



**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FULL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2013
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order and Chair's Remarks

Chairman Albert Maury convened the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees at 2:40 p.m., on Monday, January 14, 2013, via conference call.

The following attendance was recorded:

Present:

Albert Maury, *Chair*
Michael M. Adler, *Vice Chair*
Sukrit Agrawal
Cesar L. Alvarez
Jose J. Armas
Jorge L. Arrizurieta
Robert T. Barlick, Jr.
Marcelo Claire
Mayi de la Vega
Laura Fariñas
C. Delano Gray
Claudia Puig

Excused:

Gerald C. Grant, Jr.

Chairman Maury welcomed all Trustees, University faculty and staff. He thanked all Trustees for making themselves available to participate in the conference call.

2. Action Item

AP1. Florida International University 2011-12 Annual Accountability Report to the Florida Board of Governors

Trustee Cesar L. Alvarez, Chair of the Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee, noted that the Committee met earlier in the day to review FIU's 2011-12 Annual Accountability Report, which he stated was submitted to the Florida Board of Governors on December 14, 2012 and was pending final approval by the Board of Trustees. He added that the Board of Trustees conducted an initial review of the 2011-12 Annual Accountability Report during the November 29, 2012 Board meeting and requested that Provost and Executive Vice President Douglas Wartzok present the key revisions to the document.

Provost Wartzok provided an overview on student demographics for the Fall 2011 semester, noting that 61% of the students were Hispanic, which he added represents almost 30,000 students and is equivalent to approximately 42% of the total number of Hispanic students in the State University System of Florida. He reported that baccalaureate degrees awarded over the last 4 years reflected a 13% increase in Pell Grant recipients, which he stated is reflective of overall economic conditions.

Provost Wartzok reported that the University's pass rate for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses exceeded that of the State/National benchmark. He provided an update on professional licensure exams for graduate programs, noting that the University's pass rate for the Florida Bar Exam was equal to that of the State benchmark. He stated that an area of concern was the University's pass rate on the National Physical Therapy Examination and the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy Exam, adding that new leadership within the departments and the College has led to significant improvements. He further noted that the most recent data for the first half of 2012 demonstrated a marked improvement in the University's pass rate for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy Exam, which he stated increased to 85% while the national average rose to 88%. He added that the most recent pass rate data for the National Physical Therapy Examination had not been released.

Provost Wartzok noted that FIU's continued efforts to improve the graduation rate for first-time-in-college (FTIC) students are reflected in the 6-year graduation rate for FTICs which increased by six percent, from 41% (2005 cohort) to 47% (2006 cohort). He stated that despite tightening Federal spending, the 2011-2012 fiscal year represents the third consecutive year that research expenditures exceeded 100 million dollars. He further noted that a major effort, focused on increasing the number of faculty receiving external research funding, resulted in increasing the proportion of faculty with funding from 36 percent (FY 2009) to 43 percent (FY 2012).

A motion was made and passed by the FIU Board of Trustees approving Florida International University's 2011-12 Annual Accountability Report to the Florida Board of Governors as provided in the Board materials.

3. New Business

No new business was raised.

4. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

With no other business, Chairman Albert Maury adjourned the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees on Monday, January 14, 2013, at 2:54 p.m.

Albert Maury
Chairman
FIU Board of Trustees

Mark B. Rosenberg
Corporate Secretary
FIU Board of Trustees