



**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
HEALTH AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 8, 2017**

**1. Call to Order and Chair's Remarks**

The Florida International University Board of Trustees' Health Affairs Committee meeting was called to order by Board Vice Chair Jorge L. Arrizurieta, serving as Acting Chair for the Committee, at 10:59 a.m. on Friday, December 8, 2017 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Graham Center Ballrooms.

The following attendance was recorded:

***Present***

Jorge L. Arrizurieta  
Leonard Boord  
Michael G. Joseph

***Excused***

Jose J. Armas, *Chair*  
Justo L. Pozo, *Vice Chair*  
Cesar L. Alvarez

Board Chair Claudia Puig, Trustees Dean C. Colson, Natasha Lowell, Krista M. Schmidt, and Kathleen L. Wilson, and University President Mark B. Rosenberg were also in attendance.

Board Vice Chair Arrizurieta welcomed all Trustees, University faculty and staff to the meeting. He added that Committee Chair Jose J. Armas and Committee Vice Chair Justo L. Pozo sent their regrets as they were not able to attend.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the June 2, 2017 Health Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes was deferred until the next regularly scheduled Committee meeting.

**3. Academic Health Center Reports** *(No Action Required)*

**3.1 General Update**

Founding Dean and Senior Vice President for Health Affairs, John A. Rock, explained that the State University System of Florida (SUS) established the Florida Academic Healthcare Patient Safety Organization (FAH-PSO) in 2014 to create a confidential forum to identify and address patient safety issues and the clinical practices within the SUS. He added that the FAH-PSO includes

healthcare providers employed by all of the medical colleges in the SUS and utilizes focus workgroups that include subject matter experts for the study of a specific topic in a series of confidential convening sessions. He mentioned that the analysis and recommendations of the workgroups are then shared with members to assist them in improving patient care.

Ruben Almaguer, Assistant Vice President of Disaster Management and Emergency Operations explained that the all-volunteer team, Florida Advanced Surgical Transport (FAST), joined the FIU family in April 2016 through a partnership with the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine and the University's Department of Emergency Management. He noted that FIU-FAST is comprised of nearly 100 medical professionals, including trauma surgeons, emergency medicine doctors, nurses, and other support personnel, and is deployed to perform critical care after disasters both locally and throughout the country

AVP Almaguer reported that recently FIU submitted a request for proposal to the Department of Health and was awarded a \$300,000 grant to serve as the State of Florida's disaster response team. He noted that earlier in the year, FIU-FAST deployed a team of eight medical personnel in support of the U.S Southern Command and the Navy to treat patients in Puerto Barrios Guatemala. He stated that while the need for disaster response continues to increase, there is a shortage of medical professionals that are serving in this capacity.

In response to Trustee Leonard Boord's inquiry regarding FIU-FAST's funding, AVP Almaguer stated that the program is self-funded.

Sr. VP Rock provided an update on the status of the implementation of the 2011 agreement with Jackson Health and the University of Miami and explained that on May 3, 2011, a resolution was passed by the Miami Dade County Board of Commissioners, which required the Public Health Trust to develop a plan to establish a comprehensive clinical education program and clinical practice in partnership with FIU and the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine (HWCOM) and to submit a plan in 90 days from the date of the resolution. He noted that the plan mandated that HWCOM faculty would be entitled to apply and be granted privileges, HWCOM faculty would practice and provide clinical services at Jackson Memorial Hospital, and that HWCOM students would be provided an opportunity to participate in the full range of clinical experiences at Jackson Memorial Hospital as well as research collaboration. He added that on May 2, 2011 the Public Health Trust, the University of Miami, and the FIU Board of Trustees entered into a Memorandum of Understanding, which provided that FIU clinical faculty would serve as hospitalists for unassigned patients admitted from the emergency department one day per week, that FIU would develop a residency program in internal medicine with inpatient rotations at Jackson Memorial Hospital, and that FIU medical students would work with these residents in the fourth year electives instead of internships. He stated that the University has been in discussions with the Jackson Health System since 2011 to bring this agreement to fruition. He noted that the hospitalist program is currently in place providing services seven days a week. In addition, he indicated that FIU physicians are seeing indigent patients at the Jackson Ambulatory Care Center two days per week without compensation. He also noted that patient exposure is a critical part of the student educational platform.

In response to Trustee Michael G. Joseph’s inquiry regarding the University’s General Counsel’s review of the agreement, Sr. VP Rock stated that at this time, legal has not been approached on this matter. Trustee Joseph motioned that the agreement should be made available to the Health Affairs Committee for review. Trustee Joseph’s motion could not move forward because there was no quorum. General Counsel, Carlos B. Castillo added that the University’s General Counsel is available to assist and to provide any legal counseling. Board Vice Chair Arrizurieta requested that for the next Board meeting, the Board be updated on the matter and the University’s options.

**3.2 Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work**

Dean of the Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work Dr. Tomas Guilarte, provided an overview of the College’s academic disciplines and centers. He explained that in terms of the interdisciplinary structure, the College combines the five major disciplines of public health in partnership with the disciplines of dietetics and nutrition, social work, and disaster preparedness. Dean Guilarte described the College’s recent accomplishments including; awarding 397 degrees to students in the past three semesters combined, grants received, and an increase in the four-year graduation rates.

In response to Trustee Boord’s inquiry regarding the College’s online programs having on-campus components, Provost and Executive Vice President Kenneth G. Furton noted that a listing of all the courses and programs that are fully online will be shared with the Board of Trustees at the next regularly scheduled Committee meeting.

**4. Reports** *(For Information Only)*

Board Vice Chair Arrizurieta requested that the reports within the Information Items be accepted as written. There were no objections.

**5. New Business**

*No new business was raised.*

**6. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment**

With no other business, Board Vice Chair Jorge L. Arrizurieta adjourned the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees Health Affairs Committee on Friday, December 8, 2017 at 11:54 a.m.

<b><i>Trustee Requests</i></b>	<b><i>Follow-up</i></b>	<b><i>Completion Date</i></b>
<i>1. Board Vice Chair Jorge L. Arrizurieta and Trustee Michael G. Joseph requested a follow-up discussion on the Jackson Health System matter.</i>	<i>Founding Dean and Senior Vice President for Health Affairs, John A. Rock</i>	<i>Next regularly scheduled committee meeting</i>

<p>2. <i>Trustee Leonard Boord requested an update on the online courses that have a fully online component and the online courses that have an on-campus component and an update on what percentage of the student population is addressable through the fully online programs.</i></p>	<p><i>Provost and Executive Vice President Kenneth G. Furton</i></p>	<p><i>Next regularly scheduled Academic Policy and Student Affairs committee meeting</i></p>
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