



FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HEALTH AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MAY 23, 2018

1. Call to Order and Chair's Remarks

The Florida International University Board of Trustees' Health Affairs Committee meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Jose J. Armas at 10:40 a.m. on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Graham Center Ballrooms.

Committee Chair Armas welcomed all Trustees and University faculty and staff to the meeting.

General Counsel Carlos B. Castillo conducted a roll call of the Health Affairs Committee members and verified a quorum. Present were Jose J. Armas, *Chair*; Justo L. Pozo, *Vice Chair*; Leonard Board, Michael G. Joseph, and Rogelio Tovar.

Trustee Cesar L. Alvarez was excused.

Board Chair Claudia Puig, Trustees Dean C. Colson, Jose L. Sirven, III, and Kathleen L. Wilson, and University President Mark B. Rosenberg were also in attendance.

2. Approval of Minutes

Committee Chair Armas asked that the Committee approve the Minutes of the meetings held on June 2, 2017 and December 8, 2017. A motion was made and passed to approve the Minutes of the Health Affairs Committee Meetings held on Friday, June 2, 2017 and on Friday, December 8, 2017.

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

3.1 General Update

Founding Dean and Senior Vice President for Health Affairs, John A. Rock, reported that the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine (HWCOM) was awarded full accreditation by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education for the next eight years, the maximum possible term. He indicated that Commissioner Joe A. Martinez presented the FIU-FAST team a county resolution recognizing March 14, 2018 as FIU-FAST Team Day. Sr. VP Rock explained that Commissioner Martinez toured FIU's facilities and personally met and thanked those members of the FIU-FAST team that deployed to West Kendall Baptist Health and Jackson South Medical Center to assist with patient surge issues after Hurricane Irma.

Sr. VP Rock mentioned that John and Mary Lou Dasburg announced at HWCOC's Sapphire Gala, a \$1.5 million dollar gift to create an endowed chair in HWCOC. Sr. VP Rock explained that this year's Gala drew more than 500 medical, business, civic and philanthropic leaders and raised more than \$700,000 for student scholarships and medical education training. Sr. VP Rock reported that the Wertheim Family pledged an additional \$1 million for the Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

3.2 School of Integrated Science and Humanity

Associate Dean of the School of Integrated Science and Humanity Walter Van Hamme explained that the School's work is at the intersection of science and the human experience and is focused on investigating critical issues in search of innovative solutions. He presented data on graduation rates across departments, namely: chemistry and biochemistry, mathematics and statistical sciences, philosophy, physics, and psychology. He explained that the School has over 6,000 students, over 300 faculty members and has awarded over 1,500 degrees.

Associate Dean Van Hamme indicated that the Translational Molecular Discoveries Program, which is an FIU Emerging Preeminent Program, integrates the basic and applied research efforts of faculty members across disciplines for the benefit of human health and wellness. In terms of the Center for Imaging Science, he mentioned that the Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development Study (ABCD study) is funded by the National Institutes of Health and is the largest long-term study of brain development and child health in the United States.

For the next Health Affairs Committee meeting, Committee Chair Armas requested further information relating to the low graduation rates, namely the underlying causes and strategies for improvement.

Associate Dean Van Hamme introduced Distinguished University Professor Dr. William E. Pelham who serves as the Director of the FIU Center for Children and Families (CCF). Professor Pelham presented a brief video highlighting the CCF. Professor Pelham indicated that the CCF is the leading center in Florida conducting research in child mental health and one of the top programs in the country. He explained that the CCF is home to 34 of the nation's best researchers and that the work of CCF faculty was featured in 80+ articles in the national media, including top-tier outlets such as The Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, and Reuters. He reported that every year the CCF trains over 100 FIU graduate students, adding that in FY 2017, 450 FIU undergraduate students were involved in one of the centers' faculty labs, and an additional 100+ from colleges around the U.S. worked as interns during the Summer Treatment Programs. He explained that the CCF hosted nine speaker series events featuring national experts in child mental health during FY 2018, adding that the events were attended by close to 400 participants.

In response to Committee Chair Armas' inquiry, Professor Pelham explained that the CCF is accessible to all members of the community and that those interested in contacting the CCF could do so by either visiting the CCF's webpage or by calling the number that is listed online.

In response to Trustee Roger Tovar's inquiry, Provost and Executive Vice President Kenneth G. Furton explained that, historically, retention and graduation rates are the lowest in STEM areas, adding that while STEM students do graduate, a number move into other disciplines. Associate Dean Van Hamme indicated that there is a University-wide math task force addressing reform in lower division math courses.

Committee Chair Armas noted that the Health Affairs Committee looks forward to the five-year Health Care Network report at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

4. Reports *(For Information Only)*

There were no questions from the Committee members in terms of the reports included as part of the agenda materials: the School of Integrated Science and Humanity; the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine; the Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work; and the Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

5. New Business

No new business was raised.

6. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

With no other business, Committee Chair Armas adjourned the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees Health Affairs Committee on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 11:10 a.m.

Trustee Request	Follow-up	Completion Date
<i>Committee Chair Armas requested further information relating to the low graduation rates, namely the underlying causes and strategies for improvement.</i>	<i>Associate Dean Walter Van Hamme, School of Integrated Science and Humanity</i>	<i>Next regularly scheduled committee meeting</i>

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