



**UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD MINUTES**

March 28, 2014 MEETING

Emerson Alumni Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

Time Convened: 10:26 a.m. EDT

Time Adjourned: 11:17 a.m. EDT

1.0 Call to Order and Welcome

Chair, C. David Brown, II, called the meeting to order at 10:26 a.m. EDT.

Members present were:

Trustees C. David Brown, II (Chair), Christina A. Bonarrigo, Susan M. Cameron, Christopher T. Corr, Charles B. Edwards, James W. Heavener, Marc W. Heft, Carolyn K. Roberts, Jason J. Rosenberg, Juliet M. Roulhac, Steven M. Scott, David M. Thomas.

Others present were:

President J. Bernard Machen, members of the President's Cabinet, other members of the University of Florida community, and other members of the public and the media.

2.0 Verification of Quorum

After a roll call, a quorum was confirmed, with all members present.

Chair Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Chair Brown then asked President Machen for his President's Report.

3.0 President's Report

President Machen indicated that he thought the business of the committees the previous day covered what is active on campus. This is a busy time in Tallahassee and the developments for higher education and University of Florida are mostly positive, although the legislative session will be continuing. President Machen expressed his hopes that the legislature will pass the tuition equity bill to allow undocumented students to attend the University for tuition at in-state levels through a waiver of the out-of-state fee. He also mentioned the importance of making private-source financial aid available to these students. He emphasized that this bill is a

high priority because there are so many good reason to bring these talented and hard-working young people into the higher education system.

President Machen praised Trustee Bonarrigo for Student Government's efforts in Tallahassee on behalf of important University initiatives. We expect the Chemistry department to receive the funds it needs for the planned Chemistry Building. There will be no undergraduate tuition increases this year; however, tuition has to be part of the long term picture. President Machen said UF should have good news from Tallahassee at the end of the month.

Next Tuesday the University's new Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Charlie Lane, will join the senior administration team. He was the second in command at the University of Southern California and brings valuable expertise in what we have been doing. President Machen praised Win Phillips, who recently ended his service as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, stating that Dr. Phillips has been the real backbone of this University for many years.

Chair Brown thanked President Machen for his report and commented that the work being done is outstanding. He then asked for the Committee Chairs to present their reports.

4.0 Committee Reports

Committee on Audit and Operations Review

Trustee Charles Edwards, Chair of the Committee on Audit and Operations Review, provided his report, noting that all Committee members were present at the Committee meeting.

After reviewing and approving the minutes of the December 5, 2013 meeting, the Committee discussed and then unanimously approved the following Action Item and recommended this action for the Board's approval on the Consent Agenda (with the details of his report reflected in the Committee's March 27, 2014 minutes):

- AO1. University of Florida Annual Financial Report as of and for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013.

Discussion/Informational Items addressed were an Update on External Audits, Audits and Other Reviews, Quarterly Follow-up, Annual Audit Plan Revisions, Audits of Affiliated Organizations and the Annual Audit Report, with the discussion reflected in the Committee's March 27, 2014 minutes.

Committee on Educational Policy and Strategy

Trustee Steven Scott, Chair of the Committee on Educational Policy and Strategy, provided his report, noting that all Committee members were present at the Committee's meeting.

After reviewing and approving the minutes of December 5, 2013, the Committee discussed and then unanimously approved the following Action Items and recommended these actions for the Board's approval on the Consent Agenda (with the details of his report reflected in the Committee's March 27, 2014 minutes):

- EP1. Tenure Upon Hire
- EP2. New Degrees
- EP3. Honorary Degrees
- EP4. University of Florida Regulation Amendments
- EP5. Housing Rental Rates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015
- EP6. University of Florida-University of Florida Research Foundation, Inc. (UFRF)
Conflict of Interest Policy regarding UFRF Equity Holdings
- EP7. Degree Program Terminations.

Discussion/Informational Items addressed were updates on admissions/financial aid, student government, and the faculty senate, and information on name changes, the SACS/COC accreditation report and UF Online, with the discussion reflected in the Committee's March 27, 2014 minutes.

Committee on External Relations

Trustee Carolyn Roberts, Chair of the Committee on External Relations, provided her report, noting all Committee members were present at the Committee meeting.

After reviewing and approving the minutes of the December 5, 2013 meeting, the Committee discussed and then unanimously approved the following Action Item and recommended this action for the Board's approval on the Consent Agenda (with the details of her report reflected in the Committee's March 27, 2014 minutes):

- ER1. University of Florida Campaign for Charities.

Discussion/Informational Items addressed were a legislative update from Vice President Adams and a Preeminence Florida update from Vice President Mitchell, with the discussion reflected in the Committees March 27, 2014 minutes.

Committee on Finance and Facilities

Trustee Susan Cameron, Chair of the Committee on Finance and Facilities, provided her report, noting that all Committee members were present at the Committee meeting. After reviewing and approving the minutes of December 5, 2013, the Committee discussed and then unanimously approved the following Action Item and recommended this action for the Board's approval on the Consent Agenda (with the details of his report reflected in the Committee's March 27, 2014 minutes):

- FF1. Auxiliary Facilities with Outstanding Revenue Bonds.

Discussion/Informational Items addressed were Updates on Construction and Maintenance, Quarterly Financial Report, Legislative, Information Technology, and the University of Florida Investment Company (UFICO), with the discussion reflected in the Committees March 27, 2014 minutes.

Committee on Governance

Trustee David Thomas, Chair of the Committee on Governance, provided his report, noting that all Committee members were present at the Committee meeting. After reviewing and approving the minutes of December 5, 2013 meeting, and having no Action Items on the Agenda, the Committee then moved to the Discussion/Informational Items on its Agenda.

Discussion/Informational Items addressed were Category 1 Affiliate presentations from three of the Affiliate organizations which included the University of Florida Development Corporation, UFICO and the University of Florida Research Foundation, an update on Directors and Officers insurance and an update on the Affiliate insurance review project, with the discussion reflected in the Committees March 27, 2014 minutes.

Committee on Strategic Initiatives

Trustee Christopher Corr, Chair of the Committee on Strategic Initiatives, provided his report, noting that all Committee members were present.

After reviewing and approving the minutes of December 5, 2013 and January 7, 2014, the Committee discussed and then unanimously approved the following Action Item and recommended this action for the Board's approval on the Consent Agenda (with the details of his report reflected in the Committee's March 27, 2014 minutes):

- SI1. Mission Statement.

Discussion Items addressed were updates on online education, preeminence programs and the sources of revenue project, with the discussion reflected in the Committees March 27, 2014 minutes.

5.0 Consent Agenda

At the completion of the Committee reports, Chair Brown asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was made by Trustee Scott and seconded by Trustee Cameron. The Chair asked for further discussion, after which he asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed and the motion was approved unanimously.

Trustee Heft commented that we have heavy hearts at this meeting due to the passing of former Trustee and Faculty Senate President Scott Nygren. He was a respected leader and voice of the faculty and will be missed. Dr. Heft noted that the University was breaking down silos with the preeminent hires. The Town Hall seminars are bringing faculty together from multiple colleges. Trustee Heft asked that the Board consider a faculty club to help faculty across colleges and departments to meet one another and fuel interdisciplinary collaborations as well as a good campus climate. He expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve the University a member of the Board. He also mused that there is an important reason why Faculty Senate President service is term limited. The faculty is diverse and there are many different viewpoints, so it is healthy to have a new representative on the Board each year. Trustee Heft thanked the Board and said he learned much during his year as a Trustee.

6.0 New Business

No new business was brought before the Board.

7.0 Resolutions

Chair Brown noted that former Trustee Marshall Criser left our Board in December after dedicated and exemplary service to become Chancellor of Higher Education for the State University System of Florida. Former Trustee Criser, who was accompanied by his wife Kimberly, was recognized and honored at the Board dinner the prior night. He presented a framed resolution for Mr. Criser, which will be included as part of these minutes.

Chair Brown then noted that the Board was planning to honor Faculty Senate President and Trustee, Dr. Marc Heft, and Student Body President and Trustee, Christina Bonarrigo, at the June meeting. However, Trustee Bonarrigo let us know that she will be unable to attend the June meeting because she has sought and obtained employment. Consequently, the Board honored her at the March meeting. Mr. Brown stated that the Board and University are very fortunate to have outstanding student leaders. With each new student trustee, we celebrate their talents and watch them go off to do great things in the world. Chair Brown promised that the Board will have a framed resolution for Trustee Bonarrigo in a few weeks, but has asked Vice President Kratzer to read her resolution into the minutes. Vice President Kratzer did so, and noted that one of the great traditions of this University is the partnership between the Student Body and the Administration.

Trustee Bonarrigo thanked the Board for the incredible opportunity she has had to serve UF. She noted that students are thankful to have the opportunity to serve on the Board and that the Board has demonstrated its commitment to the students. Ms. Bonarrigo expressed her gratitude to the Board and the Administration for their continued support of students and the UF community.

Chair Brown asked for a motion to adopt the resolutions for Mr. Criser and Ms. Bonarrigo, which was made by Trustee Roberts and seconded by Trustee Cameron. The Chair asked for further discussion, after which he asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed and the motion was approved unanimously.

8.0 Comments of the Chair of the Board

Chair Brown asked the Board for any new business, and hearing none he began his comments.

On behalf of the Trustees Chair Brown provided an op-ed to the Gainesville Sun in remembrance of Scott Nygren. All who have worked with him recognize that they cannot have worked with a better person. Chair Brown emphasized how much the University, the Board and his many colleagues and students will miss Scott Nygren. He asked the Board to read the op-ed.

Chair Brown then told the Board that there will be a Board conference call/meeting in April to commence the presidential search. He noted that the University and Board know it will be difficult to see Bernie Machen leave, but the Board is responsible for bringing in a new President and Trustee Steven Scott will be leading that search. Chair Brown said that the Board is fortunate to have President Machen's help with the search and very fortunate to have the benefit of the exceptional growth of the University and the strong foundation that has been developed under Dr. Machen's leadership.

9.0 Adjourn

After asking for any further discussion and hearing none, Chair Brown asked for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Trustee Thomas and a second which was made by Trustee Cameron, and, with no further discussion desired, the motion was passed unanimously and the University of Florida Board of Trustees meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m. EDT.