



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**December 7, 2018**

**President's Room 215B, Emerson Alumni Hall**

**University of Florida, Gainesville, FL**

**Time Convened: 8:30 a.m.**

**Time Adjourned: 10:04 a.m.**

**Board members present:**

Morteza Hosseini (Board Chair), David L. Brandon, Ian M. Green, James W. Heavener (participated by telephone), Thomas G. Kuntz (Board Vice Chair), Daniel T. O'Keefe, Rahul Patel, Marsha D. Powers, Jason J. Rosenberg, Robert G. Stern, Katherine Vogel Anderson, Anita Zucker.

**Others present:**

W. Kent Fuchs, President; Winfred Phillips, Executive Chief of Staff; Joseph Glover, Provost and Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs; Charlie Lane, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; Amy Hass, Vice President and General Counsel; Elias Eldayrie, Vice President and Chief Information Officer; Zina Evans, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Associate Provost; Antonio Farias, Chief Diversity Officer and Senior Advisor to the President; Jodi Gentry, Vice President for Human Resources; Edward Jimenez, Chief Executive Officer for UF Health Shands; Mark Kaplan, Vice President for Government and Community Relations; Mike McKee, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Thomas Mitchell, Vice President for Advancement; David Nelson, Interim Senior Vice President for Health Affairs and President of UF Health; David Norton, Vice President for Research; David Parrott, Vice President for Student Affairs; Nancy Paton, Vice President for Strategic Communications and Marketing; Jack Payne, Senior Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources; Curtis Reynolds, Vice President for Business Affairs and other members of the University community.

**1.0 Verification of Quorum**

Vice President and General Counsel Hass confirmed a quorum, with all members present, except Trustee Leonard H. Johnson, who was unable to attend.

**2.0 Call to Order and Welcome**

Board Chair Hosseini called the meeting to order and welcomed all Trustees, the administration and all in attendance at the meeting.

**3.0 Public Comment**

Vice President and General Counsel Hass opened for public comment. One individual made a public comment related to certain agenda items and topics.

#### **4.0 Action Items (Consent Agenda)**

Board Chair Hosseini turned the Board's attention to the Consent Agenda and asked for any questions or further discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda (comprising all the Action Items listed below), which was made by Trustee Stern, and a second, which was made by Trustee Rosenberg. The motion was approved unanimously.

##### **Board of Trustees (BT)**

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##### **Committee on Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs & Experience (AFSAE)**

AFSAE1 Tenure Upon Hire  
AFSAE2 Honorary Degrees  
AFSAE3 Degree Program Terminations  
AFSAE4 Type III Campus  
AFSAE5 New Degrees  
AFSAE6 Removal of Limited Access Program

##### **Committee on Audit and Compliance (AC)**

AC1 University of Florida Performance Based Funding – Data Integrity (Audit Report) and Performance Based Funding Data Integrity Certification

##### **Committee on Facilities and Capital Investments (FCI)**

FCI1 Ratification of Architect and Construction Manager Selections for the Data Science and Information Technology Building  
FCI2 Request to Surplus and Dispose a Portion of Real Property at Hastings Agricultural Extension Center (Downtown Location) – IFAS St. John's County  
FCI3 UF Health Shands Project

##### **Committee on Finance, Strategic Planning and Performance Metrics (FSPPM)**

FSPPM1 University of Florida Carry Forward Plan

##### **Committee on Governance, Government Relations and Internal Affairs (GGRIA)**

GGRIA1 Enhanced Governance Standards  
GGRIA2 DSO Board Appointments  
GGRIA3 Collective Bargaining Ratifications A & B

#### **5.0 Action Items (Non-Consent Agenda)**

Board Chair Hosseini stated that there was one Non-Consent Action Item, which was the naming of the Fixel Institute. He then asked for any questions or further discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve the Non-Consent Agenda, which was made by Trustee Rosenberg, and a second, which was made by Trustee Powers. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **6.0 Recognition**

Board Chair Hosseini recognized the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Florida Cicerones for acting as the official student ambassadors and serving as guides and hosts promoting the University at many different functions throughout the year. The Cicerones were presented with a plaque of appreciation.

## **7.0 President's Report**

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

- New Commencement – For the first time, the Fall commencement will have a single university-wide ceremony, with colleges holding individual recognition ceremonies for their graduates. At the December ceremony, the speaker is Stephen Stills of Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, who is being honored with an honorary doctorate from the UF School of Music and who spent much of his youth in Gainesville. College of the Arts Dean Onye Ozuzu will be the faculty speaker.
- Research Awards: UF received a record \$838M for FY 2018, up 22% from last year and eclipsing our previous record by \$113M.
- A team lead by UF was awarded \$10.5M to establish a Department of Energy Frontier Research Center on Molecular Magnetic Quantum Materials.
- Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering was awarded \$5M grant to improve STEM teaching in schools.
- UF Health Ophthalmology researcher William Hauswirth, Ph.D. and collaborators are sharing \$1.2M 2018 Antonio Champalimaud Vision Award for developing a sight-restoring treatment for people who have a genetic form of vision.
- Early voting at UF – For the first time in history, UF had an early voting location at the Reitz Union. There were 7,899 people who voted at the Reitz during the early voting period from October 22 to November 3 - more than at any of the early voting sites at eight universities in the state university system, and about 20 percent of all the early votes cast in Alachua County.
- Opening office in Washington, D.C. – UF is in the final stages of opening a federal relations office in Washington, D.C. for Sarah Mathias and the other members of our team in Washington, D.C. The office is located near the Capital as part of its increased commitment to government and community relations.
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries for Hispanic Heritage month and the Black Student Union.
- UF and Florida Gators Football team both in Top 10 – For the first time in history, at the end of the regular season and today. The Florida Gators, ranked 10<sup>th</sup>, will play #7 ranked Michigan in the Chic-Fil-A Peach Bowl in Atlanta on December 29 at noon.
- New Leaders Reception – A reception was held honoring the chairs and members of the search committees that were instrumental in choosing the new university leaders UF has brought on board in recent months. President Fuchs is pleased to recognize those leaders. He believes this is the first time the university held such a reception. He feels that it's important to recognize the search committee chairs and members for their pivotal role in the recruitment process.
- UF Campaign for Charities (UFCC) – This year's UFCC is on target to hit its \$1M goal. For the last 12 years, UF employees have given almost \$1 million annually to charities serving

our region. This is an annual employee giving campaign. UF employees can participate by making charitable donations through payroll deduction.

- Three UF scholars named American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAA 2018 Fellows) was inducted into the prestigious AAA to include Robert Ferl, professor of agriculture, food and renewable resources; Jeffrey Jones, professor of agriculture, food and renewable resources; and David Reitze, professor of physics.
- W.K. Kellogg Foundation Community Engagement Scholarship Award – UF won the Kellogg Foundation’s Community Engagement Award presented at the annual Association of Public & Land-Grant Universities (APLU).
- On October 10 Hurricane Michael affected many people in the Florida Panhandle. Significant wind and water damage to UF IFAS Facilities west of Gainesville and the Panhandle of a total of \$4.4 million. The bulk of the damage was to the IFAS Research and Education Center in Marianna. IFAS employees across the Panhandle assisted with recovery efforts. Hurricane Michael damaged around \$140 million of damaged crops and \$1.3B to the forestry industry.
- HEED award to College of Dentistry – Insight into Diversity magazine awarded the UF College of Dentistry the 2018 Health Professions Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award.
- There were 8 awards ranging from \$50 to \$650 to UF employees through our Aid-A-Gator program of emergency funding to provide assistance to faculty, staff and students experiencing hardships after hurricanes. It was created after Hurricane Irma last year to help employees get back on their feet.
- President Fuchs concluded with a couple of remarks about UF being in the top-ten and the reasons why that is. President Fuchs handed out an article that appeared in the UF student newspaper, *The Independent Florida Alligator*, by a student named Kyle Cunningham, that concluded by giving two other reasons for our top-ten stature. The first reason is because of our excellent students. As he wrote, “We are a top ten university because we perform well under pressure. The second reason, concluded Mr. Cunningham, “is because of the charm and dazzling good looks of Fuchs.” He joked and stated that if you wish to object to this second reason for our top-ten stature, don’t bother writing a letter to the editor, because *The Alligator* has ceased publication for the semester. Dr. Fuchs thanked everyone and wished each have a wonderful holiday break.
- UF will be playing Michigan in the Peach Bowl. This is the first time in history that the two top 10 universities in academics will play in athletics bowl game.

## **8.0 Strategic Discussion: Top 5 Economic Impact**

Provost Glover presented to the board members the goal of this session is to discuss (1) What does Top 5 mean for us; and (2) How does UF contribute to state development. A top 5 University means education, research and development ecosystem and promotes a Top 5 state economy. Provost Glover elaborated more on the talent pipeline and what it requires; research enterprise; sustain and grow Florida economy, academics; and new opportunities. Senior Vice President Norton, Senior Vice President Lane, Vice President Kaplan, and Vice President Reynolds provided presentations as well. Vice Chair Kuntz asked what percent of the state’s total research spending is UF since we brought in over \$800M in research dollars this year. Board Chair Hosseini noted we should tell the story about saving people’s lives and give examples. Show the state how we

impact lives. Trustee Patel added that we should also tell our story to perspective students, professors, and the economic community. Trustee Stern added that we are our statewide resource engine. He asked if the Board could be provided statistics that could be used in talking points. Trustee Stern said that this is a good starting point. President Fuchs noted we have unstoppable momentum.

#### **9.0 New Business**

None.

#### **10.0 Comments of the Chair of the Board**

Board Chair Hosseini stated that he was very proud to share great news of fellow Board member Trustee Zucker who have been chosen as this year's recipient of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) James L. Fisher Award for Distinguished Service to Education. This award celebrates individuals, organizations, foundations and corporations for their extraordinary contributions to education, nationally and/or internationally. The award will be presented to Trustee Zucker at a luncheon at the CASE Summit for Academic Leaders scheduled for July 15, 2019, in Boston, MA. Trustee Zucker is one of the most prestigious individuals with impact in philanthropy not just at UF but in the state of South Carolina. Trustee Zucker thanked all for their comments and noted that she loves this university and proud to be a part of the team of trustees and administration. She wants to help donors find their passion. She is honored to be a part of that. Chair Hosseini thanked President Fuchs for all of his work and being the boards partner. He also thanked the board team. President Fuchs made a comment and stated that this award is one of the most prestigious awards in philanthropy and he's proud that there is one of our own to get the biggest award in the nation.

#### **11.0 Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

**APPROVED AT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING ON MARCH 29, 2019.**