



**COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC, FACULTY AND STUDENT SUCCESS,
PUBLIC RELATIONS AND STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Thursday, October 3, 2024

Virtual Meeting

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Time Convened: 8:03 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 8:07 a.m.

Committee and Board members present:

Rahul Patel (Committee Chair and Board Vice Chair), David L. Brandon, John E. Brinkman, Richard P. Cole, Christopher T. Corr, Morteza "Mori" Hosseini (Board Chair), Sarah D. Lynne, Daniel T. O'Keefe, Marsha D. Powers, Patrick O. Zalupski, and Anita G. Zucker.

Others present:

Kent Fuchs, Interim President; Joe Glover, Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Scott Angle, Senior Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources; Melissa Curry, Vice President for Human Resources; Dan Dillon, Vice President for Marketing and Senior Advisor; Elias Eldayrie, Vice President and Chief Information Officer; Ryan Fuller, Interim Vice President and General Counsel; Taylor Jantz, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Mark Kaplan, Vice President for Government and Community Relations and University Secretary; David Kratzer, Senior Vice President for Construction, Facilities, and Auxiliary Operations; Maria Gutierrez Martin, Interim Vice President for Advancement; Stephen Motew, UF Health President and System Chief Executive Officer; David Nelson, Senior Vice President for Health Affairs; David Norton, Vice President for Research; Mary Parker, Vice President and Chief Enrollment Strategist; Brandi Renton, Interim Vice President for Business Affairs; Scott Stricklin, Director of Athletics; James Wegmann, Vice President for Communications; Heather White, Vice President for Student Life; members of the University of Florida community, and the public.

1.0 Call to Order and Welcome

Prior to the start of the AFSSPRSC committee meeting, Board Chair Hosseini shared a few comments: (1) Thank you to everyone for meeting early in the morning out of respect for those who will be observing the Jewish holiday Rosh Hashanah, (2) Hurricane Helene had a devastating impact across multiple states. He thanked Interim President Fuchs and all the emergency staff that helped keep our campus, students, faculty, and staff safe during the storm, (3) Welcome to Interim Vice President and General Counsel Ryan Fuller and welcome back to Interim Provost Joe Glover, and (4) Most items on the committee agendas today are time sensitive and could not wait until our December board meeting. Each committee will convene to review and vote on their action items, then the full board will be called to vote on all committee action items.

Committee Chair and Board Vice Chair Rahul Patel welcomed everyone in attendance and called the AFSSPRSC committee meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

2.0 Verification of Quorum

Interim Provost Joe Glover verified a quorum with all members present, except Trustee Heavener who had an excused absence.

3.0 Action Item

AFSSPRSC1 General Education Courses Annual Review

Committee Chair Patel stated students enrolled in universities across our state system are required to take a certain number of general education courses to obtain a bachelor's degree. The state university system is required to offer students courses that meet this general education requirement in the areas of communications, humanities, mathematics, natural sciences, and social sciences (examples: English composition, history, biology, chemistry, philosophy, political science). These courses are designed to provide students with a knowledge base that is helpful in developing well rounded intellectual skills, critical thinking abilities, and communication skills. Last year the state of Florida passed legislation that updated the requirements for general education courses, resulting in the requirement of universities to annually report to their Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors (BOG) that their general education courses are compliant with these requirements.

Interim Provost Glover shared that during the previous spring and summer semesters, the Provost's Office worked with the colleges and the General Counsel's Office to review courses and syllabi to assess whether each general education course was either compliant with the legislation, could be modified to be compliant, or could be offered to students as an elective rather than a general education course. He added the BOG Chancellor will continue to work with Interim President Fuchs and Board Chair Hosseini to review UF's course list and consider adjustments, including reinstating some courses back to general education status.

Committee Chair Patel asked for any questions or further discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve Action Item AFSSPRSC1 for recommendation to the Board for its approval on the Consent Agenda, which was made by Trustee Cole, and second which was made by Trustee Zucker. Committee Chair Patel asked for further discussion, and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, which was made by Trustee Brinkman. The motion was approved by the majority.

4.0 New Business

There was no new business to come before the committee.

5.0 Adjourn

There being no further discussion, Committee Chair and Board Vice Chair Patel adjourned the meeting at 8:07 a.m.



**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, STRATEGIC PLANNING
AND PERFORMANCE METRICS**

Thursday, October 3, 2024

Virtual Meeting

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Time Convened: 8:07 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 8:10 a.m.

Committee and Board members present:

Marsha D. Powers (Committee Chair), David L. Brandon, John E. Brinkman, Richard P. Cole, Christopher T. Corr, Morteza "Mori" Hosseini (Board Chair), Sarah D. Lynne, Daniel T. O'Keefe, Rahul Patel (Board Vice Chair), Patrick O. Zalupski, and Anita G. Zucker.

Others present:

Kent Fuchs, Interim President; Joe Glover, Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Scott Angle, Senior Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources; Melissa Curry, Vice President for Human Resources; Dan Dillon, Vice President for Marketing and Senior Advisor; Elias Eldayrie, Vice President and Chief Information Officer; Ryan Fuller, Interim Vice President and General Counsel; Taylor Jantz, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Mark Kaplan, Vice President for Government and Community Relations and University Secretary; David Kratzer, Senior Vice President for Construction, Facilities, and Auxiliary Operations; Maria Gutierrez Martin, Interim Vice President for Advancement; Stephen Motew, UF Health President and System Chief Executive Officer; David Nelson, Senior Vice President for Health Affairs; David Norton, Vice President for Research; Mary Parker, Vice President and Chief Enrollment Strategist; Brandi Renton, Interim Vice President for Business Affairs; Scott Stricklin, Director of Athletics; James Wegmann, Vice President for Communications; Heather White, Vice President for Student Life; members of the University of Florida community, and the public.

1.0 Call to Order and Welcome

Committee Chair Marsha Powers welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

2.0 Verification of Quorum

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Taylor Jantz verified a quorum with all members present, except Trustee Ridley, who had an excused absence.

3.0 Action Item

FSPPM1 FY2024-25 Carryforward Spending Plan

CFO Jantz stated the annual review and submission of our carryforward spending plan is due to the Board of Governors (BOG) each October. Our overall carryforward spending for FY2024-25 is \$339M,

which is approximately \$70M more than the previous fiscal year. We have intended uses for all of these funds, including the following projects:

- \$25M - Data Science Building deferred maintenance
- \$64M - New World's Reading Initiative in the College of Education
- \$109M - Emergency maintenance for buildings

Committee Chair Powers asked for a motion to approve Action Item FSPPM1, which was made by Trustee Brandon and seconded by Board Chair Hosseini. Committee Chair Powers asked for further discussion, after which he asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

4.0 New Business

There was no new business to come before the committee.

5.0 Adjourn

There being no further discussion, Committee Chair Powers adjourned the meeting at 8:10 a.m.

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

Thursday, October 3, 2024

Virtual Meeting

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Time Convened: 8:10 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 8:17 a.m.

Committee and Board members present:

Morteza “Mori” Hosseini (Board and Committee Chair), David L. Brandon, John E. Brinkman, Richard P. Cole, Christopher T. Corr, Sarah D. Lynne, Daniel T. O’Keefe, Rahul Patel (Board Vice Chair), Marsha D. Powers, Patrick O. Zalupski, and Anita G. Zucker.

Others present:

Kent Fuchs, Interim President; Joe Glover, Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Scott Angle, Senior Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources; Melissa Curry, Vice President for Human Resources; Dan Dillon, Vice President for Marketing and Senior Advisor; Elias Eldayrie, Vice President and Chief Information Officer; Ryan Fuller, Interim Vice President and General Counsel; Taylor Jantz, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Mark Kaplan, Vice President for Government and Community Relations and University Secretary; David Kratzer, Senior Vice President for Construction, Facilities, and Auxiliary Operations; Maria Gutierrez Martin, Interim Vice President for Advancement; Stephen Motew, UF Health President and System Chief Executive Officer; David Nelson, Senior Vice President for Health Affairs; David Norton, Vice President for Research; Mary Parker, Vice President and Chief Enrollment Strategist; Brandi Renton, Interim Vice President for Business Affairs; Scott Stricklin, Director of Athletics; James Wegmann, Vice President for Communications; Heather White, Vice President for Student Life; members of the University of Florida community, and the public.

1.0 Call to Order and Welcome

Board and Committee Chair Mori Hosseini welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

2.0 Verification of Quorum

Vice President and University Secretary Mark Kaplan verified a quorum with all members present, except Trustees Heavener and Ridley, who had excused absences.

3.0 Action Items

GGRIA1 UF Health Corporate Board Appointments

Trustee Powers stated the Committee is asked to approve the university affiliate appointment of the following individuals for recommendation to the Board of Trustees for approval on the Consent Agenda:

UF Health Corporation Board (2): Greg Lewis and Bob Stilley

Board Chair Hosseini asked for a motion to approve Action Item GGRIA1, which was made by Trustee Brandon and seconded by Trustee Cole. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, after which he asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

GGRIA2 Ratification of Presidency Agreement

Interim VP and GC Fuller stated on July 23, 2024, this Board approved the Interim President contract for Dr. Kent Fuchs. We subsequently learned the Board of Governors (BOG) has a preferred contract template for submission. No changes were made to the terms and conditions of Dr. Fuchs' contract previously approved by the Board; they were simply transferred into the new BOG template. On September 18, 2024, the BOG approved Dr. Fuchs as the Interim President, subject to this Board's ratification of the template agreement. Therefore, the Committee is asked to approve the ratification of the Interim Presidency Agreement for recommendation to the Board of Trustees for approval on the Consent Agenda.

Board Chair Hosseini asked for a motion to approve Action Item GGRIA2, which was made by Trustee Brandon and seconded by Trustee Cole. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, after which he asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

GGRIA3 Foreign Influence Annual Report (July 2023-June 2024)

Board Chair Hosseini stated this action item has been removed from the agenda. We are requesting an extension from the BOG and will bring this item back to the Committee at a future meeting.

GGRIA4 Faculty Raise Memorandum of Understanding

Interim VP and GC Fuller stated UF and the United Faculty of Florida-UF Chapter have reached a tentative agreement to amend Article 24 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement to provide 2024-2025 salary increases to in-unit faculty. The amendment provides a 4.0% merit pool for salary increases, effective October 1, 2024. The Committee is asked to approve the tentative agreement for recommendation to the Board of Trustees for ratification on the Consent Agenda.

Board Chair Hosseini asked for a motion to approve Action Item GGRIA4, which was made by Trustee Brandon and seconded by Trustee Cole. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, after which he asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

4.0 New Business

There was no new business to come before the committee.

5.0 Adjourn

There being no further discussion, Board and Committee Chair Hosseini adjourned the meeting at 8:17 a.m.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 3, 2024
Virtual Meeting
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
Time Convened: 8:17 a.m.
Time Adjourned: 8:44 a.m.

Board members present:

Morteza “Mori” Hosseini (Board Chair), Rahul Patel (Board Vice Chair), David L. Brandon, John E. Brinkman, Richard P. Cole, Christopher T. Corr, Sarah D. Lynne, Daniel T. O’Keefe, Marsha D. Powers, Patrick O. Zalupski, and Anita G. Zucker.

Others present:

Kent Fuchs, Interim President; Joe Glover, Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Scott Angle, Senior Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources; Melissa Curry, Vice President for Human Resources; Dan Dillon, Vice President for Marketing and Senior Advisor; Elias Eldayrie, Vice President and Chief Information Officer; Ryan Fuller, Interim Vice President and General Counsel; Taylor Jantz, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Mark Kaplan, Vice President for Government and Community Relations and University Secretary; David Kratzer, Senior Vice President for Construction, Facilities, and Auxiliary Operations; Maria Gutierrez Martin, Interim Vice President for Advancement; Stephen Motew, UF Health President and System Chief Executive Officer; David Nelson, Senior Vice President for Health Affairs; David Norton, Vice President for Research; Mary Parker, Vice President and Chief Enrollment Strategist; Brandi Renton, Interim Vice President for Business Affairs; Scott Stricklin, Director of Athletics; James Wegmann, Vice President for Communications; Heather White, Vice President for Student Life; members of the University of Florida community, and the public.

1.0 Call to Order and Welcome

Board Chair Mori Hosseini welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 8:17 a.m. He began by sharing a few comments with the Board: (1) He thanked Interim President Kent Fuchs and Interim Provost Joe Glover for their dedication to the university and willingness to step back into their roles as president and provost for a second time, (2) UF has incredible and dedicated employees, and (3) We are not stopping, we are moving forward at a fast and furious pace. The rankings are important, but as the flagship university of the state of Florida, we also need to lead the way in teaching and research excellence. The Governor and Legislators have endlessly supported us, and they depend on us to show others how to create a culture of excellence.

Interim President Fuchs shared a couple of university updates: (1) UF cancelled classes and closed campus on Thursday and Friday due to Hurricane Helene. We suffered significant tree damage and power outages across campus, in Gainesville, and throughout Alachua County. He thanked our Facilities Services, Emergency Operations team, and University Police for their hard work keeping us safe, the power and steam generation going, and cleaning up campus after the storm. Our UF/IFAS Extension in Cedar Key is very vulnerable to hurricanes and was impacted heavily with record storm surge by Helene. Some tough decisions will need to be made and SVP Scott Angle is leading the team for our efforts around Cedar Key,

and (2) For the first time in a decade, the Levin College of Law's first time bar passage rate was 91%. Now, in addition to the Levin College of Law being the highest ranked law school in the state, it is also #1 in Florida for first time bar passage rates. Strategic hard work and leadership from the faculty, students, and staff of the Levin College of Law is the reason this was possible, with special thanks to Interim Dean Merritt McAlister, Associate Dean Sabrina Lopez, and Director Natasha Carbajal. Another reason this was possible is the Board of Trustees. The Board holds UF to high standards, to keep striving for excellence, to move up in the rankings and stature. Specifically, the Board Chair challenged Interim Dean McAlister to raise the bar passage rates over 90%, and that if they did so, he would personally donate \$1 million to the Levin College of Law. Thank you to Board Chair Hosseini for being our leader, for advocating to the State to continue to invest in our university, and for setting the example for all of us to invest personal resources into UF.

2.0 Verification of Quorum

Vice President and University Secretary Mark Kaplan verified a quorum with all members present, except Trustees Heavener and Ridley, who had excused absences.

3.0 Public Comment

Interim Vice President and General Counsel Ryan Fuller informed the Board there were no public comments to come before the Board.

4.0 Action Items

Board Chair Hosseini stated there are 5 action items on the agenda for the following 3 committees that met earlier this morning. The action items were taken up by committee.

Committee on Academic, Faculty, Student Success, Public Relations and Strategic Communications (AFSSPRSC)

Board Chair Hosseini asked for a motion to approve Action Item AFSSPRSC1, which was made by Trustee Brandon and seconded by Trustee O'Keefe. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, after which he asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed. The motion was approved, with Trustee Brinkman voting in opposition.

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

Board Chair Hosseini asked for a motion to approve Action Item FSPPM1, which was made by Trustee Brandon and seconded by Trustee Cole. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, after which he 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)

As discussed in the committee, Board Chair Hosseini noted Action Item GGRIA3 was pulled from the agenda.

Board Chair Hosseini asked for a motion to approve Action Items GGRIA1, GGRIA2, and GGRIA4, which was made by Trustee Brandon and seconded by Trustee Powers. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, after which he asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

5.0 New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board.

6.0 Adjourn

There being no further discussion, Board Chair Hosseini adjourned the meeting at 8:44 a.m.