

MEETING MINUTES

February 8, 2022

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022
12:30 PM

AUGUSTUS B. TURNBULL, III
FLORIDA STATE CONFERENCE CENTER
555 WEST PENSACOLA STREET ● TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Max Alvarez, Kathryn Ballard, Peter Collins, Eric Chicken, Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz, Jorge Gonzalez, Craig Mateer, Deborah Sargeant, Bob Sasser, John Thiel and Drew Weatherford

Attended Via Zoom: Jim Henderson and Bob Sasser

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mr. Peter Collins, Chair

Chair Collins called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM. Lynna Sands conducted the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (ACTION)

- November 12, 2021, Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Trustee de las Cuevas-Diaz moved to approve the November 12, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Thiel seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Chair Collins read the Ethics Conduct Policy.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Richard McCullough, President

President McCullough began his report by sharing about his trip to the Panama City Beach campus.

President McCullough presented his goals to market Florida State University and all its accomplishments. He stated several milestones the university has accomplished and spoke about programs that make the university unique.

President McCullough spoke about his first State of the University Address, where he talked about his top ten goals.

President McCullough announced the transition to making Chief of Staff Marissa Langston as the single point of contact for the Board of Trustees.

President McCullough shared the various Vice President, Officer, and Dean positions that are open and updated those in attendance on the progress of filling those positions.

President McCullough welcomed the new Florida Board of Governors Chair, Brian Lamb.

President McCullough gave an update on the Sandals building.

Following President McCullough's report, Chairman Collins opened the floor to questions and expressed the Board's commitment to his agenda.

V. SPECIAL PRESENTATION FROM BOARD

Mr. Peter Collins, Chair

Mr. David Coburn, Vice President for Athletics, was presented with a Resolution and gift for his dedication and time with Florida State University

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Requesting Approval to explore MS in Physical Environmental Science
- B. Requesting Approval to explore MS in Climate Solutions
- C. Requesting Approval to explore Ph.D. in Nursing
- D. Requesting Approval to terminate the MS in Nurse Anesthesia
- E. Requesting Approval to amend FSU Regulation 2.023 Public Records, Uniform Charge Procedure
- F. Requesting Approval of University Advancement Gift Acceptance Policy Update
- G. Requesting Approval FSU College of Law Naming – FSU Center for Law and Business
- H. Requesting Approval for Board of Trustees Policy 1-5: Governing Board Control
- I. Requesting Approval for Board of Trustees Policy 1-7: Board/Administration Distinction
- J. Requesting Approval for Board of Trustee Policy 1-8: Board Self Evaluation
- K. Requesting Approval for 2022-2023 Budget Projections for Auxiliaries with Outstanding Revenue Bonds
- L. Requesting Approval of Regulations Amendment FSU-2.02422 – Special Fines, Fees and Penalties
- M. Requesting Approval of Audit Report AR 22-04 – Performance Based Funding Metrics Data Integrity Audit and Date Integrity Certification
- N. Requesting Approval of Audit Report AR 22-05 – Preeminence Research University Metrics Data Integrity Audit and Date Integrity Certification
- O. Requesting Approval to FSU Regulation 2.027 – Fraud Prevention, Detections, Reporting and Investigations

Trustee Alvarez moved to approve Consent Items A-O. Trustee Thiel seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS AND UPDATES

A. Audit and Compliance Committee

Mr. Max Alvarez, Chair

Dr. Sam McCall, Chief Audit Officer

Ms. Robyn Blank, Chief Compliance Officer

Trustee Mateer updated the Board on the interview progress for the position of Chief Audit Officer.

Trustee Mateer briefed the Board on the Committee meeting. He mentioned the update on the new Ethics and Conflict of Interest project. Additionally, the Chief Audit Executive provided an update on both the internal and external audits, and Trustee Mateer stated it is worth a review.

Trustee Henderson shared more information on the audit that was conducted.

Ms. Blank, Chief Compliance Officer, spoke about CAMS (Conflict Administration and Management System) profiles and the progress on the merge.

B. Finance and Business Committee

Mr. Jim Henderson, Chair

Mr. Kyle Clark, Vice President for Finance & Administration

Action Items

1. Requesting Approval for FSU Research Foundation \$45M Interdisciplinary Research and Commercialization Building (IRCB) Financing

Trustee Weatherford moved to approve the FSU Research Foundation's \$45M Interdisciplinary Research and Commercialization Building Financing. Trustee de las Cuevas-Diaz seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

Vice President Clark provided the Board with several Finance and Administration updates.

President McCullough provided a comment on Legacy Hall and spoke about the fundraising for the construction of a new business school building to start in September.

C. Student Affairs Committee

Mr. John Thiel, Chair

Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs

Trustee Thiel, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, provided a report on the January 19, 2022, Student Affairs Committee Meeting. He stated that this year had the largest fraternity recruitment. He also mentioned statistics on

first year students and engagement with fitness centers. Additionally, he shared updates on the FSU Circus, the student body president, the Career Center, and student housing.

Chairman Collins made a strong suggestion that additional student on-campus housing is a goal that needs to be fulfilled to allow FSU to grow. He stated that freshman, especially, need to have the opportunity to have on-campus experiences.

President McCullough agreed with Chair Collins on the benefits of on-campus housing and mentioned that it is a big-ticket item, but growing housing options is a goal. Trustee Henderson also agreed on the benefits and noted that housing is a revenue generator. Trustee Vivian de las Cuevas Diaz agreed on the benefits of on-campus housing, as well.

Vice President Hecht noted that housing is a recruitment tool and reaffirmed the benefits of the on-campus housing experience. She noted there is opportunity to be innovative with housing by integrating academics and engagement into the new housing that is built.

President McCullough also noted the success of Seminole Futures Career Day.

D. Athletics

Mr. Michael Alford, Vice President and Director of Athletics

Mr. Alford, Vice President and Director of Athletics introduced guest speaker Jenna Johnson, an FSU athlete and scholar.

Ms. Johnson shared her background, FSU's beach volleyball team, her position as President of the Student Athlete Committee, and her major.

Mr. Alford reported the departments' success in academics and graduation rates, as well as their fundraising success. He also updated the Board on some facility projects and their progression, such as the football locker room, the recruiting pad for basketball, video screens for the softball team, and Doak Campbell Stadium.

Chair Collins mentioned how important it is for student athletes to understand their NIL contracts and suggested the FSU Law School aiding in counseling for the students.

E. Academic Affairs

Ms. Vivian de las Cuevas Diaz, Chair

Dr. Jim Clark, Provost

Trustee de las Cuevas Diaz, Chair of Academic Affairs Committee, reported on the approvals the committee made regarding the exploration and creation of three academic degree programs. The MS in physical and Environmental Science, the MS in Climate Solutions, and the PHD in Nursing were discussed.

She also advised the Board of the permanent approval of the uniform charge procedure.

Also discussed in the committee meeting was student recruiting and retention, and steps that need to be taken to keep in-state students in Florida's state university systems.

Chairman Collins noted his amazement in the tests scores, demographics, and rankings that have been changing and growing in recent years.

Provost Jim Clark thanked all those who have helped him achieve his goals and everything it took to obtain his position as Provost. He shared his background as Dean in the College of Social Work at Florida State University and his 21 years at the University of Kentucky. He also shared an admissions update, noting a record of over 70,000 freshman applicants and 11,870 fall graduate applicants for the 2022-2023 school year.

Also discussed in the meeting was the importance of focusing on online education. The opportunity to innovate and use new online technology is what creates a special experience for students. We have many students and faculty earning grants, scholarships, awards, and national recognition. In addition, we also have made a partnership with Danfoss Turbocor and FAMU-FSU College of Engineering.

Trustee de las Cuevas-Diaz introduced the Dean of the College of Law, O'Hara O'Connor.

Dean Erin O'Hara O'Connor provided a summary of the newly introduced Juris Master's Degree and its concentrations, which focuses on areas where compliance/legal risk management education was needed most. This program has exceeded the student enrollment targets. She also noted that practicing lawyers, and sometimes whole practicing groups, are the educators in this program.

Dean O'Hara O'Connor introduced the Stoops Center for Law and Business, resulting from a one-million-dollar gift. The goal for this center centers around advancing FSU's reputation in the areas of Law and Business. She spoke about some of the next steps into these advancements, including some events occurring in the next few months that will help achieve this.

F. University Advancement Committee

Mr. Craig Mateer, Chair

Mr. Andy Jhanji, Interim Vice President for University Advancement

Vice President Alford stated they have selected three firms to work on a comprehensive fundraising review for the Boosters.

Mr. Andy Jhanji, Interim Vice President for University Advancement, shared

important data points. Fundraising is three million dollars above last year and the trend line is rising.

G. Legislative Update

Mr. Clay Ingram, Chief Legislative Affairs Officer

Mr. Clay Ingram, Chief Legislative Affairs Officer, shared that the budget proposals are out from the House and Senate. He also mentioned the FSU evening event, where student government opens FSU Day festivities and recognition of champions who work in the Capitol to make sure FSU is on the top of the mind to legislators.

Mr. Ingram updated the Board on the growing of the Government Relations Team and recognized those who will be joining.

Chair Collins noted the tentative schedule for FSU Day at the Capitol festivities and the meetings that members of the Board will be attending.

Trustee Thiel asked if it was normal for the legislature to allocate zero to preeminence funding in the process. Mr. Ingram responded by informing that it has been the typical practice.

H. Faculty Senate Steering Committee

Dr. Erin Ryan, Vice Chair

Trustee Chicken, President of Faculty Senate, updated the Board in place of Trustee Ryan. Trustee Chicken informed the Board that the senate has met three times since the November meeting and has approved a new three-year pilot program called Engage 100. They also established a permanent sustainability committee. In addition, the liberal studies requirements have changed, and the current GRE admissions waivers have been approved.

Trustee Thiel asked for clarification on what aspect the sustainability committee is aiming to achieve and if it includes a risk assessment. Trustee Chicken clarified that it covers climate, renewable energy, conservation, water, and building safety. He also stated that it includes faculty who are interested in doing research to promote the ideas that FSU can incorporate, such as the solar farm. Trustee Thiel stated that risk needs to be assessed.

I. Student Government Association

Ms. Colbi Thykadavil, Student Body Vice President

Ms. Colbi Thykadavil, the Student Body Vice President, informed the Board on several internal updates. She served as a student representative on the Chief of Police search committee and gave an update on the search. Also, CHAW (Center for Health Advocacy & Wellness) has developed a new event named Relationships Declassified. She announced several agency updates, and that the SGA spring election will be taking place February 23rd. Lastly, she announced updates on Golden Week which starts following the President's

inauguration.

J. Research Committee

Mr. Jorge Gonzalez, Chair

Dr. Laurel Fulkerson, Interim Vice President for Research

Mr. Jorge Gonzalez, Chair of the Research Committee, updated the Board on the committee's meetings and presentations that have been receiving and reviewing. The Office of Commercialization gave a presentation relating to corporate partnerships and the research that involves the life science.

Dr. Laurel Fulkerson, Interim Vice President for Research, shared cumulative proposal amounts, proposal and awards count comparisons, external expenditures data, and the new Research Subcommittee Mission Statement.

President McCullough made a statement regarding external and internal reports and comparing them to UF.

Vice President Kyle Clark spoke at the stand, informing the Board that hundreds of people work on FSU's finances throughout the year and how these people have not been coding to the allocated areas. However, Vice President Fulkerson and Vice President Clark are actively working towards finding ways to fix this issue. Vice President Clark confirmed the same report is given to the BOG and World Report.

K. Governance Committee

Mr. Bob Sasser, Chair

Ms. Carolyn Egan, Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel

Mr. Bob Sasser, Chair of the Governance Committee, informed the Board on the most recent Governance Committee meeting. Some revisions were made regarding policies. The committee had a discussion on creating a governance template, to ensure that all information stays relevant as meetings progress.

Ms. Carolyn Egan, Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel, gave a legal update regarding three remaining claims concerning breach of contract, unjust enrichment, and inverse condemnation.

VIII. CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Peter Collins, Chair

Mr. Peter Collins, Chair of the Board of Trustees, gave updates on Seminole 100, the President's Inauguration, the Board of Trustees' retreat, the next virtual meeting, kickoff weekend, Board dinners and meetings. Trustee Collins recognized Mrs. Sands for her grace and her helping hand working for the Board for the last nineteen years.

IX. OPEN FORUM FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

X. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 pm.