



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 7, 2023

Virtual Meeting

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Time Convened: 11:00 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 11:29 a.m.

Board members present:

Morteza “Mori” Hosseini (Board Chair), David L. Brandon, Richard P. Cole, Christopher T. Corr, Olivia E. Green, Daniel T. O’Keefe, Rahul Patel (Board Vice Chair), Marsha D. Powers, Fred S. Ridley, Danaya C. Wright, Patrick O. Zalupski, and Anita G. Zucker

Others present:

Ben Sasse, President; J. Scott Angle, Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Melissa Curry, Interim Vice President for Human Resources; 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; Steve Orlando, Interim Vice President for Strategic Communications and Marketing; Mary Parker, Vice President for Enrollment Management; Curtis Reynolds, Vice President for Business Affairs; Scott Stricklin, Director of Athletics; Taylor Jantz, Office of the Chief Financial Officer; members of the University of Florida community, and the public.

1.0 Call to Order and Welcome

Board Chair Hosseini welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. He congratulated the board members and university leadership that played a pivotal role in the success of the #1 public institution ranking by the Wall Street Journal.

2.0 Verification of Quorum

Vice President and University Secretary Mark Kaplan verified a quorum noting Trustee Heavener was unable to attend the meeting.

3.0 Public Comment

Vice President and University Secretary Mark Kaplan informed the Board there were no public comments to come before the Board.

4.0 Action Items

Board Chair Hosseini asked Board Vice Chair and AFSSPRSC Committee Chair Patel to convene the AFSSPRSC Committee to review and vote on the six action items prior to the Board.

Board Vice Chair and Committee Chair Patel called the AFSSPRSC Committee to order at 11:03 a.m. Interim Provost Angle conducted a roll call noting Trustee Heavener was unable to attend the committee meeting.

AFSSPRSC1 Tenure Upon Hire

Interim Provost Angle reviewed the 13 Tenure Upon Hire candidates before the committee for approval. Candidates include:

- Dr. Sara A. Smith – College of Education, Associate Professor, School of Teaching and Learning
- Dr. Matthew K. Burns – College of Education, Professor, School of Special Education, School of Psychology and Early Childhood Studies
- Dr. Alison C. Dunn – Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
- Dr. Lenka Bustikova Siroky – College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Professor, Department of Political Science
- Dr. David Siroky – College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Professor, Department of Political Science
- Dr. David Silkenat – College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Professor, Department of History
- Mr. Thomas (Trey) Shelton, III – George A. Smathers Libraries, Associate University Librarian and Chair, Academic Research Consulting & Services
- Dr. Michael von Fricken – College of Public Health and Health Professions, Associate Professor, Department of Environmental and Global Health
- Dr. Kate S. Carroll – The Herbert Wertheim UF Scripps Institute for Biomedical Innovation and Technology, Professor, Department of Chemistry
- Dr. Wen Li – College of Medicine, Professor, Department of Psychiatry
- Dr. William C. Inboden, III – Hamilton Center for Classical and Civic Education, Professor and Director
- Dr. Mei Liu – College of Medicine, Associate Professor, Department of Health Outcomes and Biomedical Informatics
- Dr. Iris Rivero – Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering, Professor, Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering

Board Vice Chair and Committee Chair Patel noted all candidates have gone through the full process of review, including review by President Sasse and Interim Provost Angle.

Trustee O’Keefe commented hiring and attracting great faculty is important and a crucial part of what the Board does. UF has been successful at hiring highly qualified candidates. He made a motion for approval.

Trustee Wright added it is important that the Board can move quickly and emphasized the importance of these more frequent meetings to approve Tenure Upon Hire candidates faster. She noted she supports all the candidates.

Board Vice Chair and Committee Chair Patel agreed with Trustee Wright and noted the idea of the Board holding more frequent meetings to approve Tenure Upon Hire candidates was set forth by President Sasse and it has been a successful one.

President Sasse expressed his thanks to the Board for their willingness to meet more frequently and to move faster to get Tenure Upon Hire faculty candidates approved swiftly.

Board Vice Chair and 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, which was made by Trustee O'Keefe and a second, which was made by Trustee Zucker. Board Vice Chair and Committee Chair Patel asked for further discussion, and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

AFSSPRSC2 New Degrees

Interim Provost Angle reviewed the 2 new degree proposals before the committee for approval. New degrees include:

- Bachelor of Science in Music Business and Entrepreneurship in the College of the Arts
- Bachelor of Science in Meteorology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Board Vice Chair and Committee Chair Patel noted these are two solid new degree proposals for the university.

Trustee Wright commented the world is moving quickly and the university must go with the changes. She added she supports these two new degree proposals.

Board Chairman Hosseini emphasized the importance of the degrees offered by the university. The degrees we offer need to represent a good investment for students obtaining jobs in the future. He added the university should continue to review degrees and the opportunity to add new degrees or eliminate degrees that no longer serve the future interests of the students.

Board Vice Chair and Committee Chair Patel asked for any questions or further discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve Action Item AFSSPRSC2 for recommendation to the Board for its approval, which was made by Trustee Wright and a second, which was made by Trustee Zucker. Board Vice Chair and Committee Chair Patel asked for further discussion, and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

AFSSPRSC3 Specialized Admissions Program Approval

Board Vice Chair and Committee Chair Patel noted this action item requires an annual submission to the Board of Governors by October 1st.

Interim Provost Scott Angle stated The College of the Arts is requesting specialized admissions for the Bachelor of Science in Music Business and Entrepreneurship (CIP Code 50.1003) to require a musical audition and portfolio demonstrating skills necessary for success in the completion of the degree requirements. Applicants will demonstrate a level of instrument/voice proficiency necessary for participation in a range of musical ensemble types and musical styles, as well as music reading proficiency necessary for success in core coursework.

Board Vice Chair and Committee Chair Patel asked for any questions or further discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve Action Item AFSSPRSC3 for recommendation to the Board for its approval, which was made by Trustee Wright and a second, which was made by Trustee O'Keefe. Board Vice Chair and Committee Chair Patel asked for further discussion, and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

AFSSPRSC4 Annual Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability Report

Board Vice Chair and Committee Chair Patel noted this action item requires an annual submission to the Board of Governors by September 30th.

Interim Provost Scott Angle stated that pursuant to Board of Governors Regulation 8.003, the university is required to report what it has done to minimize the cost of required or recommended textbooks and instructional materials for students while maintaining quality of education and academic freedom.

Board Vice Chair and Committee Chair Patel asked for any questions or further discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve Action Item AFSSPRSC4 for recommendation to the Board for its approval, which was made by Trustee Zucker and a second, which was made by Trustee Wright. Board Vice Chair and Committee Chair Patel asked for further discussion, and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

AFSSPRSC5 Self-supporting and Market Tuition Rate College-Credit Programs Annual Report 2021-22 & 2022-23

Board Vice Chair and Committee Chair Patel noted this action item requires an annual submission to the Board of Governors by October 1st.

Interim Provost Scott Angle stated that pursuant to Board of Governors Regulation 8.002(4), the university must complete an annual report on all self-supporting and market tuition rate college-credit programs. The term self-supporting and market tuition rates describe the flexible tuition policies that allows university departments to establish educational programs that collect revenue correctly through the university enterprise in order to provide non-state fundable training, courses, and programs, including certificate programs. In March 2023, the Board of Governors formally requested two fiscal years of reporting for 2021-22 and 2022-23.

Board Vice Chair and Committee Chair Patel asked for any questions or further discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve Action Item AFSSPRSC5 for recommendation to the Board for its approval, which was made by Trustee Green and a second, which was made by Trustee Cole. Board Vice Chair and Committee Chair Patel asked for further discussion, and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

AFSSPRSC6 University Press of Florida Annual Report

Interim Provost Scott Angle stated the University Press of Florida, as an Academic Infrastructure Support Organization (AISO), must file with the Chancellor of the Board of Governors an annual report that is approved by the Board of Trustees prior to October 31st each year.

Board Vice Chair and Committee Chair Patel asked for any questions or further discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve Action Item AFSSPRSC6 for recommendation to the Board for its approval, which was made by Trustee Zucker and a second, which was made by Trustee Wright. Board Vice Chair and Committee Chair Patel asked for further discussion, and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

There being no further discussion, Board Vice Chair and Committee Chair Patel adjourned the committee meeting at 11:23 a.m.

AFSSPRSC1 Tenure Upon Hire, AFSSPRSC2 New Degrees, AFSSPRSC3 Specialized Admissions Program Approval, AFSSPRSC4 Annual Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability Report, AFSSPRSC5 Self-supporting and Market Tuition Rate College-Credit Programs Annual Report 2021-22 & 2022-23, and AFSSPRSC6 University Press of Florida Annual Report (Full Board)

Board Chair Hosseini welcomed General David Kratzer back to the University of Florida as Senior Vice President for Construction, Facilities, and Auxiliary Operations.

Senior Vice President Kratzer thanked Board Chair Hosseini and President Sasse for inviting him back to the University of Florida and he appreciates the warm welcome he has received.

Board Chair Hosseini asked if anyone would like to pull out any candidate or action item to discuss and vote on separately. Hearing none, he then asked for a motion to approve Action Items AFSSPRSC1, AFSSPRSC2, AFSSPRSC3, AFSSPRSC4, AFSSPRSC5, AFSSPRSC6, which was made by Trustee Brandon and seconded by Trustee Zucker. Board Chair Hosseini asked for any further discussion. Hearing none, he asked for an all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

5.0 Discussion Item

2023-2024 Education & General Carryforward Spending Plan, Fixed Capital Outlay Budget, and Related Certifications

Board Chair Hosseini noted this item will be brought back to the committee to approve next month as an action item. He added this is another item due to the Board of Governors.

Vice President Reynolds stated the discussion item is in regard to the university's annual carryforward spending plan and facilities capital outlay budget. It is a 3-tiered action that requires the details of the carryforward funds of the university coupled with a listing of capital project activity anticipated for the coming year, expenses from the previous years related to carryforward and other institutional funds, and a certification from the university Chief Financial Officer verifying that the carryforward plan and capital spending plan are accurate.

Taylor Jantz from the Office of the Chief Financial Officer added the university has approximately \$270M in carryforward funds from last year, which includes \$70M of multi-year funding for the New World Reading Initiative, \$25M for the Data Science and Information Technology building, and other startup funds and ERP related expenditures. The CFO Office is working with each unit

across campus to itemize details to fulfill the Board of Governors request. The complete itemized report will be shared with the Board next month.

6.0 New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board.

President Sasse expressed his congratulations to Chairman Hosseini and the Board for their diligent effort to help UF reach the #1 ranking for Public Universities by the Wall Street Journal.

7.0 Adjourn

There being no further discussion, Board Chair Hosseini adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

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