May 2015

With summer just around the corner, the Board of Governors’ office is busy preparing for its June Board meeting in Tampa, where members will vote on university work-plans. This is also an exciting time for our campuses, where roughly 60,000 students will graduate surrounded by family and friends. Thousands of students will also continue classes and pursue jobs and internships over the summer.

I wish you all success!

Marshall M. Criser III
Chancellor

Progress on P3s

The State University System of Florida is making progress on establishing guidelines for public-private partnerships, known as P3s. This month will provide two opportunities to advance those efforts, including participation by the chancellor, Board staff and university representatives at the Florida Council for Public Private Partnerships Spring Conference on May 7; and a Board of Governors’ Facilities Committee meeting on May 18. With the goal of creating a consistent process for evaluating P3s, creating a framework will provide additional leverage for endeavors -- from student housing to parking and ancillary services -- that make our campus life stronger and support student achievement.

Health Initiatives Committee Meeting

The Health Initiatives Committee will meet to consider additional information, and feedback from its Advisory Group, on gaps in the health workforce. The Committee will review the findings in a draft report that includes supply-demand gaps in 23 occupations, as well information on nursing. The final report is scheduled to be presented to the Board of Governors in June as part of this year's environmental scan in health education, research, and healthcare delivery.

National Science Foundation Conference

The State University System of Florida is partnering with the National Science Foundation (NSF) to host the agency’s semiannual “NSF Grants Conference” in Tampa on June 1-2, 2015. The conference is expected to draw roughly 300 attendees from around the country, including representatives from the NSF as well as faculty, researchers, and grant administrators from universities and research institutions. Topics of discussion will include application procedures for NSF grants along with the merit review process, award management, policy updates, international research collaborations and cross-cutting and special interest programs of the agency. The keynote luncheon will be delivered by Dr. Pramod Khargonekar, NSF Assistant Director and head
of its Engineering Directorate. He also is a member of the senior leadership team at NSF, which sets the agency’s priorities and policies.

**Phoenix Rising**

Capping a great first year, Florida Polytechnic University’s inaugural class voted to select as the university’s official mascot The Phoenix, a long-living bird that is reborn again and again, according to Greek mythology. Symbolizing innovation and renewal, the four feathers on each wing are designed to represent the STEM disciplines as well as the four core values that are essential for advancing technology and engineering: Adaptability, Collaboration, Innovation and Leadership. The mascot is an excellent choice by Florida Poly. Go Phoenix!

### Upcoming Board Meetings

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### Trustee Topics

Welcome New Trustees! Orientation for new trustees is scheduled for June 16, 2015. In accordance with the Trustee Selection and Reappointment Process, newly appointed Board of Governors’ trustees are required to attend a Board of Governors’ orientation within one year of the date of appointment. This is a valuable opportunity to learn about the State University System, our collaborative efforts to move the State University System forward, the importance of strategic alliances, and effective board participation. New trustees will also have the opportunity to meet other new trustees, forge relationships with the leadership of the Board of Governors and become familiar with senior staff from the board office. Trustees appointed by the governor are invited to attend and encouraged to do so. For those unable to attend in June, a second orientation session is planned for November 4, 2015. A letter and details regarding orientation are being sent to newly appointed trustees this week. Diane McCain is the staff contact for new trustee orientation. She can be reached by email: diane.mccain@flbog.edu or by phone: (850) 245-9632.