



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

Pre-Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting

August 9, 2022

Time Convened: 10:00 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 10:22 a.m.

Committee and Board members present:

Morteza “Mori” Hosseini (Board and Committee Chair), David L. Brandon, Richard P. Cole, Christopher T. Corr, Rahul Patel, Amanda J. Phalin, Fred S. Ridley, and Anita G. Zucker.

Others present:

Kent Fuchs, President; Amy Hass, Vice President and General Counsel; Mark Kaplan, Vice President for Government and Community Relations and University Secretary; Charlie Lane, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; David Norton, Vice President for Research; 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. He noted that this was an informational meeting only and that there would be no action taken.

2.0 Roll Call

Vice President and University Secretary Mark Kaplan conducted a roll call, and all Committee members were present except Trustee Heavener who had a conflict.

3.0 Review Draft Agenda for August Meeting

3.1 Review Action Items

• **GGRIA1 Direct Support Organization Appointments**

Vice President and General Counsel Amy Hass reviewed two DSO presidential Board appointments seeking approval including Joe Glover for GatorCare Health Management Corporation and Mark Kaplan for University of Florida Development Corporation. VP Hass noted the bios are included with the materials and have been reviewed including their service on other DSOs and UF affiliated boards. President Fuchs added these appointments were replacing Dr. Win Philips who recently stepped down from his role as Executive Chief of Staff.

- **GGRIA2 Legislative Budget Request FY2022-23**

Vice President for Government and Community Relations and University Secretary Mark Kaplan summarized the Board of Governors (BOG) process for each university to prepare legislative budget requests (LBRs) for approval by the Board of Trustees and presented to the BOG for review. VP Kaplan presented the 2023-2024 University of Florida Legislative Budget Requests which included LBRs for IFAS (Center for Applied Artificial Intelligence in Agriculture Form I, II; Quantifying Ecosystem Services with Artificial Intelligence Form I, II; Horse Teaching Unit Form I, II; Workload LBR Form I, II; Southwest Florida Research & Education Expansion Form I, II) and Preeminence / National Ranking Operating Support Form I, II. Trustee Phalin thanked Vice President Kaplan and the Board for including faculty support in the request. Chair Hosseini added that President Fuchs has a huge passion for the faculty. The Board has worked with the President to give faculty as many pay increases as they can. We will go to the legislature again to get funding. In addition, we plan to talk to the Board of Governors about an LBR for the entire system regarding pay increases for faculty and staff. VP Kaplan added they continue to share with the legislature the importance of investing in faculty, staff, and graduate students.

- **GGRIA3 Governance Standards**

Vice President and General Counsel Amy Hass reviewed the revision of UF Governance Standards for additional best practices which included: 1. reduce the technical committee threshold from \$30M to \$25 M, and 2. add a new requirement of the technical committee to process all direct support organizations and affiliates. Trustee Corr asked how many projects typically fall in this category each year. Chair Hosseini noted typically 2 or 3. Senior Vice President Charlie Lane added he agreed with this change and the process in place.

- **GGRIA4 Facility Security Clearance**

Vice President for Research David Norton summarized the requirement of facility clearance for certain research contracts between the University and federal government. The clearance confirms that members of the Board of Trustees will not require access to classified information, designates a senior management committee comprising of the President and Vice President for Research for that purpose, and listing all Trustees.

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 Hosseini adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.