patents issued. IGNITE Tallahassee continues to support regional economic development and currently serves 19 member companies.

The committee was informed of Discovery Days 2026, scheduled for October 17-26, and acknowledged FSU's continued research momentum while emphasizing the importance of strategic adaptation to the evolving federal funding landscape.

IV. FSU Health Updates

Mr. Jeremy Slaga, Vice President and Chief Clinical Operations Officer

Mr. Jeremy Slaga provided an update on FSU Health, highlighting continued progress in advancing the university's vision for expanding access to high-quality healthcare, education, and research initiatives across the region. He shared that planning and collaboration efforts remain underway with key clinical, academic, and community partners to support the growth of FSU Health programs and services. Mr. Slaga noted ongoing work to strengthen strategic partnerships, enhance patient care opportunities, and align future development with the university's long-term goals of improving health outcomes and addressing workforce needs throughout Florida. He expressed appreciation for the continued support and engagement of stakeholders as these efforts move forward.

V. Open Forum for Trustees

Trustee Jorge Gonzalez, Chair

Trustees expressed appreciation for the Division of Research and the work being done in support of the university's research mission.

VI. Adjournment

Trustee Jorge Gonzalez, Chair

Hearing no other comments, Chairman Gonzalez called to adjourn the meeting at 3:38 p.m.