



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

Pre-Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting

May 3, 2021

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Time Convened: 10:00 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 10:32 a.m.

Committee and Board members present:

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

Others present:

Amy Hass, Vice President and General Counsel; Mark Kaplan, Vice President for Government and Community Relations and University Secretary; David Nelson, Senior Vice President for Health Affairs and President of UF Health; Winfred Phillips, Executive Chief of Staff; Curtis Reynolds, Vice President for Business Affairs; members of the University of Florida community, and the public.

1.0 Call to Order and Welcome

Committee and Board Chair Mori 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 of all Committee and Board members present except James W. Heavener who had a last-minute conflict.

3.0 Review Draft Agenda for June Meeting

3.1 Review Draft Minutes

Committee and Board Chair Hosseini noted that this was a pre-meeting and for information only. Chair Hosseini indicated the Board will have minutes from the March meeting to review and approve at the June Board of Trustees meeting.

3.2 Review Action Items

• GGRIA1 Direct Support Organization Appointments

Vice President and General Counsel Amy Hass presented the proposed DSO board appointments with two nominees from UF Leadership and Education Foundation, Inc. (Michael Basore, Brittany

Lee) and two from UF Investment Corporation (Doug Free, Alex Smith). VP Hass noted that their bios are included with the materials and all have been reviewed including their service on other DSOs and UF affiliated boards. If there are any additional names, they will be included in your materials for the June meeting.

- **GGRIA2 UF Health Corporation**

Vice President and General Counsel Amy Hass discussed a new UF Health Corporation. VP Hass indicated that UF Health is not currently a formal entity, but a marketing name used by separate locations. Hass noted the purpose, in large part, would be to create a unified vehicle for establishing consistency in quality, aligning strategic planning and marketing and decision-making for resource investments. VP Hass stated that UF Health leadership has been working closely with the General Counsel, outside expert counsel and the Board Chair to go through the process to incorporate it as an entity. Information will be available for review before the June meeting. Senior Vice President for Health Affairs and President of UF Health David Nelson added that this will incorporate all UF Health facilities including, Jacksonville, UF Health facilities along the I-95 corridor, and Central Florida facilities into one enterprise system. Committee and Board Chair Hosseini pointed out that with Trustee Patel's guidance the Board of Trustees has worked to update the governance standards for all DSOs at UF and now UF Health who ultimately reports to the Board of Trustees. Chair Hosseini pointed out that UF Health is a \$4B enterprise, and, once incorporated, it will have one professional board that will ultimately report to the Board of Trustees. He said that once information is formalized it will be shared for Trustees to review. Chair Hosseini encouraged Trustees to reach out to VP Hass and SVP Nelson with any questions or concerns. Trustee Brandon agreed this is a tremendous step. Trustee Patel thanked SVP Nelson for embracing UF Health Jacksonville. Trustee Corr added he looked forward to reviewing the articles of incorporation once available.

- **GGRIA3 Presidential Assessment FY2021 and GGRIA4 Presidential Goals FY2022**

Committee and Board Chair Hosseini spoke about GGRIA3 and GGRIA4 together. He indicated the Board will review the President's Performance Assessment for the fiscal year 2021 as well as his Presidential Goals for fiscal year 2022 at the June Board meeting. He reminded all that both documents will be reviewed in advance by the Board Chair and the Chair of the Board of Governors. All Trustees will receive a copy in advance of the June meeting. Chair Hosseini encouraged all Trustees to reach out to President Fuchs directly with questions.

3.3 Review Discussion Item

- **Legislative Update**

Vice President for Government and Community Relations and University Secretary Mark Kaplan provided a legislative update indicating it was a favorable session financially. A more detailed summary will be presented in June. VP Kaplan also stated that planning for next session has already begun as interim session committee weeks will start this fall. VP Kaplan pointed out that Board Chair Hosseini works tirelessly for Florida's State University System and the University of Florida and we are extremely thankful.

Committee and Board Chair Hosseini indicated that with the end of the latest session, the State of Florida has invested a lot of money in the State University System and the University of Florida.

Chair Hosseini emphasized UF must show we are good stewards of this investment. He discussed planning that needs to be done, similar to the work done by UF Advancement and Trustee Zucker for the \$3B Go Greater Campaign. Planning will begin at the Board retreat on June 11. It will continue at the two-day retreat in September. The Board needs to create a road map to accomplish our vision including steps and measurements. Chair Hosseini pointed out that we have a lot of work to do over the next couple of months to continue our culture of excellence to establish UF's vision, get everyone to buy in, and execute on it. Trustee Corr agreed that this is very exciting and he thanked Chair Hosseini for his leadership.

4.0 New Business

There was no new business to come before the committee.

5.0 Adjourn

There being no further discussion, Committee and Board Chair Mori Hosseini adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.