



**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FULL BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 27, 2018  
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 11:18 a.m., on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Student Academic Success Center, room 100.

Chair Puig welcomed all Trustees and University faculty, staff, and students.

General Counsel Carlos B. Castillo conducted roll call of the Florida International University Board of Trustees and verified a quorum. Present were Claudia Puig, *Chair*; Cesar L. Alvarez; Leonard Boord; Dean C. Colson; Gerald C. Grant, Jr.; Michael G. Joseph; Natasha Lowell; Justo L. Pozo; Marc D. Sarnoff; Krista M. Schmidt; Roger Tovar; and Kathleen L. Wilson.

Trustee Jose J. Armas was excused.

Chair Puig reported that the Florida Board of Governors appointed Rogelio "Roger" Tovar to the FIU Board of Trustees, succeeding Mr. Jorge L. Arrizurieta. She thanked the members of the FIU Board of Trustees who traveled to Tallahassee for FIU Day with the delegation of students, administrators, and faculty to advocate for the University's legislative priorities.

Chair Puig explained that the Board's Bylaws provide for the Board to elect a Board Vice Chair at the last regularly scheduled meeting of the fiscal year. She requested that the Board conduct the election of Board officers at the last regularly scheduled meeting of the fiscal year in order for the election of officers to return to the schedule envisioned by the Bylaws.

A motion was made and passed that the Florida International University Board of Trustees conduct the next election of the Board Vice Chair at the Board's meeting in June 2018.

Chair Puig stated that because of the change in timing of submission to the Florida Board of Governors (BOG) and to be able to continue to use the now combined Accountability Plan as the basis for the President's annual evaluation, the timing of the President's evaluation was adjusted to the May meeting. She reported that the President has concurred with this change.

## **2. Foundation Report**

FIU Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors Chair Richard Brilliant presented the Foundation Report. Chair Brilliant shared personal impact statements from three students who are First Generation Scholarship recipients. He explained that since the launch of the Campaign in 2009, \$415M has been raised and described recent gifts. He also reported that the Foundation's Total Managed Assets, excluding private investments, have returned +9.7% through FYTD18 and that as of January 31, 2018, the Foundation's total investment portfolio represents approximately \$292 million.

## **3. Public Appearances**

*There were no public appearances.*

### **1. Call to Order and Chair's Remarks (Continued...)**

Chair Puig requested a moment of silence to honor the lives lost in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting.

On behalf of the FIU Board of Trustees, Chair Puig extended her gratitude to Mr. Jorge L. Arrizurieta for his leadership and dedication to the Board, the University, and the students. On behalf of the University's department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Executive Director of Sports and Entertainment, Pete Garcia presented Mr. Arrizurieta with a football jersey. On behalf of the Modesto A. Maidique's campus Student Government, Trustee Krista M. Schmidt, presented Mr. Arrizurieta with an FIU Panthers statue. Mr. Arrizurieta expressed his affection for the University and stated that it has been a privilege for him to serve the State University System and work with such a distinguished Board. He recognized the University's faculty, staff and students and pledged to remain committed to help advance the mission of the University.

Trustee Marc D. Sarnoff made a motion to endorse Mr. Jorge L. Arrizurieta as a recipient of a doctoral degree *honoris causa* from Florida International University. University President Mark B. Rosenberg noted that, according to the established process, the University's Faculty Senate Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee would need to evaluate the nomination. Trustee Sarnoff requested that the Board receive an update on Mr. Arrizurieta's honorary degree nomination at the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting.

## **4. President's Report**

President Rosenberg noted that as a growing University within a complex external environment, FIU has provided significant resources in public safety and security and discussed the University's plans to hire an additional 10-12 police officers over the next two/three years. He stated that a milestone, which furthers the University's safety efforts, will be occurring the week of March 5, 2018 when the bridge currently located on the north side of campus will be moved to connect the FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus to the City of Sweetwater.

President Rosenberg reported that Trustee Sarnoff spent time at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus getting to know students to learn firsthand about their experiences. Trustee Sarnoff discussed highlights from his experience, noting the positive student feedback and encouraged Board members to seek out opportunities to engage with students.

In recognition of Valentine's Day, President Rosenberg shared examples of couples that met at FIU while pursuing their academic careers. He reported that during the week of February 5, 2018, more than 400 alumni returned to campus to share insights with current students for Panther Alumni Week. He noted that foreign policy leaders met at FIU for the State of the World 2018, a day-long conference on global relations and U.S. foreign policy. President Rosenberg stated that the Grand Chancery Order of the Office of the President of Burkina Faso recognized FIU as a Knight of the Rural Development Merit Order.

President Rosenberg presented research news, noting that FIU students and their professor have patented a series of new tests that can quickly, accurately, and cost-effectively confirm the presence of cocaine. He indicated that researchers at the Center for Children and Families received new grants and that computer science researcher, Dr. Mark Finlayson, received an NSF CAREER award. President Rosenberg mentioned that the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine graduated its first class of physician assistants and that Honors College student, Brian Garcia, placed in the 100th percentile of the Medical College Admission Test with a score of 524. President Rosenberg noted that an innovative collaboration between FIU and the City of Miami Beach is forging new career paths for dozens of FIU students.

President Rosenberg introduced a video that highlighted the University's Ignite campaign, which currently has a 68% giving rate with over \$2M raised.

## 5. Action Items – Consent Agenda

Chair Puig noted that the Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee recommended approval by the Board of action items AP1-AP7 contained in the Consent Agenda.

Chair Puig asked if any Trustee wanted any item to be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately. Hearing no such request, a motion was made and passed to accept the Consent Agenda, and members of the Board unanimously approved the following actions:

- **BT1. Minutes, December 8, 2017:** Approve Minutes of the FIU Board of Trustees, Full Board meeting held on Friday, December 8, 2017, at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Graham Center Ballrooms.
- **AP1. Honorary Degree Nomination:** Endorse Ms. Georgia Tasker as a recipient of a doctoral degree *honoris causa* from Florida International University.
- **AP2. New Program Proposal: Bachelor of Arts in Biological Sciences:** Approve the New Program Proposal: Bachelor of Arts in Biological Sciences (CIP 26.0101).
- **AP3. New Program Proposal: Bachelor of Arts in Sustainability and the Environment:** Approve the New Program Proposal: Bachelor of Arts in Sustainability and the Environment (CIP 03.0103).

- **AP4. New Program Proposal: Bachelor of Business Administration in Logistics and Supply Chain Management:** Approve the New Program Proposal: Bachelor of Business Administration in Logistics and Supply Chain Management (CIP 52.0203).
- **AP5. New Program Proposal: Bachelor of Science in Crime Science:** Approve the New Program Proposal: Bachelor of Science in Crime Science (CIP 43.0111).
- **AP6. Facility Security Clearance; Update to Exclusion of Certain Directors and Officers:** Adopt a Resolution that updates the exclusion list of the named members of the FIU Board of Trustees from the requirements for a personnel security clearance.
- **AP7. Public Safety and Emergency Management Facilities Expansion:** Approve the expansion of space within Parking Garage 5 “Market Station” (PG-5) to provide additional hardened space for Public Safety and Emergency Management Operations including offices, emergency operations center, planning conference breakout/meeting rooms, locker room and showers, storage, and sleeping space.

## 6. Action Items

### AC1. Performance Based Funding Metrics Data Integrity

#### A. Performance Based Funding – Data Integrity Certification

#### B. Audit of Performance Based Funding Metrics

Trustee Gerald C. Grant, Jr., Chair of the Audit and Compliance Committee, noted that the BOG requires the Board Chair and University President to jointly execute a Data Integrity Certification affirmatively certifying that the University maintains reliable systems as they relate to BOG data and reporting requirements. Additionally, he added that the University’s Chief Audit Executive Allen Vann conducted an audit of the University’s processes completeness, accuracy, and timeliness. He stated that the current audit did not result in any recommendations and confirms that the University has good process controls for maintaining and reporting performance metrics data.

A motion was made and passed that the FIU Board of Trustees:

1. Approve the Performance Based Funding – Data Integrity Certification to be signed by the Chair of the FIU Board of Trustees and the University President; and
2. Approve the Audit Report - Audit of the Performance Based Funding Metrics Data Integrity

### AT1. Naming of the FIU Baseball Stadium as the “Infinity Insurance Park”

Trustee Justo L. Pozo, Chair of the Athletics Committee, noted that in recognition of Infinity Insurance’s gift of \$250,000 over five (5) years, additional gift of \$50,000, and in accordance with the University’s Donative Naming Policy, the University was requesting approval to name the FIU Baseball Stadium as the “Infinity Insurance Park”.

A motion was made and passed that the FIU Board of Trustees approve the naming of the FIU Baseball Stadium as the “Infinity Insurance Park,” in accordance with the gift agreement related thereto and the University’s and the FIU Foundation, Inc.’s Donative Naming Policy.

Trustee Kathleen L. Wilson voted against the motion.

### **7. New Business**

President Rosenberg introduced a video highlighting students enjoying pregame activities at the Gasparilla Bowl.

### **8. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment**

With no other business, Board Chair Claudia Puig adjourned the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 12:37 p.m.

*There were no Trustee requests.*

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Claudia Puig  
*Chair*  
*FIU Board of Trustees*

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Mark B. Rosenberg  
*Corporate Secretary*  
*FIU Board of Trustees*

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