



**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FULL BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2020
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order and Chair's Remarks

Board Chair Dean C. Colson convened the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees at 10:45 AM on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, via Zoom.

General Counsel Carlos B. Castillo conducted roll call of the Florida International University Board of Trustees and verified a quorum. Present were Dean C. Colson, *Board Chair*; Roger Tovar, *Board Vice Chair*; Cesar L. Alvarez; Jose J. Armas; Leonard Boord; Gerald C. Grant, Jr.; Donna J. Hrinak; Natasha Lowell; Gene Prescott; Claudia Puig; Joerg Reinhold; Marc D. Sarnoff; and Alexandra Valdes.

Board Chair Colson welcomed Trustees and University administrators participating via the virtual environment and explained that the University community and general public were accessing the meeting via the FIU webcast.

2. Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

3. Action Items

Trustee Leonard Boord, Finance and Facilities Committee Chair, requested that the Board vote on agenda items FF1-FF3 in one (1) motion. There were no objections.

FF1. Approval of Gift of Real Property and New Educational Site

FF2. Approval of the Agreement for Integrated Branding, Marketing and Communication Services (E-ITN-2019-00009)

FF3. Facility Renaming from "Torrey Pines at FIU" to "FIU Center for Translational Science (FIU-CTS)"

Trustee Boord indicated that the Committee met earlier and recommended Board approval of the gift of real property and New Educational Site, the Agreement for Integrated Branding, Marketing and Communication Services (E-ITN-2019-00009), and the facility renaming from "Torrey Pines at FIU" to "FIU Center for Translational Science (FIU-CTS)."

There were no questions from the Board members regarding agenda items FF1-FF3.

A motion was made and unanimously passed that the FIU Board of Trustees approve (1) the acceptance of a gift of real property located in the Redland agricultural area of south Miami-Dade County referred to as “Possum Trot” at no cost; (2) the establishment of a Special Purpose Center and the University’s submission of a request to the Board of Governors for approval of the operation of the property as a Special Purpose Center; and (3) the delegation of authority to the University President, or designee, to execute on behalf of the University all other documents that may be necessary to effectuate the transactions contemplated in the Agreement.

Pursuant to the Delegations of Authority from the Florida International University Board of Trustees to the University President, as reflected in the Resolution on the President’s Powers and Duties approved by the Board of Trustees on March 4, 2019, a motion was made and unanimously passed that the FIU Board of Trustees approve (i) the media incentive budget of up to \$2.5M annually for the duration of the 160over90 agreement, which was approved by the Board of Trustees in April 2019, (ii) estimated additional expenditures by various FIU departments under the aforementioned agreement, which were not originally anticipated, and (iii) authorize the University President or his designee to execute, on behalf of the University, a contract document with terms consistent with those set forth herein.

A motion was made and unanimously passed that the FIU Board of Trustees approve the renaming of “Torrey Pines at FIU” to “FIU Center for Translational Science (FIU-CTS).”

AP1. Proposed Amendment to Regulation FIU-105 Sexual Misconduct (Title IX)

Trustee Natasha Lowell, Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee Chair, indicated that the Committee met earlier and recommended Board approval of the proposed amendment to Regulation FIU-105 Sexual Misconduct (Title IX). In response to Trustee Marc D. Sarnoff, Trustee Lowell confirmed that the recommended Board action is based on the action taken by the Committee.

A motion was made and unanimously passed that the FIU Board of Trustees approve the proposed amendment to Regulation FIU-105 Sexual Misconduct (Title IX) including the renaming to Regulation FIU-105 Sexual Harassment (Title IX) and Sexual Misconduct, and delegate authority to the University President to approve any subsequent non-material amendments based on comments to the Regulation received from the Florida Board of Governors or as a result of the regulation-making process, and that the FIU Board of Trustees will revisit the approval within 120 days.

AP2. Proposed Amendment to Regulation FIU-2501 Student Conduct and Honor Code

Trustee Lowell pointed out that the Committee recommended Board approval of the proposed amendment to Regulation FIU-2501 Student Conduct and Honor Code. In response to Trustee Sarnoff, Trustee Lowell confirmed that the recommended Board action is based on the action taken by the Committee.

A motion was made and unanimously passed that the FIU Board of Trustees approve the revisions to Regulation FIU-2501 Student Conduct and Honor Code and delegate authority to the University President to approve any subsequent non-material amendments based on comments to the

Regulation received from the Florida Board of Governors (BOG), and that the FIU Board of Trustees will revisit the approval within 120 days.

4. President's Report

University President Mark B. Rosenberg remarked that FIU has been named a '2020 Great College to Work For' for the fifth consecutive year, adding that the University also achieved honor roll designation, with recognition in 11 out of 12 categories and that FIU has received honor roll designation every year since 2016. He indicated that Homecoming week culminated with FIU's first home game against MTSU, adding that during the same week, FIU's Global Health Consortium hosted its 2020 Global Health Conference of the Americas. He commented on the current construction of MAST @ FIU at the Biscayne Bay Campus and on "Parkview II" a 13-story residence hall at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus.

President Rosenberg commented that twenty-four FIU students were selected to receive Millennium Fellowships to advance the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. He pointed out that over 1,270 faculty have earned FIU's Remote Teach Ready Badge and have attained a fundamental understanding of remote teaching technologies to ensure academic continuity while working in a remote environment. He remarked on the hiring of Stephen Black, MD, PhD, noting that Dr. Black joins FIU as the Director and Endowed Professor in Pulmonary Biology in Underserved Communities. President Rosenberg mentioned that through the National Institute of Health's (NIH) Stimulating Peripheral Activity to Relieve Conditions (SPARC) program, Assistant Professor Zachary Danziger and researchers from other institutions across the nation have received more than \$1M in funds to accelerate the development of therapeutic devices that modulate electrical activity in nerves to improve organ function. President Rosenberg mentioned that Professor Marianna Baum received a \$3M grant from the NIH focused on COVID-19 testing and that FIU's Applied Research Center received a \$22M award from the U.S. Department of Energy. President Rosenberg stated that Distinguished University Professor and Chair of the Department of Mechanical and Materials Engineering Arvind Agarwal has received a grant titled Advancing High Deposition Rate Additive Manufacturing Materials and Technologies, noting that the award ceiling is \$22M.

President Rosenberg commented on the University's commitment to resuming as much on-campus instruction in the spring as possible. He remarked that while Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines may limit the full return of certain units, it is the expectation that 100% of the units return to FIU. He added that changes to FIU's space management may be forthcoming, specifically as it relates to the University's libraries. He mentioned the upcoming town halls, and reiterated FIU's commitment to maintained and improved dialogue with the University community. He described highlights from a meeting with Trustee Alexandra Valdes and members of student government in which students discussed the need for better enforcement of mask protocols, more in-person engagement, and more available COVID-19 testing.

President Rosenberg explained that testing is available at the FIU student clinic and/or the ambulatory clinic. In terms of the ambulatory clinic, he pointed out that the percent positive rate among FIU faculty and staff is 3.2% and 5.7% for all others tested. He remarked on sentinel surveillance testing, noting that FIU averages are lower than that of the state and county. He indicated that testing is available at the University's CLIA approved lab and that said testing will be

oriented initially to members of the FIU community. He commented on delays relating to the delivery of equipment and supply chain issues, adding that currently the lab is able to run approximately 94 tests per day with the current equipment. President Rosenberg indicated that the CLIA lab has the ability to run as many as 142 daily tests, five days per week and that with additional staff, a total of 500 tests per day can be run, five days per week. He pointed out that testing is available at the Tamiami site, noting that daily testing has increased from 300-400 per day to over 900 daily tests. President Rosenberg indicated that Spring semester registration will begin on November 3, 2020 and that approved synchronous remote sections will be reduced from about 50% in the Fall to approximately 20% for the Spring.

Board Chair Colson remarked that should local conditions allow, the December 3, 2020 FIU Board of Trustees meetings will be held in-person with Zoom participation option available for Trustees. He added that, if necessary, an update meeting to discuss repopulation will be scheduled. He commented on the formation of an ad-hoc Committee to review the Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee items (*Proposed Amendment to Regulation FIU-105 Sexual Misconduct [Title IX] and Proposed Amendment to Regulation FIU-2501 Student Conduct and Honor Code.*)

5. New Business

No new business was raised.

6. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

With no other business, Board Chair Dean C. Colson adjourned the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees Full Board on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 11:15 AM.

Dean C. Colson
Chair
FIU Board of Trustees

Mark B. Rosenberg
Corporate Secretary
FIU Board of Trustees