



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

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Thursday, June 20, 2024

Zoom Meeting

Attended: Maximo Alvarez, Kathryn Ballard, Bridgett Birmingham, Jackson Boisvert, Peter Collins, Jorge Gonzalez, Justin Roth (joined late), Bob Sasser, John Thiel, and Drew Weatherford.

Absent: Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz, Jim Henderson, Deborah Sargeant.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mr. Bob Sasser, Vice Chair¹

As previous meetings concluded early, Vice Chair Sasser welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Heather Mayo called the roll and confirmed a quorum.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 1, 2024, Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Trustee Gonzalez moved to approve the February 1, 2024, and April 15, 2024, board meeting minutes. Chair Collins seconded the motion, and both sets of minutes were approved unanimously by all present at the meeting.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

Vice Chair Sasser read the Ethics Conduct Policy.

¹ Vice Chair Sasser presided over the meeting in Chair Collins place due to a change in Chair Collins' schedule. Chair Collins attended the meeting but was unable to lead.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Richard McCullough, President

President McCullough began his report by welcoming the newest trustee and student body president, Jackson Boisvert.

President McCullough noted that in March, a peer review team selected by SACSCOC, FSU's accrediting body, reviewed FSU's reaffirmation of accreditation submissions, visited branch campuses and the main campus, and met with FSU leadership, trustees, administrators, faculty, and students. He reported that the reaffirmation committee indicated that the university had no findings of noncompliance, which positions FSU well for the final decision on reaffirmation to be made by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees in December 2024.

President McCullough thanked Chair Collins and Vice Chair Sasser for meeting with the SACSCOC team during their visit and Dr. Ruth Storm and her team in the provost's office for their diligence throughout the process.

President McCullough highlighted the eight commencement ceremonies held in May, including those held for FSU Panama City and the Colleges of Law and Medicine. FSU awarded 8,000 bachelor's, master's, doctoral, law, and medical degrees. He noted that FSU continues to be one of the best universities in the country for student success, with retention and graduation rates among the nation's best.

President McCullough noted that FSU was preparing to welcome members of its new freshman class for Summer Session B. This year's freshman class had an average GPA of 4.4, and 88% were in the Top 10% of their high school class. Just a few years ago, 47% of FSU's incoming students were in the Top 10% of their class.

President McCullough reported that FSU is working hard to bring in FSU's first Assistant Vice President for Career Services and hopes to make an announcement soon.

President McCullough noted that Dr. Jim Pitts, the director of International Programs, is stepping down. Under Dr. Pitts' guidance, FSU has become a national leader in study abroad enrollment, ranking No. 3 among public universities. Dr. Pitts will retire at the end of June after serving FSU for 56 years in a variety of roles. He thanked Dr. Pitts for his incredible service to FSU and congratulated him on his well-deserved retirement. He also noted that Louisa Blenman will assume the role of interim director.

President McCullough provided updates on FSU Health and InSPIRE. He reported that the Triumph Gulf Coast Board approved the almost \$100 million award for FSU's InSPIRE initiative, which includes building advanced manufacturing and aerospace facilities in Bay County. President McCullough said that FSU continues build relationships and corporate partnerships in North Florida.

President McCullough highlighted Kathleen Amm, the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory's new director, who joined the team in May.

President McCullough thanked Governor DeSantis, the Governor's staff, and the Florida Legislature for their support for FSU during the legislative session. FSU received significant operational, preeminence, performance, and PECO funding. He also thanked Clay Ingram, the Governmental Relations team, Chair Collins, and FSU's lobbyists for their excellent work this legislative session.

President McCullough thanked Senior Vice President Kyle Clark and Trustees Henderson and Gonzalez for their work on FSU's FY 2024-2025 operating budget.

President McCullough commented on his recent trips to Washington, DC, in May 2024 for the Florida Council of 100 meeting, and earlier in the year in March of 2024. During these trips, he met with congressional leaders, FSU Alumni working on Capitol Hill, and the American Association of Universities (AAU).

President McCullough highlighted FSU's upcoming comprehensive fundraising campaign and university marketing's new brand policy rollout.

President McCullough noted that FSU will be welcoming Seminole Tribe of Florida Chairman Osceola, members of the Tribe's leadership team, and recent high school graduates and their families to FSU in July. This is the second summer FSU has hosted these students and their families. President McCullough noted that FSU values the opportunity to build a relationship with these young Tribe members and their families.

President McCullough congratulated Coach Link Jarrett and the baseball team for making their 24th trip to the College World Series in program history. President McCullough congratulated Coach Trey Jones and the men's golf team for advancing to the NCAA national championship match for the first time. He also congratulated the women's softball, women's golf, and the beach volleyball teams for all competing in NCAA championships.

President McCullough thanked the trustees, his senior staff, and staff for their great work. He noted that he is excited about the progress made in all areas of the university and again expressed his appreciation for the support of the trustees, Governor DeSantis, and the Florida Legislature.

Vice Chair Sasser thanked President McCullough for his report and for his leadership. He noted that this is an exciting time for the university.

V. ACTION ITEMS (CONSENT)

- A. Request for Approval:** Proposal to Implement Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering (Academic Affairs)
- B. Request for Approval:** Proposal to Implement Masters in Aerospace Engineering (Academic Affairs)
- C. Request for Approval:** BOG Regulation 8.014: 120 Credit Hour Exception Revisions (Academic Affairs)
- D. Request for Approval:** FSU Regulation 5.079 Revision (Academic Affairs)
- E. Request for Approval:** BOG Regulation 8.005: Review of General Education Courses (Academic Affairs)
- F. Request for Approval:** 2024-2025 Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund Proposal (Academic Affairs)
- G. Request for Approval:** Nominations to the Board of Directors of the Seminole Boosters, Inc. (Advancement & Governance)
- H. Request for Approval:** Nominations to the Board of Directors of the FSU Alumni Association, Inc. (Advancement & Governance)
- I. Request for Approval:** Nominations to the Board of Directors of the Ringling Foundation, Inc. (Advancement & Governance)
- J. Request for Approval:** Nominations to the Board of Trustees of the FSU Foundation, Inc. (Advancement & Governance)
- K. Request for Approval:** FSU Foundation, Inc. Bylaw Changes (Advancement)
- L. Request for Approval:** FSU Alumni Association, Inc. Bylaw Changes (Advancement)

- M. Request for Approval:** New External Auditor for FSU Foundation, Alumni Association and FSU Real Estate Foundation (Audit & Compliance)
- N. Request for Approval:** New External Auditor for FSU Student Investment Fund (Audit & Compliance)
- O. Request for Approval:** New External Auditor for FSU Panama City Collegiate School (Audit & Compliance)
- P. Request for Approval:** New External Auditor for FSU Schools (Audit & Compliance)
- Q. Request for Approval:** OAAS FY 2024-2025 Audit Plans (Audit & Compliance)
- R. Request for Approval:** FY 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Plan (Finance & Business)
- S. Request for Approval:** Campus Master Plan Amendment (Finance & Business)
- T. Request for Approval:** Student Overnight Parking Permit (Finance & Business)
- U. Request for Approval:** Regulation Amendment to FSU 2.009, Parking and Traffic (Finance & Business)
- V. Request for Approval:** Regulation Amendment to FSU 2.007, Use of Campus Land and Facilities (Finance & Business)
- W. Request for Approval:** Emergency Regulation-FSU ER24-1 Purchasing and Procurement (Finance & Business)
- X. Request for Approval:** Nominations to the Board of Directors of the FSU International Programs Association, Inc. (Governance)
- Y. Request for Approval:** Nomination to the Board of Directors of FSU Magnet Research and Development, Inc. (Governance)
- Z. Request for Approval:** Nomination to the Board of Directors of the FSU Research Foundation, Inc. (Governance)
- AA. Request for Approval:** Nomination to the Board of Directors of the FSU Athletic Association, Inc. (Governance)
- BB. Request for Approval:** Freedom of Expression Rights and Responsibilities 3.003 (Student Affairs)

Vice Chair Sasser noted that today's committee meeting format allowed trustees to hear reports from committees and discuss items. He advised that if any trustee wished to discuss any item on the consent agenda further, they should request to move it to the regular agenda.

Hearing none, Vice Chair Sasser asked for a motion to approve Consent Items A-BB. Chair Collins moved to approve consent items A-BB. Trustee Thiel seconded the motion, and the consent item agenda was approved unanimously by all present at the meeting.

VI. ACTION ITEMS (NON-CONSENT)

- A. Request for Approval:** Tenure Report (Academic Affairs)

Vice Chair Sasser welcomed Provost Clark and Vice President Kistner to present on Action Item A.

Provost Clark presented information and Vice Chair Sasser and Chair Collins both provided comments. Vice Chair Sasser noted that the Academic Affairs Committee voted favorably on this action item.

Vice Chair Sasser asked for a motion to approve the Tenure Report. Trustee Birmingham moved to approve the Tenure Report. Trustee Boisvert seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously by all present at the meeting.

B. Request for Approval: College Naming Opportunity (Advancement)

Vice Chair Sasser welcomed President McCullough and Vice President Vickers to present on Action Item B.

President McCullough introduced the action item and invited Vice President Vickers to provide further information.

Chair Collins congratulated Vice President Vickers, Kevin Derryberry, Dean Damon Andrew, and President McCullough for their work on this gift.

Vice Chair Sasser asked for a motion to approve the Anne Spencer Daves College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences, contingent on approval by the President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the final execution and sufficiency of the irrevocable trust documents for the Charitable Remainder Trust.

Trustee Thiel moved to approve the Anne Spencer Daves College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences, contingent on approval by the President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the final execution and sufficiency of the irrevocable trust documents for the Charitable Remainder Trust. Trustee Birmingham seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously by all present at the meeting.

C. Request for Approval: FY 2024-2025 Operating Budget (Finance & Business)

Vice Chair Sasser welcomed Senior Vice President Kyle Clark to present on Action Item C.

Senior Vice President Clark presented the FY 2024-2025 Operating Budget items 1-5.

1. Approve the University's fiscal year 2024-2025 operating budget of \$2,839,938,437 which includes \$519,758,280 for the Annual Capital Outlay Budget.
2. Approve the University's fiscal year 2024-2025 Florida Medical Practice Plan operating budget of \$13,528,471.
3. Approve the University's fiscal year 2024-2025 Direct Support Organizations operating budgets totaling \$148,926,156.
4. Grant approval for the President to make subsequent changes to the budgets outlined in motions 1, 2, and 3, as needed during the fiscal year, within available resources and fund balances, and consistent with applicable laws and regulations.
5. Continue the existing Tuition and Fee Regulation at current rates for fiscal year 2024-2025 and approve an amendment of the current regulation to that effect.

Vice Chair Sasser asked for a motion to approve the FY 2024-2025 Operating Budget items 1-5.

Trustee Gonzalez moved to approve the FY 2024-2025 Operating Budget items 1-5. Trustee Alvarez seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously by all present at the meeting.

Senior Vice President Clark provided an additional update on the Florida State University Athletic Association bonds.

VII. NEW BUSINESS AND UPDATES

A. Faculty Senate Steering Committee

Dr. Roxanne Hughes, Vice-Chair, Faculty Senate Steering Committee

Vice Chair Sasser welcomed Dr. Roxanne Hughes, Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate Steering Committee to give her report.

Dr. Hughes began her report by thanking the Board for the opportunity to present. She reported that in February, the faculty senate approved nine credit hours as the minimum for full-time graduate students, which will allow graduate students to be eligible for various fellowships and awards and will improve reimbursements for active military and veteran students. In April, Dr. Hughes noted that Trustee Birmingham and herself met with their colleagues in the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates to provide the Florida Board of Governors feedback on their ten-year strategic plan.

Dr. Hughes highlighted recent faculty accomplishments:

- Scotty Barnhart, an FSU College of Music Professor, and internationally acclaimed jazz trumpeter won his third Grammy Award during the 66th Annual Grammy awards ceremony held on February 4.
- Dr. Pedro L. Fernández-Cabán, an assistant professor in civil and environmental engineering in the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering, received the National Science Foundation career award.
- Dr. Jayur Madhusudan Mehta, an assistant professor in the Department of Anthropology is part of a team who received \$1.5 million in funding to partner with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to study submerged pre-contact archaeological sites over the next five years in the Gulf of Mexico.
- Dr. Martin Monroe, an eminent scholar of French in the Department of Modern Languages and director of the Winthrop King Institute for Contemporary French Studies, received a 2024 Guggenheim Fellowship.
- Dr. Lindsey Eckert and Dr. Tarez Samra Graban in the English Department were each awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend Grant.
- Dr. Nicole Patton-Terry, a professor in the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences and director of the Florida Center for Reading Research was named a 2024 American Educational Research Association Fellow.
- Dr. Michael Shatruk, professor of chemistry was named a fellow of the 2023 American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).
- Dr. Roxanne Hughes, director of the Center for Integrating Research and Learning at the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory (MagLab) was named a fellow of the 2023 American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

Trustee Birmingham and President McCullough both congratulated Dr. Hughes on her AAAS fellowship.

B. Student Government Association

Anthony Benn, Vice President, Student Government Association

Vice Chair Sasser welcomed Mr. Anthony Benn, Vice President of the Student Government Association to give his report and noted that this was Mr. Benn's first time presenting in front of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Benn began his report by thanking the Trustees for the opportunity to present to the board. Mr. Benn gave an overview of the mission of the Student Government Association (SGA) and of the current Boisvert-Benn-King 2024-2025 Administration. He also highlighted notable projects and initiatives completed in 2023-2024 by the Student Government Association followed by highlighting Executive Branch Projects for Summer of 2024. Looking ahead, Mr. Benn highlighted upcoming student events and programming. Mr. Benn provided closing comments and thanked the Board for the opportunity to present.

Vice Chair Sasser thanked Mr. Benn for his report.

C. Legislative Affairs²

Mr. Clay Ingram, Chief Legislative Affairs Officer

Vice Chair Sasser welcomed Mr. Clay Ingram, Chief Legislative Affairs Officer.

Mr. Clay Ingram provided an overview of the recent legislative session and budget highlights. He expressed his gratitude to everyone at the Capitol, thanking specifically Senate President Passidomo, Speaker of the House Renner, the House and Senate appropriations committee chairs, the House and Senate appropriations staff, project sponsors in the Seminole Caucus, the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget, Chancellor Rodrigues, and Governor DeSantis.

Mr. Ingram provided an update on the Legislative Internship Program. He noted that Jonathan Fozard, Chief Information Officer, was appointed by Senate President Passidomo to serve on the newly created Government Technology Modernization Council.

Vice Chair Sasser expressed his gratitude to Mr. Ingram, President McCullough, and Chair Collins for their work during this legislative session.

D. Athletics Update

Mr. Michael Alford, Vice President, and Director of Athletics

Vice Chair Sasser welcomed Mr. Michael Alford, Vice President, and Director of Athletics.

Mr. Michael Alford called into the meeting with men's baseball coach Link Jarrett from the airplane as they had just landed from the College World Series.

Vice Chair Sasser congratulated Coach Jarrett and the baseball team for a great season.

Mr. Alford commented on the success of our student athletes both on and off the field. He thanked President McCullough and the Board for their support.

VIII. CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Bob Sasser, Vice Chair

There was no chair's report.

IX. OPEN FORUM FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Bob Sasser, Vice Chair

There was no further discussion from the Board.

² The Legislative Affairs Report was shifted to occur before the Athletics Update due to a change in Mr. Alford's schedule.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bob Sasser, Vice Chair

Vice Chair Sasser commented on upcoming meeting dates.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 pm.