



# FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### *University Research Committee*

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#### MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)

Thursday, June 15, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

**Attended via Zoom:** Jorge Gonzalez (Committee Chair), Jack Hitchcock (committee), Justin Roth (committee), BOT Vice-Chair Sasser (committee), BOT Chair Peter Collins, Kathryn Ballard, Bridgett Birmingham, Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz, Jim Henderson, Deborah Sargeant, Drew Weatherford.

**Trustees Absent:** John Thiel (committee member), Max Alvarez.

**Staff:** President Richard McCullough, Vice President for Research Stacey Patterson, John Hopkins, and other university staff.

#### **I. Call to Order**

FSU Board of Trustees Chairman Peter Collins called the meeting to order at 9:59 am and handed the meeting over to Committee Chairman, Jorge Gonzalez.

#### **II. Approval of Minutes**

*The February 23, 2023, meeting minutes were approved unanimously.*

#### **III. Office of Research Update – Vice President Stacey Patterson**

FSU hit a record research expenditure number of \$355,986,723 and has been accepted by the National Science Foundation Higher Education Research and Development Survey. An update on capturing all the dollars for the various departments that count on this survey was also given. Huron was engaged to assist in identifying any issues that may be present. Happily, FSU does well, and only minor tweaks were made. There are a few opportunities that may be able to be recategorized as research that this project is underway.

The ASPIRE (A Strategic Plan to Inspire Research Excellence) was officially launched last month with a faculty wide survey that to date has about 700 responses. A steering committee is

being formed and there will be faculty and staff town halls and focus groups in the fall with the goal to be able to publish the ASPIRE plan to this group that will help inform our strategic research areas and strategic investment priorities for the future. The five main areas will be people, partnerships, scholarship and excellence, infrastructure, and grand challenges.

An update of the most recent GAP and Collaborative Collision: Florida was given. Dr. Patterson discussed the IGNITE PROPOSAL that has been submitted to the National Science Foundation that focuses on translational research.

A national search for an AVP for Strategic Partnerships and Innovation is underway. Other changes are that current staff will be realigned to develop a “Large Initiatives” team as well as an added position to oversee the Panhandle Health efforts.

Kudos to the Laboratory Animal Resources group for successfully passing a surprise USDA inspection!

Dr. Patterson gave an update on the FSU Health Transformation Committee, made up of ten individuals with five appointed by FSU and five appointed by Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare. This group is made up of community leaders who have agreed to come together and volunteered their time to help us to get to an academic health center relationship with Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare. The goal is to have a recommendation for an Academic Health Center Organization by late September.

A national search has been launched for the next MagLab Director and is being chaired by Suvranu De, Dean of the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering. The committee is made up of fourteen members. Park Square Executive Search has also been retained. Five listening sessions have already been held with a broad range of stakeholders. The goal is to have the new director in place by January 2024.

Dr. Patterson discussed how the Office of Research can and plans to assist researchers in lowering the administrative burden so that more proposals can be submitted.

There was conversation regarding the technology transfer office. Dr. Patterson said that the Fast Start FSU is one way in which is a new streamlined program to allow faculty and staff who want to start a company a standard agreement. Also, the new AVP will serve as the director of Commercialization.

#### **IV. InSPIRE – a Proposal to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.**

Dr. Patterson gave a presentation on InSPIRE (Institute for Strategic Partnership, Innovation, Research, and Education). This is a proposal that will create a foundation in the Panhandle, specifically in Panama City and Bay County, which takes advantage of the Naval Air Station Pensacola, Eglin Air Force Base, Tyndall AFB, Naval Surface Warfare Center, PC, and the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville. The expected impact in ten to fifteen years could be substantial. The vision for InSPIRE is to make the Florida Panhandle the nation’s leader for advanced manufacturing and aerospace innovation.

**V. Adjournment**

*Chairman Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 11:02 am.*

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