



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Governance Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 23, 2023

2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Jim Moran Building, Room 201

In person attendees: Committee Chair Bob Sasser and Board Chair Peter Collins attended in-person. Also present were President Richard McCullough, Senior Vice President for Finance & Administration Kyle Clark, Vice President for Legal Affairs & General Counsel Carolyn Egan, Associate Vice President for Finance & Administration Michael Williams and other FSU staff.

Attended via Zoom: Trustee Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz and Trustee John Thiel attended via Zoom.

Absent: None.

- I. Call to Order and Welcome** - The Governance Committee was called to order at 2:17 p.m. by Committee Chair Sasser. He welcomed all attendees. There was a quorum.
- II. Approval of Minutes** - The draft minutes from the November 17, 2022 meeting of the Governance Committee were approved without change.
- III. Action Items for Consideration of Recommendation to the Board of Trustees:**
 - a. The Collegiate School at FSU Panama City

Committee Chair Sasser introduced Randy Hanna, Dean of the FSU Panama City campus, to talk about an exciting opportunity for FSU. Dean Hanna recognized the team effort needed to get to this point and noted the attendance of his team members from FSU's Panama City campus and from FSU's College of Education.

Dean Hanna discussed extensive damage from Hurricane Michael that led to the rebuild of the Bay County area and Tyndall Air Base. This has resulted in growth in the county and an increased K-12 population. A legislative change to Section 1002.32(2), Florida Statutes, in 2021 allowed more than one laboratory school to be sponsored by a university when the additional

school serves families of a military installation. In addition, Triumph Funding of \$7.6 million for 2022-2028 has been obtained. With all of these factors coming together, there is a need and opportunity for an innovative K-12 school serving military families in the Panama City area.

Dean Hanna explained his proposal for The Collegiate School to be a charter laboratory school sponsored by FSU in Bay County. Children of active duty military personnel would have priority, but children of civilians could also attend. The Collegiate School model would inspire college and career aspirations among high school students, provide opportunities for career exploration, and provide industry certifications. There was discussion about the flexibility of a charter laboratory school and how the funding would work. The Triumph funding would bridge the gap until full state funding was forthcoming. Dean Hanna indicated that he was looking to lease space initially because there was no capital available to purchase or build a facility. There was discussion about the facility that Dean Hanna was proposing be leased, which is a church and a former charter school. The lease would be for three years with possible two one-year extensions.

Growth was projected to be from 100 9th grade students initially up to a total of 400 9th-12th grade students by 2026-2027. Dean Hanna explained that the 9th and 10th graders would spend four days a week at the school and Fridays at the FSU Panama City campus. Meanwhile, the 11th and 12th graders would spend four days a week at the FSU Panama City campus in dual enrollment classes and Fridays at the school. The Committee members had numerous questions for Dean Hanna related to the details of the proposal and the operation of the school. There was discussion about who Dean Hanna had worked with on the project, the timeline, and potential risks. Committee members indicated that the proposal should have been vetted by the Cabinet and others before coming to the Committee. Chair Collins stated that the idea for the school should have been presented to the Committee and the Board of Trustees after the legislative change was made, rather than moving forward with the project and bringing it before the Committee at this late stage.

It was discussed that Dean Hanna wanted to open the school in August 2023 and that admission decisions were currently being made, so that delay in approving the school and related agreements could be problematic. Dean Hanna apologized to the extent that the project had not been properly vetted prior to bringing it to the Committee. Ultimately, after much discussion, there was a motion, a second, and unanimous approval by the Committee to: (1) recommend to the full Board of Trustees the approval of FSU sponsoring a charter laboratory in Bay County to serve military families, and (2) table the two action items to authorize execution of a Developmental Research Charter School Agreement and to ratify the execution of a lease agreement for the proposed facility until more information was provided on the financials, the timeline and the feasibility of The Collegiate School. It was noted that VP Clark, Provost Jim Clark, and Dean Hanna and his team would work together to put together a packet for review by President McCullough, for the Board to consider at a special Board meeting.

Action Item I: Request for Approval for the Creation of The Collegiate School – The Committee will report favorably to the Board of Trustees on the creation of TCS.

Action Item II: Charter by FSU to The Collegiate School – This item was tabled for future consideration after additional information is provided.

Action Item III: Request for Approval: Lease for The Collegiate School – This item was tabled for future consideration after additional information is provided.

- b. **Action Item IV: Request for Approval: Board Self Evaluation Instrument** – VP Egan indicated that the proposed Board self-evaluation instrument had been distributed to Committee members prior to the meeting and requested approval by the Committee, for consideration by the Board at its meeting the following day. There was a motion, a second and unanimous approval by the Committee to recommend to the Board approval of the self-evaluation instrument.

IV. Informational Items and Standing Updates:

- a. Update on University Risk Management Committee’s First Meeting – This presentation by Undra Baldwin, Chief Audit Officer, was postponed until a future Committee meeting in the interest of time. Committee Members have been provided with Mr. Baldwin’s intended PowerPoint presentation.
- b. Reaccreditation Update – This presentation by Dr. Ruth Storm, Associate Provost, was postponed until a future Committee meeting in the interest of time. Vice President Egan will distribute a written summary of Dr. Storm’s anticipated report.

- V. Open Forum for Trustees** - This item was postponed until a future Committee meeting in the interest of time.

- VI. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.