We have just wrapped up the Board of Governors meeting at Florida A&M University here in Tallahassee. I want to thank President Robinson and his whole team at the university who worked so hard to host the two-day meeting.

Frank T. Brogan
Chancellor

Board of Governors Meeting Highlights

In an important step for the State University System, the Board of Governors approved a wide-ranging corrective action plan for Florida A&M University. The plan was developed by FAMU and Board of Governors staff to address issues of concern previously identified by the board. In the coming months, the two entities will work closely on improvements in areas of finances, audit and compliance, academics and anti-hazing policies. The plan comes as FAMU works to move off accreditation probation, imposed late last year by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Florida A&M University is heading in the right direction. We look forward to marking their progress in the months ahead as we work together to ensure the university regains stability at every level.

The board also heard the first comprehensive presentation on the progress of Florida Polytechnic University. The university, which was created in state statute during the 2012 legislative session, aims to accept its first students by 2014 and achieve accreditation by 2016.

Other meeting highlights:

- We were honored that House Speaker Will Weatherford visited the board meeting on Thursday to express his support for the State University System's commitment to enhancing online learning. He also highlighted the proposed House budget, which includes a restoration of last year's $300 million cut to the system and $65 million in additional performance funding.

- The board's budget and finance committee delivered an update on its ongoing work on the system's performance-funding model.

- The board made three appointments to university boards of trustees. Jorge Luis Arrizurieta (reappointed), Beverly J. Seay and Nancy Hemmingway Watkins join the boards of Florida International University, the University of Central Florida and the University of South Florida, respectively.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

May 9, 2013
Via Conference Call

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Trustee Orientation
At this week’s board meeting, we held another Orientation Session for trustees who have been appointed recently. It was an excellent opportunity for them to meet with each other and the board leadership to discuss how—together—we can elevate our universities to new heights. The next trustee orientation session will be held during the Board of Governors meeting on November 20 at FIU in Miami. New trustees who wish to participate and have not registered for this session are invited to email Diane McCain in the board office.

Article: “Fiduciary Behavior: What's the Responsible Trustee to Do (and Not Do)?”
Governing board members bear major and ultimate responsibilities as fiduciaries of the university they serve. Calls for increased accountability and developments such as financial volatility, transformational technology, internationalization, and increased regulation of governance have led to mounting attention to the quality of fiduciary stewardship. What do some of the most distinguished trustees consider to be basic good practice for boards and board members with respect to fiduciary behavior?

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