



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

**December 15, 2017**

**Time Convened: 10:57 a.m. EST**

**Time Adjourned: 4:44 p.m. EDT**

**President's Room 215B, Emerson Alumni Hall  
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL**

**1.0 Verification of Quorum**

Amy M. Hass, Interim Vice President and General Counsel, verified a quorum, with all members present, except Steven Scott, who attended via telephone.

**Board members present were:**

James W. Heavener (Chair), David L. Brandon, Mori Hosseini, Leonard H. Johnson, W. Smith Meyers, Rahul Patel, Marsha D. Powers, David M. Quillen, Jason J. Rosenberg, Steven M. Scott, Robert G. Stern, David M. Thomas and Anita G. Zucker.

**Others present were:**

W. Kent Fuchs, President; Winfred Phillips, Executive Chief of Staff; Joseph Glover, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Charles Lane, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; David Guzik, Senior Vice President for Health Affairs and President of UF Health; Jack Payne, Senior Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources; Amy M. Hass, Interim Vice President and General Counsel; other members of the President's Cabinet; Melissa Orth, Senior Director, Government Relations, and Assistant University Secretary; Brigit Dermott, Executive Assistant; Sandy Mitchell, Legal Assistant; and other members of the University community and members of the media.

**2.0 Call to Order and Welcome**

Board Chair James W. Heavener called the meeting to order at 10:57 a.m. EST and welcomed all Trustees, the administration and all in attendance at the meeting.

**3.0 Public Comment**

Four individuals made public comments related to certain agenda items and topics, including mental health resources, sexual assault on college campuses, Latinx program, and Aramark.

**4.0 President's Report**

President Fuchs gave his report to the Board. Highlights of this report included:

- On October 13, UF publicly announced the kick-off the “Go Greater” campaign. He announced that in three years, UF has already achieved 40% of its working goal of \$3 billion.
- UF is ranked 14<sup>th</sup> among public universities in R&D spending.
- UF faculty have been awarded significant grants including:
  - Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) awarded \$11.9 million for a project studying radiation therapies for prostate cancer.
  - Department of Defense awarded \$15 million to study heart disease in women.
  - UF will lead a \$15 million project to turn seed into jet fuel.
  - UF Water Institute received \$5 million from the USDA to promote water security for the region’s farmers, foresters and the environment.
  - NIH’s Pepper Older Americans Independence Center was funded through 2022 for \$5.1 million.
- College of Medicine received more than \$100 million in NIH funding for the first time in its 61-year history.
- President Fuchs thanked the many UF leaders and staff members who helped manage the unwelcome visits of Hurricane Irma and Richard Spencer.
  - Some 431 students received Aid-A-Gator awards averaging \$476.00 each to mitigate effects from the hurricane.
  - 345 employees received Aid-A-Gator awards in the range of \$100-199.
  - The SEC generously donated \$100K to the Aid-A-Gator program and the balance was funded through donations to the UF Foundation.
- President Fuchs made note of current searches for the following leadership roles: Dean of Students, Chief Diversity Officer, General Counsel and four new counselors.
- Football coach Dan Mullen was hired in late November.
- Faculty and staff honors:
  - History professor Jack Davis won the Kirkus Prize for his history of the Gulf of Mexico, *The Gulf*.
  - English professor and poet Ange Mlinko was profiled in the *New Yorker*.
  - Curator of photography at the Harn Carol McCusker’s photo exhibit “Aftermath: the Fallout of War – America and the Middle East,” was the subject of an extensive feature article in the *New York Times*.
  - Controller Alan West was featured on the cover of *Florida CPA* magazine and is the first chair of the FICPA to come from higher education.

## 5.0 Action Items, Consent Agenda

Board Chair Heavener turned the Board’s attention to the Consent Agenda and asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda (comprising all the Action Items listed below), which was made by Trustee Hosseini, and a second, which was made by Trustee Rosenberg. The motion was approved unanimously.

### Board of Trustees (BT)

BT1	Minutes	June 9, 2017
		August 29, 2017
		November 8, 2017
		November 27, 2017

### **Committee on Audit and Operations Review (AO)**

- AO1 Committee Name Change and Charter Revision
- AO2 Compliance Office Charter and Program Plan
- AO3 University of Florida Performance Based Funding—Data Integrity (Audit Report) and Performance Based Funding Data Integrity Certification

### **Committee on Educational Policy & Strategic Initiatives (EP)**

- EP1 Tenure Upon Hire
- EP2 New Degree: Doctor of Musical Arts

### **Committee on Finance and Facilities (FF)**

- FF1 Veterinary Medicine Energy Plant Energy Efficiency Contract
- FF2 University Transportation and Parking Services Project Cost and Maximum Bond Principal Indebtedness
- FF3 Acquisition of Real Property

### **Committee on Governance (GV)**

- GV1 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the UF Board of Trustees (BOT) and the Police Benevolent Association (PBA), Lieutenants
- GV2 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the UF Board of Trustees (BOT) and the Police Benevolent Association (PBA), Officers and Sergeants
- GV3 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the UF Board of Trustees (BOT) and the Graduate Assistants United (GAU-UFF)
- GV4 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the UF Board of Trustees (BOT) and the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO (AFSCME)

## **6.0 Action Items, Non-consent Agenda**

Board Chair Heavener turned the Board's attention to the Non-Consent Agenda and asked for a motion to approve EP3 and Resolution 17-192 Naming: Fixel Center for Neurological Diseases, which was made by Trustee Rosenberg, and a second, which was made by Trustee Powers. Chair asked for further discussion, and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

## **7.0 New Business**

There was no new business to come before the Board.

## **8.0 Comments of the Chair of the Board**

Board Chair Heavener remarked that he was particularly thankful to the governor and the legislature for the record level of funding awarded for preeminence. He thanked Trustee Anita Zucker and Vice President for Advancement Tom Mitchell for their work on the Go Greater campaign. He noted that Athletic Director Scott Stricklin had the opportunity to hire his first football coach at UF, Dan Mullen, and expressed his enthusiasm for the future. Chair Heavener remarked that Dean Abernathy's presentation on the Wertheim Transformation was very encouraging and he noted that philanthropists such as the Wertheims can have a revolutionary

impact on the future of the institution. He noted that UF women's volleyball will compete against Nebraska for the national title on Saturday. In closing, Chair Heavener remarked that this a historic era for the University as a Top 10 institution.

## **9.0 Adjourn**

Asking for any further discussion and hearing none, Board Chair Heavener asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was made by Trustee Meyers, and a second, which was made by Trustee Zucker. With no further discussion, the motion was passed unanimously and the University of Florida Board of Trustees meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m. EST.