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## MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, September 12, 2024  
12:30 – 1:45 pm

Augustus B. Turnbull Conference Center  
555 W Pensacola St, Tallahassee, FL 32306  
Room 214

*The agenda will be followed in subsequent order and items may be heard earlier than the scheduled time.*

- I. Call to Order and Welcome**  
*Trustee Jorge Gonzalez, Chair*
- II. Approval of Minutes**  
*June 20, 2024, Meeting Minutes*
- III. Action Items for Consideration of Recommendation to the Board of Trustees**  
*Dr. Stacey Patterson, Vice President for Research*  
  
**Action Item I: Request for Approval:** Exception to Section 288.860(3)(d) to employ Graduate Assistant in Biological Sciences  
  
**Action Item II: Request for Approval:** Exception to Section 288.860(3)(d) to employ Graduate Assistant in English
- IV. Office of Research Informational Items and Updates**
  - a. ASPIRE 2024 Midyear Update**  
*Dr. Stacey Patterson, Vice President for Research*
  - b. MagLab and Future of Innovation Park**  
*Dr. Stacey Patterson, Vice President for Research*  
*Dr. Kathleen Amm, Director of the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory*
- V. Open Forum for Trustees**  
*Trustee Jorge Gonzalez, Chair*
- VI. Adjournment**  
*Trustee Jorge Gonzalez, Chair*



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# MEETING MINUTES

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## MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)

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.