



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

Pre-Meeting Minutes

Telephone Conference Call

November 26, 2019

123 Tigert Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Time Convened: 11:03 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 11:42 a.m.

Committee and Board members present:

David L. Brandon, James W. Heavener, Morteza Hosseini (Board Chair), Thomas G. Kuntz (Board Vice Chair), Rahul Patel, Robert G. Stern, Ray G. Thomas, Anita G. Zucker

Others present were:

W. Kent Fuchs, President; Amy Hass, Vice President and General Counsel; Mark Kaplan, Vice President for Government and Community Relations and University Secretary; Karen Sprague, Associate Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for UF Advancement; Taylor Rose, UF Senior Counsel, and members of the University of Florida Community.

1.0 Call to Order and Welcome

Committee Chair Rahul Patel welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Board Staff conducted a roll call of all Committee and Board members present.

3.0 Review Agenda for December Meeting

GGRIA1 Governance Standards Amendments

a. Research Activities and Oversight Protocols

Committee Chair Patel gave a summary of the Governance Standards Amendments - Research Activities and Oversight Protocols which includes semi-annual meetings with the VP of Research to review research activities, current audits or investigations, and strategic plans. Information from these meetings will be reported back to the Board. These protocols will be incorporated into the UF Governance Standards to help ensure that the Board has appropriate visibility into the strategic mission of the University's research endeavor and exercises its fiduciary oversight responsibilities.

b. Investigation Protocols

Committee Chair Patel determined this action item would be removed from the agenda because this information is not ready to be voted on. Board Chair Hosseini indicated that other institutions protocols should be reviewed to be sure everything is covered in ours.

GGRIA2 Direct Support Organization (DSO) Board Appointments

Committee Chair Patel presented thirteen highly accomplished individuals who have been brought forward as DSO Board appointments on the following four DSOs: Cattlemen Enhancement Board (CEB), Citrus Research Development Foundation (CRDF), Florida 4-H Foundation, and Southwest Florida Research and Education Foundation Board (SWFRE).

GGRIA3 Naming Policy

Committee Chair Patel gave a summary of the Naming Policy. The University has developed an enterprise-wide naming policy to ensure appropriate process and evaluation of naming opportunities. Board Chair Hosseini commended everyone involved in creating the new policy which is a best in class policy. All trustees present agreed.

GGRIA4 Board Self-Evaluation

Committee Chair Patel indicated that the Board of Trustees completed its self-evaluation on October 31, 2019, and the University will submit the results of this evaluation in December 2019 with the board's approval. The Board Self-Evaluation is required to be completed and submitted to The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools ("SACS"), the universities accrediting body, prior to the University of Florida's accreditation deadline of March 2020. Board Chair Hosseini asked if he could meet with board members individually about their thoughts on improvements we can make after the self-evaluation is approved and submitted. VP Hass agreed he could move forward after the self-evaluation was approved and submitted.

4.0 Discussion Items

4.1 Enterprise Cash Working Group Presentation

Committee Chair Patel will have an update at the upcoming Board Committee Meeting. Board Vice Chair Kuntz commented on the great work taking place to be sure we have standard governance processes in place for all funds. Board Chair Hosseini agreed noting that the group is considering the appropriate amount of risk to safeguard the university.

4.2 Outside Activities—Conflicts of Interest

Vice President and General Counsel Amy Hass will have an update at the upcoming Board Committee Meeting. VP Hass indicated that with our new process, we are leading in this space. Board Chair Hosseini commended this work.

4.3 Legislative Update

Mark Kaplan, Vice President of Government and Community Relations discussed the latest legislative updates indicating the recent important distinction given to UF in a separate category as a Preeminence/National Ranking by the Florida Board of Governors. This acknowledgment by the Board of Governors sets UF apart from other colleges and universities in the state. We are hopeful this distinction will result in future favorable support as a

Preeminent/National Ranking university. Vice President Kaplan then reviewed the three-year priority list for Public Education Capital Outlay Projects (PECO). President Fuchs thanked Board Chair Hosseini for all his time and effort working with the Florida Board of Governors and agrees that the differentiation of UF is significant. Trustee Heavener and Trustee Patel both agreed and thanked Board Chair Hosseini.

5.0 New Business

There was no new business to come before the committee.

6.0 Adjourn

There being no further discussion, Committee Chair Patel adjourned at the meeting at 11:42 a.m.