



# FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
*Student Affairs Committee*

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## MEETING MINUTES

**Approved 9.12.24**

Thursday, June 20, 2024

11:00 am

Zoom Meeting

**Committee Members Present:** Trustee Drew Weatherford (Chair), Trustee Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz, Trustee Jackson Boisvert

**Committee Members Absent:** Trustee Deborah Sargeant

**Committee Staff:** Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs

**Also in attendance:** Trustee Maximo Alvarez, Trustee Bridgett Birmingham, Trustee Jorge Gonzalez, Trustee Justin Roth, Board Vice Chair Bob Sasser, Trustee John Thiel, President McCullough, University Vice Presidents, and other staff.

### **I. Call to Order and Welcome**

*Trustee Drew Weatherford, Chair*

As previous meetings concluded early, Chairman Weatherford called the meeting to order at 10:23 a.m.

A quorum was present.

### **II. Approval of Minutes from January 31, 2024**

*Trustee de las Cuevas-Diaz moved to approve the committee meeting minutes from January 31, 2024. Trustee Boisvert seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously by all present at the meeting.*

### **III. Informational Items and Updates**

*Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs*

Dr. Amy Hecht provided the following informational items and updates to the committee.

#### **1) Faculty and Staff**

- i.** Dr. Hecht was happy to introduce Chelsea Knight, the newest hire for the Director of Boards, Events, and Programs. She also mentioned that the first Associate Vice President for the Career Center would be announced soon.
- ii.** Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Angela Chong J.D. accepted the role of Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of Oregon. Angela has been an integral part of the Division since 2018, leading the health and wellness portfolio which includes campus recreation, dean of students, university counseling center and university health services departments. Dr. Hecht thanked her for her dedication and service to the Division and to FSU. Dr. Hecht noted that an interim assistant vice president for student affairs will be announced soon, with plans to conduct a national search in the Fall.

#### **2) Critical Incident Response**

- i.** After the tornado in May, there was much need for swift student aid. Student Affairs processed 30 emergency student aid awards totaling \$14,610. The Food Pantry received 6,660 wish list items from donors as well as received \$17,905. From this incident, the need to refocus efforts to renovate and improve the Food Pantry in many ways, including purchasing a generator, was seen.
- ii.** The Circus completely lost their tent and infrastructure. Through fundraising with local Tallahassee businesses and alumni, FSU has garnered support to rebuild a more sustainable venue and has raised over \$31,775 thus far.

#### **3) Accomplishments and Impact**

- i.** Launched FSU Talent Treks, bringing dozens of students on employer site visits to large corporations in Tallahassee and Tampa. In Fall 2023, twenty civil engineering students visited the new Amazon Fulfillment Center in Tallahassee, and ten students participated in the FSU Talent Trek to Nammo's production site in Perry, FL. (Nammo is an international aerospace/defense company headquartered in Norway.) In Spring 2024, the Danfoss Talent Trek hosted 15 students for an immersive experience in the manufacturing and magnet industry, and twelve students participated in the Tampa Trek with visits to Insight Global and Arrive Logistics, as well as a reception with Tampa Seminole Club board members.

#### **4) Innovation and Entrepreneurship**

- i.** Through InternFSU: TLH, local small businesses were offered the opportunity to host one paid intern each through the program, and FSU would reimburse them after the internship was completed. There were 11 local Leon County small businesses that were approved to participate for the pilot in the Spring 2024 semester. There was a total of 294 students that submitted applications for the 11 unique opportunities.
- ii.** Student Affairs is making some changes to our Health services that will increase our revenue generation through expanding insurance contracts and negotiating higher reimbursement rates.
- iii.** For the first time, FSU has made the Parent and Family Orientation available in Spanish. FSU is piloting a summer and a fall orientation session that will have "additional resources for Spanish speakers." The additional resources include having the welcome in

English and Spanish, Orientation Leaders who speak Spanish will work with families, and the Ask the OL panel will be done in English and Spanish. Luzmi Valenzuela (2022 OL, 2023 TL, 2024 special projects, and 2024 graduate!) will be returning to help facilitate. FSU will have multi-lingual students work with the families for both sessions and the CARE one as well. FSU has students who speak Spanish, German, Czech, Haitian Creole, Hindi, and American Sign Language.

- iv. Boutique Fitness is anticipated to open in the Fall 2025 semester.
- v. The New Student and Family Programs has launched their Traditions Water Bottle. Students can celebrate classic FSU traditions by marking them off on the water bottle with new and never-before-seen FSU Traditions stickers. These will be added to an online shop and will be included in Family Weekend registration. They will be available for purchase during the Welcome week and Orientation this summer.

#### 5) Student Success

- i. FSU has distributed 1,645 Narcan kits across campus. Additionally, FSU's Counseling and Psychological Services was ranked #13 by Princeton Review.
- ii. Through the CCAMPIS Grant FSU has been able to support student parents. A total of 78 children of student parents received full tuition coverage for the academic year at the FSU Childcare Center, as well as 22 children of student parents who received full tuition for the academic year at an off-campus local daycare center.

#### 6) Community

- i. This semester FSU celebrated the NPHC Park groundbreaking with notable student leaders, faculty, alumni, and stakeholders. We look forward to the unveiling this Fall.

#### 7) Enhancing the Reputation and Impact of FSU

- i. Trustee de las Cuevas-Diaz has been instrumental in our Miami Bound Noles. This summer FSU will travel to South Florida to network with notable alumni in Miami and increase our relationships and connections.

#### IV. Action Items for Consideration of the Board of Trustees

*Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs*

*Angela Chong, J.D., AVP for Health and Wellness, Dean of Students*

- a. **Action Item I: Request for Approval:** FSU 3.003 Freedom of Expression Rights and Responsibilities

*Trustee de las Cuevas-Diaz moved to approve the regulation changes to FSU 3.003 Freedom of Expression of Rights and Responsibilities. Trustee Boisvert seconded the motion, and changes were approved unanimously by all present at the meeting.*

#### V. Open Forum for Board of Trustees

*Trustee Drew Weatherford, Chair*

#### VI. Adjournment

*Trustee de las Cuevas-Diaz moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Boisvert seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.*