



**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FULL BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 1, 2016
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order and Chair's Remarks

Board Chair Claudia Puig convened the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees at 2:09 p.m., on Thursday, September 1, 2016, at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Graham Center Ballrooms.

The following attendance was recorded:

Present:

Claudia Puig, *Chair*
Jorge L. Arrizurieta, *Vice Chair*
Cesar L. Alvarez
Jose J. Armas
Leonard Boord
Alian Collazo
Michael G. Joseph
Gerald C. Grant, Jr.
Natasha Lowell
Justo L. Pozo
Marc D. Sarnoff
Kathleen L. Wilson

Excused:

Albert Maury

Chair Puig welcomed all Trustees, University faculty, and staff. She extended a warm welcome to Lieutenant Governor Carlos Lopez-Cantera. The Lieutenant Governor provided brief remarks, discussing the State's focus and prioritization of college and textbook affordability and helping students securing jobs upon graduation.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Puig commended President Mark B. Rosenberg's leadership, noting that in June he assumed the Chairmanship of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. She added that the \$1 million donation President Rosenberg and his wife, Rosalie, made to FIU for first-generation scholarships was featured in the *Chronicle of Higher Education's 2016-17 Almanac of Higher Education* as part of a special report, *For the 'Big Ask,' Some Presidents Look Within*.

Chair Puig discussed her visit to the FIU in DC office and thanked the Trustees for their participation in the Board's Retreat. She reminded the Trustees about upcoming events, noting that Homecoming Day will take place on October 22, 2016 and urged Trustees to participate in FIU Day on March 21, 2017.

2. Foundation Report

FIU Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors Vice Chair Richard Brilliant provided the Foundation Report. He discussed the Foundation's investment portfolio in terms of the recent hedge fund underperformance, noting that the returns were below the desired long term goal of 6% net of inflation. He stated that as of August 26, 2016, the Foundation's investment portfolio totaled approximately \$242 million with year-to-date 3% returns.

3. Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

4. President's Report

University President Mark B. Rosenberg introduced engineering students and members of the FIU Eco-Engineering Club, Nicole Fierro, President, and Jose Martinez, lead engineer, and recognized their leadership in the development of FIU's Eco Engineering Club project. Ms. Fierro and Mr. Martinez discussed their project, a Shell Eco-marathon car and shared their respective experiences in the process of building the car, local and national outreach efforts, and ways in which the Innovation Lab cultivated the students' entrepreneurial spirits.

President Rosenberg reported that Engineering and Computing Interim Dean Ranu Jung's work with prosthetics, which is designed to deliver hand sensations to amputees, was recently patented, and has received FDA approval to conduct human studies. He provided an update on University-wide actions regarding the Zika virus, noting that extensive educational and preventative measures have been taken in anticipation of the start of the Fall semester. He reported on the University's robust summer semester, noting that summer 2016 enrollment totaled 34,943. He added that leadership and entrepreneurship skills were also fostered in the summer when FIU hosted fellows from the very competitive Young African Leaders Initiative and Incubando@FIU programs. He also reported on faculty and research news and achievements, noting that FIU recently received its MRI machine and that Chair of the Department of Human and Molecular Genetics and Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology Jeff Boyd received the prestigious 2016 Rosalind Franklin Excellence in Ovarian Cancer Research Award.

President Rosenberg reported that the FIU Panthers student-athletes achieved their highest overall grade-point average (3.1) on record and then recognized the work and dedication of the University's student-athletes and the commitment of the coaches, faculty, and Student-Athlete Academic Center. He provided an update on the opening of the Student Academic Success Center and Bayview Student Living at Biscayne Bay Campus. He discussed plans for an FIU Hotel, Conference Center, and Alumni Center, a potential affiliation with the Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies located in Port St. Lucie, Florida, and ongoing conversations for shared programs and collaboration with the Patricia and Phillip Frost Museum of Science.

President Rosenberg shared excerpts from letters of gratitude from students Alexander Alvarez and Chelinda Anger. President Rosenberg recognized their perseverance over adversity and commended the University's faculty and staff for their unrelenting support and commitment to student success.

5. Action Items – Consent Agenda

Chair Puig noted that the Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee and Governance Committee each recommended approval by the Board of the respective action items contained in the Consent Agenda.

Chair Puig asked for comments on any of the items included in the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, a motion was made and passed to accept the Consent Agenda, and members of the Board concurred with the following actions:

- **BT1. Minutes, June 2, 2016** - Approval of Minutes of the Florida International University Board of Trustees Full Board meeting held on Thursday, June 2, 2016 at the MARC International Pavilion.
- **BT2. Minutes, July 7, 2016** - Approval of Minutes of the Florida International University Board of Trustees Retreat held on Thursday, July 7, 2016 at the Coral Gables Country Club.
- **AP1. 2017-2018 Legislative Budget Requests:** Approve the 2017-2018 Legislative Budget Requests:
 - Unique University Issues:
 - FIU Startup Request: \$6,102,120
 - FIU UPLIFT Request: \$4,995,314
 - Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines Hazardous Substance Mitigation Request: \$2,500,000
 - Shared System Resources:
 - UCF and FIU Colleges of Medicine Population Health Sciences Research Collaboration Request: \$2,000,000
- **AP2. Tenure as a Condition of Employment Nominations** - Approve two candidates for Tenure as a Condition of Employment.
- **AP3. Textbook and Instructional Material Affordability Report** - Approve the Textbook and Instructional Material Affordability Report.
- **G1. 2016 Florida Educational Equity Act Report** - Approve the 2016 Florida Educational Equity Act Report.
- **G2. Proposed Amendment to Regulation FIU-1502 Direct Support Organizations** - Approve the proposed Amendment to Regulation FIU-1502 - Direct Support Organizations, in light of the Florida Supreme Court decision, Enock Plancher v. UCF Athletic Association, Inc., et al. (Supreme Court of Florida, No. SC13-1872; May 28, 2015).

6. Status Reports, Board Committees

Finance and Audit Committee Report

Trustee Gerald C. Grant Jr., Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, presented highlights from the Committee's meeting earlier in the day. He reported that Sr. VP and CFO Jessell provided an update on the Budget Variance for the last quarter of FY 2015-16, noting that operating revenues were above estimates by \$15.4M (or 1%) and that expenses were below estimates by \$38.9M (or 4%). He stated that Director of Internal Audit Allen Vann presented a benchmarking analysis comparing internal audit activities among the State University System institutions. Trustee Grant mentioned that as is stipulated in the Finance and Audit Committee Charter, the Committee met separately with Mr. Vann without the presence of senior management.

Health Affairs Committee Report

Trustee Jose J. Armas, Chair of the Health Affairs Committee, presented highlights from the Committee's meeting earlier in the day. He reported that Professor and Clinical Lab Director, Aileen Marty discussed the spread of the Zika virus in Florida, providing information on signs and symptoms, prevention and treatment. He noted that, as follow-up from the previous meeting of the Health Affairs Committee, Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences Dean Ora L. Strickland provided an update on the course of action for passing rates for the National Council of Licensure Examination. He added that Chief Executive Officer of FIU Health Eneida O. Roldan provided an update on the integration of FIU Student Health Services (SHS) with the FIU HealthCare Network (FIU HCN) and also presented a benchmarking analysis of SHS within the SUS and an overview of FIU HCN behavioral services.

Athletics Committee Report

Trustee Jorge L. Arrizurieta, Chair of the Athletics Committee, presented highlights from the Committee's meeting earlier in the day. He reported that the Committee was introduced to the newly-hired head coach of FIU Baseball, Mervyl Melendez, and also to FIU Baseball infielder Nick Day. He stated that Mr. Edward J. Wegel, President and CEO of Eastern Airlines discussed the partnership with FIU where the Miami-based company is now the official airline for the FIU Football team. Trustee Arrizurieta mentioned that Van Wagner's Senior Vice President for Collegiate Services Mark Donley provided an update on the progress of the seven-year partnership with FIU Athletics. He noted that the Committee was pleased to learn about student-athlete academic success in the reports by Vice President for Academic Affairs Elizabeth M. Bejar on the Student Athlete Academic Center and that of Consultant Mr. John B. Shukie on the Academic Progress Rate.

Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee Report

Trustee Cesar L. Alvarez, Chair of the Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee, presented highlights from the Committee's meeting earlier in the day. He reported that Provost and Executive Vice President Kenneth G. Furton and the Committee engaged in a discussion on the University's potential affiliation with the Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies located in Port St. Lucie, Florida. He added that the Florida Governor's staff and the State University System of Florida Chancellor have been informed of the affiliation discussions, noting that FIU and Torrey Pines have responded to requests for information from each office.

Governance Committee Report

Board Chair Puig presented highlights from the Governance Committee's meeting earlier in the day. She reported that General Counsel Carlos B. Castillo led the Committee in a discussion on guidance issued by the Florida Board of Governors for the placement of separate audit and compliance committees. Board Chair Puig reported that a task force will be formed in order to review and benchmark best practices and that a recommendation for the proposed Audit and Compliance Charter and proposed amendments to the Bylaws is expected at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees.

7. CPR/AED University Education Campaign

Assistant Vice President for Disaster Management and Emergency Operations Ruben D. Almaguer presented an overview of the University's Academy for International Disaster Preparedness and provided an update on the changes to the University's Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) program and training. He noted that the AEDs enable University personnel or the public who are trained in First Aid/CPR/AED to deliver early defibrillation to victims in the first critical moments after a sudden cardiac arrest.

Trustee Justo L. Pozo requested that AVP Almaguer provide an update to the Board on the University's continued AED training efforts.

President Rosenberg introduced a video on Freshman Convocation where the University community joined together for a formal induction ceremony to officially welcome the class of 2020.

8. New Business

No new business was raised.

9. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

With no other business, Board Chair Claudia Puig adjourned the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees on Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

There were no Trustee requests.

Claudia Puig
Chair
FIU Board of Trustees

Mark B. Rosenberg
Corporate Secretary
FIU Board of Trustees