



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**March 29, 2019**

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

**University of Florida, Gainesville, FL**

**Time Convened: 1:01 p.m.**

**Time Adjourned: 2:33 p.m.**

**Board members present:**

Morteza Hosseini (Board Chair), David L. Brandon, Ian M. Green, James W. Heavener, Leonard H. Johnson, 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 verified a quorum with all board members present.

**2.0 Call to Order and Welcome**

Board Chair Hosseini welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Board Chair Hosseini recognized Tim Cerio from the Board of Governors and Lesa Phillips, Concierge for Enrollment in the audience.

**3.0 Public Comment**

Vice President and General Counsel Hass opened for public comment. She indicated that seven individuals have requested to make public comments related to certain agenda items and topics. The guests below signed up to speak during public comment at the main Board of Trustee meeting. All spoke to an item from the Audit and Compliance Committee - AC1 or the 'Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2018.'

1. Agatha Argeros
2. Falisha Kurji
3. Marcella Mulholland
4. Johanna Sacks
5. Ryan Thomson
6. Panagioti Tsolkas
7. Juan Zapata

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

Board Chair Hosseini turned the Board's attention to the Consent Agenda and stated that the action items would be voted on separately:

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

###### **BT1 Minutes- December 7, 2018**

Board Chair Hosseini asked for any questions or further discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve Board Consent Action Item BT1 for its approval, which was made by Trustee Green, and second which was made by Trustee Zucker. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

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

###### **AFSAE1 Tenure Upon Hire**

###### **AFSAE2 Authorization to Establish Material and Supply Fees and Equipment Use Fees**

Board Chair Hosseini asked for any questions or further discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve Board Consent Action Items AFSAE1 and AFSAE2 for its approval, which was made by Trustee Johnson, and second which was made by Trustee O'Keefe. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

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

###### **AC1 UF Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018**

Board Chair Hosseini asked for any questions or further discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve Board Consent Action Item AC1 for its approval, which was made by Trustee Powers, and second which was made by Trustee Johnson. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

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

- FCI1            Transportation and Parking Auxiliary-Covenants Relating to Facilities with Outstanding Revenue Bonds**
- FCI6            Amendment to Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request (BOB-2)**

Board Chair Hosseini asked for any questions or further discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve Board Consent Action Items FCI1 and FCI6 for its approval, which was made by Trustee Brandon, and second which was made by Trustee Zucker. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

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

- FSPPM1        Revisions to IOM 06-15-Investment Policy for Funds in Excess of Those Required for the Benefit of the University of Florida**

Board Chair Hosseini asked for any questions or further discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve Board Consent Action Item FSPPM1 for its approval, which was made by Trustee Stern, and second which was made by Trustee Johnson. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

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

- GGRIA1        University of Florida Regulation Amendment**

Board Chair Hosseini asked for any questions or further discussion. Trustee Vogel Anderson stated that she appreciates the new parking garage and parking spaces but that she cannot approve the increase in parking fees. Board Chair Hosseini then asked for a motion to approve Board Consent Action Item GGRIA1 for its approval, which was made by Trustee Rosenberg, and second which was made by Trustee Johnson. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved with one dissenting vote by Trustee Vogel Anderson.

- GGRIA2        DSO Board Appointments**

Board Chair Hosseini asked for any questions or further discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve Board Consent Action Item GGRIA2 for its approval, which was made by Trustee Johnson, and second which was made by Trustee Patel. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

**5.0    Action Items (Non-Consent)**

Board Chair Hosseini stated that there were four Non-Consent Action Items, which are as follows:

**FC12 and R19-213 Naming: Kathy and Tom Shannon Family Concourse**

Board Chair Hosseini asked for a motion to approve Non-Consent Action Item FCI2 and R12-213 for its approval, which was made by Trustee Brandon, and second which was made by Trustee Zucker. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

**FC13 and R19-214 Naming: Gator Band Alumni Association Pavilion**

Board Chair Hosseini asked for a motion to approve Non-Consent Action Item FCI3 and R12-214 for its approval, which was made by Trustee Brandon, and second which was made by Trustee Zucker. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

**FC14 and R19-215 Naming: Kincart Family Garden**

Board Chair Hosseini asked for a motion to approve Non-Consent Action Item FCI4 and R12-215 for its approval, which was made by Trustee Johnson, and second which was made by Trustee Stern. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

**FC15 and R19-216 Naming: Adam Michael Rosen Neuromedicine Clinic**

Board Chair Hosseini asked for a motion to approve Non-Consent Action Item FCI5 and R12-216 for its approval, which was made by Trustee Zucker, and second which was made by Trustee Powers. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

**6.0 Recognition**

Board Chair Hosseini commented that at the Board dinner, two Trustees whose terms will end prior to our next board meeting in June. Our board is grateful to have served alongside these board members and appreciate all their contributions. They have served as excellent representatives for the student body and faculty respectively. They were each presented with a framed resolution which will be made a part of these minutes.

Board Chair Hosseini welcomed and recognized Student Body President-Elect Michael Murphy and Faculty Senate President-Elect Ray Thomas. The board looks forward to working with both of you.

**7.0 President's Report**

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

- UF startup was part of a \$1.7B acquisition.

- Wall Street Journal article at your seat from Sunday regarding Brammer Bio being acquired by Thermo Fisher Scientific for \$1.7B.
- Brammer Bio is located in Alachua at Progress Corporate Park. It was formed in the merger of Brammer Biopharmaceuticals and Florida Biologix.
- Florida Biologix was founded more than a decade ago as a UF spinoff.
- Our agreements with the company will have financial benefits for UF.
- The Thermo Fisher acquisition will likely continue to grow Brammer Bio and the nearly 300 biotech jobs that are currently in Alachua.
- Brammer Bio makes viral vectors, which are used to deliver genes as part of the rapidly growing field of gene therapy.
- As the WSJ reports, nearly 300 gene therapies are currently under development, aiming to treat more than 100 diseases. So these viral vectors are critically important and will be more and more in demand.
- I am pleased that we have Dr. Richard Synder, Chief Scientific Officer of Brammer Bio, founder of Florida Biologix, and former Associate Professor at the College of Medicine and Director of the UF Center of Excellence for Regenerative Health Biotechnology, Larry Pitcher, Vice President and Site Head and Susan D’Costa, Vice President for Process Development.
- UF is the only university in the nation among the top 10 both for black and LatinX students going on to obtain PhDs in STEM.
- UF Disability Resource Center ranked #6 in college magazine “Top 10 Campuses for Students with Physical Disabilities.”
- Dean Diane McFarlin wins national award for the Scripps Howard Awards College Administrator of the Year and Dean McFarlin was also named a “Florida Icon” in the January issue of Florida Trend.
- Physics Professor wins Einstein Medal – Clifford Will, a distinguished professor of physics in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will receive the 2019 Albert Einstein Medal from the Albert Einstein Society in Bern, Switzerland.
- UF set a new record in research expenditures – a record high of \$865M which is an increase of 7.9% over the 2017 total.
- UF one of only 15 universities in 100% compliance for reporting results of clinical trials.
- May commencement speakers announced – James Patterson will be the guest speaker at the May commencement and the student speaker will be Paige Fitzpatrick from the College of Education.
- Gators win men’s indoor track and field 2019 National Championship and the Gators have won 3 SEC Championships in gymnastics, men’s swimming and men’s indoor track and field.
- New athletic facilities – the Katie Seashore Pressly Stadium for softball players has been expanded and revitalized and the ground has been broken on the new baseball park on the southwest campus.
- Veterinary School offers the nation’s only open heart surgery program for dogs.
- UF Pharmacy Professor Lance McMahon receives \$2M grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse to study opioid use disorders.
- Samuel Proctor Oral History Program held a 3-day national symposium.
- Spring Career Showcase in January was a major success.
- Day of Service “Big Event”

## **8.0 New Business**

There was no new business to come before the board.

## **9.0 Comments of the Chair of the Board**

Board Chair Hosseini stated that UF is proud to be ranked #8 among all public universities in the country. In addition, we recently received the wonderful news that several of our graduate programs have moved up in the newly released U.S. News Graduate School rankings. This is a tremendous achievement and I have asked the deans of those programs to join us this afternoon so that we can offer our thanks and congratulations and so that we can hear a bit about how they've done it. The following deans were in attendance and addressed the board:

Dean Elaine Turner – The graduate program in Agricultural and Biological Engineering in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences climbed from No. 4 to No. 3.

Associate Dean Gary McGill – The MBA graduate program in the Warrington College of Business jumped nine places to its highest-ever ranking, No. 25. The program also rose into the Top 10 among U.S. publics to the No. 9 position, an increase of five from last year. The Fisher School of Accounting's graduate program claimed its fifth consecutive top-10 finish among public schools, moving up six spots to No. 17 overall.

Dean Glenn Good – The College of Education which is now ranked No. 25 stands as No. 15 among the nation's top public colleges of education. This ranking comes only two months after U.S. News named the college's online graduate education program No. 1 in the country.

Dean Cammy Abernathy – Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering is ranked among the top 20 among public institutions in all 12 programs. Material Science is ranked No. 8, Industrial and Systems is ranked No. 12 and Nuclear Engineering Sciences at No. 14.

Dean Laura Rosenbury – Levin College of Law continues to rise in the rankings to its highest ever point, moving up 10 positions to No. 31 nationally. The new ranking marks a 17-point climb since 2016. Among its specialties, the tax law program remains at No. 3 overall and No. 1 among public law schools.

Interim Dean Adrian Tyndall – College of Medicine is ranked No. 19 among public medical schools for medical research. It made substantial gains in its primary care ranking, moving up 12 places to be tied for 53<sup>rd</sup> with USC. The Physician Assistant Program moved up six spots to be ranked No. 21 tied with Stanford. The graduate program in health care management was ranked No. 33.

Dean Anna McDaniel – College of Nursing moved up four spots to No. 24 for the Doctor of Nursing Practice program.

Interim Dean Tom Vickroy – College of Veterinary Medicine broke into the top 10 programs nationally and is now ranked No. 9 among both public and private universities.

Board Chair Hosseini noted that the College of Pharmacy (and Trustee Vogel Anderson can also attest) is the No. 9 pharmacy program in the country. They were not re-ranked this year, but we are also very proud they are in the Top 10 in the country.

Board Chair Hosseini stated that the focus on governance and accountability from Governor DeSantis, the Florida Legislature, the Board of Governors, and the broader public is important and is something that I wholeheartedly support. I know that I speak on behalf of this entire Board of Trustees when I say that.

The Board should ensure that we are spending our time on the right things and demanding the best from each other and from the Administration and it will take a concerted effort from each of us. I am glad to see things moving in a very good direction over the last year and I am pleased overall with the focus on our committee chairs and vice president liaisons.

President Fuchs and I believe that we can, and must, do more though, so we have asked Mark Kaplan to step in as University Secretary to bring even greater focus and collaboration to our work. This is a role that has been vacant since our last General Counsel left UF, although we are imagining the role a little differently this time. We believe and Vice President Hass shares our beliefs that the University Secretary role should be separated from the critical role of the General Counsel.

University Secretary Kaplan will work with President Fuchs, Board Vice Chair Kuntz and me to help the Board of Trustees set agendas and priorities to drive focus on achieving recognition as a top 5 public university and doing the things well that a top tier university should.

University Secretary Kaplan will work with the committee liaisons and with each Board member and others across the university's administration to ensure that we are getting what we need, when we need it, and that we are pushing each other on agendas and substantive conversations that we need to be having. This role will continue to evolve in the months ahead, but it is not intended to get in the middle of great relationships that exist between the board and the administration, and it should not interfere with the things that are already working well.

#### **11.0 Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.