



**COMMITTEE ON GOVERNANCE, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS  
AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**Pre-Meeting Minutes**

**Virtual Meeting**

**February 13, 2023**

**Time Convened: 10:00 a.m.**

**Time Adjourned: 10:20 a.m.**

**Committee and Board members present:**

Morteza “Mori” Hosseini (Board and Committee Chair), David L. Brandon, Richard P. Cole, Daniel T. O’Keefe, Rahul Patel, Marsha D. Powers, Fred S. Ridley, and Anita G. Zucker.

**Others present:**

Ben Sasse, President; Chris Cowen, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Amy Hass, Vice President and General Counsel; Mark Kaplan, Vice President for Government and Community Relations and University Secretary; Mary Parker, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Associate Provost; Curtis Reynolds, Vice President for Business Affairs; members of the University of Florida community, and the public.

**1.0 Call to Order and Welcome**

Board and Committee Chairman Hosseini welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**2.0 Roll Call**

Vice President and University Secretary Mark Kaplan conducted a roll call, and all Committee members were present except Trustee Christopher T. Corr and Trustee James W. Heavener.

**3.0 Review Draft Agenda for March Meeting**

**3.1 Review Action Items**

Prior to reviewing the action items for our committee, Chairman Hosseini welcomed President Sasse. He reviewed the pre-meeting structure is for discussion only and no action will come to the committee.

- **GGRIA1 DSO Appointments**

Vice President and General Counsel Amy Hass summarized the 18 direct support organization appointments before the committee for approval including one for Citrus Research Development Foundation, two for Florida Foundation of Seed Producers, three

appointments for the Florida 4-H Club Foundation, six appointments for the UF Foundation, one appointment for the UF Investment Corporation and five appointments for the UF Leadership and Education Foundation.

- **GGRIA2 UF Regulations**

Vice President and General Counsel Amy Hass reviewed two regulations, 7.050 and 7.100. She noted there may be a faculty collective bargaining agreement reached prior to the March meeting that may come forward for approval.

7.050: In accordance with the requirements of BOG Regulation 3.005, this proposed regulation establishes the University of Florida's parameters to protect postsecondary examination and assessment instruments from unauthorized disclosure.

7.100: This proposed regulation amendment implements the recent changes to BOG Regulation 8.012 related to necessary approvals, authority and process for the University to terminate academic programs.

- **GGRIA3 PBA Collective Bargaining Agreement**

Vice President and General Counsel Amy Hass reviewed the new three-year collective bargaining agreement between the UF BOT and the Florida Police Benevolent Association, Inc. (PBA) Lieutenants Bargaining Union. The tentative CBA includes the following new or modified material provisions:

- Provides a 3% increase to the base rate of pay for covered members in 2022, 2023 and 2024 with an effective date of July 1 for each increase.
- Creates a longevity pay program based on years of service.
- Allows members to cash out 88 hours of accrued and unused leave each year.
- Increases shift differential pay for members who work on certain shifts.
- Matches the eight weeks of paid family leave previously provided to other university employees.

### **3.2 Discussion Item**

- **Government Update**

Vice President for Government and Community Relations and University Secretary Mark Kaplan shared that during the March meeting the annual 60-day legislative session will be ending its second week and he will report on the status of the legislative session then. We are currently in the second-to-the-last interim committee week and the second special session wrapped up last week. He shared session begins March 7, 2023, and there are already more than 700 bills filed. UF is engaged with a variety of them because of potential direct and indirect impacts on our university or university community. Today is the Florida House of Representatives appropriations project request form deadline and we are grateful to all of the sponsors in the House and Florida Senate who have been supportive. Chairman Hosseini asked if all of the university appropriations requests that require forms are in and filed. VP Kaplan confirmed they were.

Chairman Hosseini requested a call with VP Kaplan, SVP Chris Cowen and President Sasse to review the list of all financial requests submitted to the legislature.

#### **4.0 New Business**

Chairman Hosseini stated this legislative session will be very busy and there are a tremendous number of requests from all state universities and colleges, more than the state can fund. Our requests need to show return on investment to the state. President Sasse noted he is waiting on the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Ethics to provide one last piece of information on lobbying status.

#### **5.0 Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, Board and Committee Chair Hosseini adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

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