



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

University Research Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Approved 9.12.24

Thursday, June 20, 2024

8:00 am

Zoom Meeting

Committee Members Present: Trustee Jorge Gonzalez (Chair), Trustee Justin Roth, Board Vice Chair Bob Sasser, Trustee John Thiel

Committee Members Absent: None

Committee Staff: Dr. Stacey Patterson, Vice President for Research

Others in attendance: Trustee Bridgett Birmingham, Trustee Jackson Boisvert, Trustee Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz, Trustee Drew Weatherford, President McCullough, University Vice Presidents, and other staff.

I. Call to Order and Welcome
Trustee Jorge Gonzalez, Chair

Chair Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 8:02 am. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of Minutes
January 31, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Trustee Gonzalez moved to approve the January 31, 2024, meeting minutes and the minutes were approved as presented without objection.

III. Research Committee Update
Dr. Stacey Patterson, Vice President for Research

Dr. Patterson gave her presentation from Oak Ridge, Tennessee where she is representing FSU as one of seven core universities who strategically work with UT-Battelle to manage the Oak

Ridge National Laboratory. FSU is working actively with Oak Ridge and there are key strategic initiatives that are planned to be announced in October. FSU will be having an Oak Ridge Day in September, and this will be an opportunity for FSU's students, faculty, and staff to move some key partnerships forward. Dr. Patterson informed the committee that Valerie Landrio McDevitt would be joining her to give the second part of the presentation.

Dr. Patterson discussed the year-over-year numbers which show the work that the faculty have been doing. Proposals are up 10.5%, the proposal amount is up 25% and the award amounts are up 20%.

Dr. Patterson gave an update on the Aspire plan, which is not a research plan, but a campus wide plan. This plan supports 1) Our People, 2) Partnerships and Innovation, 3) Supporting Infrastructure, and 4) Focus on Scholarship and Excellence. The plan is to develop a bi-annual report. The first report is scheduled to be out in the first week of July to the faculty demonstrating what has been done centrally to support the goals of Aspire.

An update on the InSPIRE initiative was given and the project is underway as of April. The group has been partnering with a not-for-profit company named Astro America on an NSF Engines proposal that will be complimentary to the InSPIRE center. The NSF Engines initiative has the potential to be \$160M and FSU will be the lead and the headquarters will be in Panama City along with the InSPIRE center. FSU Health has a lot of moving pieces and Dr. Patterson gave an update on the progress and the opportunities.

Valerie McDevitt, Associate Vice President of Strategic Partnerships and Innovation, gave an update on the changes and progress of the Strategic Partnerships and Innovation area. She discussed the different groups and how they support the university as well as the challenges and plans to address these.

IV. Open Forum for Board of Trustees

Trustee Jorge Gonzalez, Chair

Trustee Gonzalez asked if the InSPIRE contract had been fully executed and Dr. Patterson confirmed that it had. He noted that the FSU team had put in a lot of work to secure this project as well as all the other projects that FSU is working on.

V. Adjournment

Trustee Jorge Gonzalez, Chair

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 am.