

THE FLORIDA STATE
UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Finance and Business Committee Meeting
Minutes Thursday, November 17, 2022

Members Present: Max Alvarez, Jim Henderson, Jorge Gonzalez, Drew Weatherford

- I. Call to Order at 3:32pm (EST)
- II. Approval of August 31, 2022 Minutes
- III. Action Items:

- i. Request for Approval of the Amendment to 2022-2023 Fixed Capital Outlay Budget (consent)
 - a. Senior Vice President Clark explained the amendment request; a chilled water loop needs to be added to the fixed capital outlay schedule. The project could cost an estimated \$5 million, using a combination of carry forward funds and auxiliary funds. This will be an important part of the football operations facility project and could take at least three months.

Motion for Approval: Approved

- ii. Request for Approval of the Campus Development Agreement (consent)
 - a. The Tallahassee Campus Development Agreement is an agreement that is separate, yet works alongside the Campus Master Plan. This agreement is between local government and the Board of Trustees for concurrency in management, and to provide negotiations of the impact the Campus Master Plan has to local government services. December 7th is the city's second public hearing, and later in December the Campus Master Plan and the Campus Development Agreement will be submitted to the Board of Governors. Senior Vice President Clark continued with explanations of charts and maps shared with the committee.

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- iii. Other Business
 - a. Carryforward Spending Plan & Fixed Capital Outlay Budget
The Carryforward Spending Plan and the Fixed Capital Outlay Budget were approved by the Board of Governors the week prior. Senior Vice President Clark gave explanation of the way the two plans work together; charts were shared to show the categories and budgets approved.
 - b. IRCB Updates
Currently awaiting approval from the City of Tallahassee pertaining to the stormwater retention pond. Construction is ready to begin once received.

- c. Legacy Hall Update
The Construction Manager is currently reviewing bids. Different budget strategies will be discussed.
- d. Football Operations Update
Debt reconstruction for the Boosters was approved by the Division of Bond Finance, so the credit structure model will change. 100% of the drawings were received; east annex to the facility will begin in January.
- e. Cryptocurrency
The use of cryptocurrency was explored. The donated cryptocurrency would be converted to cash, then transferred to the institution. Use of cryptocurrency with other universities was researched. The platform in using this method is still being discussed.
- f. University's Operational Audit
In January 2020, the operational audit from the State of Florida Auditor General was issued. One recommendation was given related to the way the internal loans are accounted for. BOG requires a certification be completed by the President, board chair, and the audit chair. A draft report is complete, and confirms the additional controls implemented to assure ample transparency and clarity in utilizing the internal bank and loans associated with it.
- g. Crowe DSO Review
Crowe is continuing their audit on the Direct Support Organizations throughout institutions in the state of Florida. Associate Vice President Michael Williams explained fifteen of the twenty-six items are complete; the rest should be completed at the end of the fiscal year. Senior Vice President Clark shared a graph of the findings thus far, indicating FSU Foundation Research having no observations. The board will be informed as the audit continues. An update will be given to the Board of Governors in January.
- h. University Investment Policy Review & Enhancements
Associate Vice President Michael Williams gave an overview of the university's investment policy and how the investment program Special Purpose Investment Account (SPIA) works. The university policy has been in place since 2014 and was last reviewed in 2017. A current review was implemented by PFM and updates were made from their findings. SVP Clark continued by describing how the internal bank functions, and ideas of expanding the portfolio. An Investment Committee has been implemented and feedback from the board will be welcomed. The state investment strategy will also be explored to seek more diversified returns. Risks of investments were discussed amongst the board, and the plan for different strategies will be discussed.
- i. Pay Plan Adjustment Update
Associate Vice President Renisha Gibbs gave updates of the staff compensation program that has been implemented. The three phases and the adjustment time frames were clarified.

- j. Space Survey
The Space and Educational Plan Survey is completed every five years by the Board of Governors. Currently, a team is on campus conducting an audit of buildings, including administrative, research, and student support space. The findings will be available spring semester.
- k. Chief Harris was asked to establish a safety and security panel to review operations, training, and technology. Findings will be reviewed and adjustments, if needed, will be made.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:34 pm (EST)

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