



## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**July 21, 2020**

**Virtual Meeting**

**University of Florida, Gainesville, FL**

**Time Convened: 5:03 p.m.**

**Time Adjourned: 5:21 p.m.**

### **Board members present:**

Morteza “Mori” Hosseini (Board Chair), David L. Brandon, Richard P. Cole, Sylvain Doré, James W. Heavener, Leonard H. Johnson, Thomas G. Kuntz (Board Vice Chair), Daniel T. O’Keefe, Rahul Patel, Trevor J. Pope, Marsha D. Powers, Jason J. Rosenberg, and Anita G. Zucker

### **Others present:**

W. Kent Fuchs, President; Winfred Phillips, Executive Chief of Staff; Joseph Glover, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Elias Eldayrie, Vice President and Chief Information Officer; Zina Evans, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Associate Provost; Amy Hass, Vice President and General Counsel; Edward Jimenez, Chief Executive Officer for UF Health Shands; Mark Kaplan, Vice President for Government and Community Relations and University Secretary; Thomas Mitchell, Vice President for Advancement; D’Andra Mull, Vice President for Student Affairs; David Nelson, Senior Vice President for Health Affairs and President of UF Health; Nancy Paton, Vice President for Strategic Communications and Marketing; Curtis Reynolds, Vice President for Business Affairs; members of the University of Florida community, and other members of the public.

### **1.0 Call to Order and Welcome**

Board Chair Hosseini welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

### **2.0 Verification of Quorum**

Vice President Kaplan verified a quorum with all members present.

### **3.0 Action Items**

Board Chair Hosseini thanked Elias Eldayrie, Vice President and Chief Information Officer, for the great job he has done for us to be able to continue to do business via Zoom meetings. He then turned the meeting over to Mark Kaplan, Vice President of Government and Community Relations and University Secretary to discuss the first action item about Legislative Budget Request (LBR) Approvals

### **BT1 Legislative Budget Request (LBR) Approvals**

Vice President Mark Kaplan informed the Board that the Board of Governors asks preeminent universities to submit LBRs that includes their plans, metrics and goals. VP Kaplan prefaced the LBR by stating that we are mindful of the budget pressures Governor DeSantis and the legislature are going to face in the coming year. He acknowledged with the Artificial Intelligence (AI) announcement today, UF has a great story to tell, which why we are submitting a \$20M recurring LBR that would continue the momentum from today's announcement with UF exercising national and global leadership in AI.

Board Chair Hosseini stated that UF can do a lot with these funds, as the administration and everyone work together, excelling in everything UF does, to advance the University of Florida, which is on its way of becoming a Top 5 university.

Board Chair Hosseini added that this coming legislative year is going to be a very difficult year. With the AI announcement today, UF has a lot going for it, including an article in Forbes today, and he anticipates there will be much more to come.

Board Chair Hosseini asked for any questions or further discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve Board Consent Action BT1 for its approval, which was made by Trustee Powers, 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.

Trustee Daniel T. O'Keefe emphasized that this is very exciting news and thanked staff for their work on the extremely well prepared and documented request.

### **BT2 Tenure Upon Hire**

Board Chair Hosseini turned the meeting over to Provost Joe Glover to discuss the tenure upon hire action item. Provost Glover announced that it his pleasure to bring before the Board the nomination of tenure upon hire for J. Scott Angle. As everyone knows, Dr. Angle was hired to be the new Vice President for the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS). He has a long and distinguished career and is eminently deserving of this nomination.

Board Chair Hosseini indicated that Dr. Angle is a great addition to UF and believes he will take IFAS to the next level.

Board Chair Hosseini asked for any questions or further discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve Board Action Item BT2, which was made by Trustee Rosenberg, and second which was made by Trustee Heavener. 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.

### **4.0 New Business**

Board Chair Hosseini welcomed new Trustee Richard Cole and asked him to introduce himself. Trustee Cole thanked everyone for the warm welcome. He indicated that he is a double gator

with degrees in business and law and that his parents are also UF graduates. While at UF, he served as the Chief Justice of Traffic Court and was the Student Body President. He concluded by saying that he looks forward to working with everyone.

Board Chair Hosseini asked Trustee Trevor J. Pope to share a few words. Trustee Pope informed the Board that he had just met with D'Andra Mull, Vice President for Student Affairs to discuss a student pledge initiative with students pledging to social distance and wear masks in order to keep everyone safe.

Board Chair Hosseini asked Trustee Sylvain Doré to share a few words. Trustee Doré indicated that he hosted a webinar for faculty and staff to discuss the reopening, which was attended by over 2,500 people. He thanked leadership for their participation to communicate the reopening plan with faculty and staff and answer their questions.

Provost Joe Glover announced that the Artificial Intelligence (AI) announcement seems to have caught national attention in Washington DC. AI is something that has been on the minds of leaders in DC. UF has a lot of work to do, both in DC and on campus to continue this national momentum, which will begin tomorrow. A discussion followed about ongoing opportunities to share this exciting story.

## **5.0 Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, Board Chair Hosseini adjourned the meeting at 5:21 p.m.