



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

University Research Committee

MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)

Thursday, February 27, 2025

12:30 – 1:45 pm.

FSU Westcott Building
3012 Westcott Annex, 3rd Floor
Office of Research Conference Room 3025
222 South Copeland St.
Tallahassee, FL 32306

Committee Members Attended: Jorge Gonzalez, John Thiel (zoom), Peter Collins (ex-officio voting)

Committee Members Absent: Justin Roth

Other Trustees in attendance: Jim Henderson, Peter Jones, Bridgett Birmingham

Staff and Others: President Richard McCullough, First Lady Jai Vartikar, Provost Jim Clark, Kyle Clark, Stacey Patterson, Sam Huckaba, Dennis Schnittker, Susannah Wesley-Ahlschwede, Farrukh Alvi, Clay Ingram, Deborah Gautier, Lina Rojas, Glenn Ladwig, Robert Large and Kelly Starke.

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Trustee Jorge Gonzalez, Chair

Trustee Gonzalez welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 12:31 pm. A quorum was confirmed.

II. Approval of Minutes

November 20, 2024, Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved unanimously and without objection.

III. Research Status Update, Strategic Talent Recruitment – Spotlight on the College of Medicine

Dr. Stacey Patterson, Vice President for Research

Dr. Patterson gave an update on the research expenditures, proposals, and awards. She discussed the ASPIRE plan and the progress to date. Part of this plan is strategic hiring, and we are pleased to announce that FSU has recruited six additional National Academy members. She spotlighted the recruitment progress in the College of Medicine.

Dr. Patterson updated the committee on FSU's current funding sources and the immediate and recent impacts on federal funding. She also gave an overview of F&A rates.

IV. InSPIRE Implementation Update & Florida's Advanced Manufacturing Engine (FLAME) Proposal

Dr. Farrukh S. Alvi, Senior Associate Provost for Strategic Initiatives and Innovation

Dr. Alvi updated the committee on the progress and vision of the InSPIRE program. The Committee was told that interviews are underway for the Executive Director position and that a decision on a candidate would be made soon. He talked about leveraging resources and collaborating with experts in various fields to create real-world products for generational impact.

V. Adjournment

Trustee Jorge Gonzalez, Chair

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 pm.