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1. Call to Order and Chair’s Remarks

Chair Mori Hosseini convened the meeting at 10:33 a.m., on June 18, 2015, with the following members present and answering roll call: Vice Chair Tom Kuntz; Dick Beard; Dean Colson; Dan Doyle, Jr.; Patricia Frost; Tonnette Graham; H. Wayne Huizenga, Jr.; Alan Levine; Wendy Link; Ed Morton; Dr. Katherine Robinson; Pam Stewart; and Norman Tripp. Matthew Carter participated in the meeting by phone.

Chair Hosseini thanked Chair Mullis and President Genshaft for hosting the Board meeting. Chair Mullis welcomed the Board and expressed appreciation for the Board’s support and guidance for the university and the State University System. President Genshaft introduced three recent University of South Florida graduates who are Frost Scholarship recipients. Mr. Michael Esteban will pursue a master’s degree in Water Science, Policy and Management at Oxford, with plans to pursue a Ph.D. in environmental engineering. Ms. Ivana Lam will pursue a master’s degree in the History of Science, Medicine and Technology at Oxford, and a doctoral degree in Chinese and Japanese History. Ms. Kaitlin Deutsch, will pursue a master’s degree in Biodiversity, Conservation, and Management at Oxford, with the goal of completing a Ph.D. in Ecology. President Genshaft thanked Mr. and Mrs. Frost for their generosity and for providing this tremendous opportunity to students.

President Genshaft also introduced Mr. Michael Calzadilla who was selected to receive the prestigious Gates Cambridge Scholarship. The scholarship will allow him to study at the graduate level at Cambridge where he will focus on astrophysics. Finally, President Genshaft said their College of Nursing was named the Number 1 veteran-friendly nursing school in the nation by Military Times. She thanked two student veterans, Ms. Mary Lynn Conroy, an MBA student, and Mr. John Pasciak, a student in the Doctor of Pharmacy program, for their service to the country and for giving USF the opportunity to help them with their new careers.

Chair Hosseini congratulated the students and wished them the best in their future endeavors. He then gave his opening remarks, explaining the Florida Legislature will vote on a budget during the 2015 Special Session that contains $400 million for
performance-based funding. He thanked Governor Scott, Senate President Gardiner, and House Speaker Crisafulli for their support of the Board’s vision for higher education, which is predicated on the accountability framework established by the Board. This framework, which consists of the annual work plans, the accountability reports, and the performance funding model, works together to produce tangible results for the System’s students.

Chair Hosseini pointed to examples such as the six percentage point increase in the six-year FTIC graduation rate within just five years, and the four percentage point increase in the four-year FTIC graduation rate. These results translate into a more educated population moving into the workforce or continuing their education as evidenced by the four percentage point increase in that metric since Fall of 2011. Chair Hosseini commended the university boards of trustees, the presidents, the university faculty and staff for working to make the SUS one of the best higher education systems in the country, noting that their collective efforts were making a huge difference for the students.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. Board of Governors Meeting held February 19, 2015
B. Board of Governors Meeting held March 19, 2015
C. Board of Governors Conference Call held May 7, 2015

Mr. Tripp moved the Board approve the Minutes of the meetings held on February 19, 2015 and March 19, 2015, and the conference call held May 7, 2015, as presented. Mr. Kuntz seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

3. Chancellor’s Report

Chancellor Criser gave a brief update on the FAMU/FSU College of Engineering. The Governance Council met on May 20, 2015, and approved an enhanced plan for administration for the joint college, which is being implemented. The Council also recommended a facilities plan that was submitted to the Board of Governors on June 1, 2015. Additionally, the academic leadership is working closely to integrate students on a common learning management system that is dedicated to the College.

In recognition that the safety and security of our campuses is of tantamount importance, Chancellor Criser stated a second security summit will be held at the University of Central Florida on July 28 and 29, 2015. The summit is being hosted by the University of Central Florida and the University of North Florida. Attendees will hear from internationally recognized experts who will share best practices to help ensure the safety of our students, facilities and programs. He encouraged presidents to
send their key administrators in the areas of student health, housing, legal, emergency operations, communications and other appropriate administrators to the summit.

Chancellor Criser also provided an update on the review of the SUS degree inventory to determine which degrees are serving our students and whether there are degrees that should be eliminated. He explained staff had completed its data review and shared the information with the Council of Academic Vice Presidents (CAVP). The CAVP will meet in August to review the data and the results of that review will be brought to the Board at the September meeting.

Chancellor Criser next summarized the ongoing efforts to meet Chair Hosseini’s charge to showcase the talent and opportunities available in the SUS to employers and the business community, both internal and external to Florida. The Board’s Communications Director, Brittany Davis, has been collaborating with her university counterparts and together, they have met with external organizations such as Enterprise Florida and the Department of Economic Opportunity to investigate ways to partner with these organizations in their existing outreach efforts. In addition, we are looking to leverage social media and other tools in order to build a message that effectively communicates the strengths of the SUS in a cost-efficient manner. Chancellor Criser also commented that if each university would commit some of its savings from the shared services initiative to invest in this new communication effort, the message could reach further and have a stronger impact.

In closing, Chancellor Criser introduced a video produced by Ms. Davis that reflects the universities’ perspectives on the success of performance-based funding.

Following the video, Chair Hosseini reminded everyone about the upcoming Trustee Summit on November 4 and 5, 2015, and encouraged the university presidents to encourage their trustees to attend. Chair Hosseini emphasized the importance of collaboration and the opportunity the Summit presents to learn from each other and from the experienced guest speakers.

Chair Hosseini also reminded Board members that they will be presenting reports at the November meeting summarizing the activities of their committees over the past two years.

4. Public Comment

Chair Hosseini asked the Board’s General Counsel Vikki Shirley if there were any requests for public comment for items on the Board’s agenda. Ms. Shirley stated no requests for public comment were received.
5. **Strategic Planning Committee Report**

Chair Hosseini called on Mr. Colson for the Strategic Planning Committee report. Mr. Colson reported the committee took up two important items. First, the committee received a presentation from Dr. Donald Heller, Dean of the College of Education at Michigan State University and a national expert on postsecondary affordability. Dr. Heller provided his assessment of key affordability issues regarding public higher education that the Board should be addressing. Additionally, Dr. Heller identified affordability policies that have been implemented in other states that would be most relevant to the circumstances in Florida. Mr. Colson noted he hopes to bring Dr. Heller back to address the committee in November once we have begun to formulate critical policy decisions in this area.

   A. Approval, 2015 University Work Plans

The other item before the committee was the presentation of the 2015 University Work Plans. These work plans are the critical connecting documents between the Board’s system-wide Strategic Plan, which sets future goals, and the Annual Accountability Report, which reports on the progress toward achieving those goals. Mr. Colson moved that the Board approve the 2015-16 portion of the 2015 University Work Plans for all institutions, other than FAMU for which action was deferred, excluding those sections of the Work Plans that require any additional regulatory or procedural review or approval pursuant to law or Board Regulations, and that the committee accept the out-year portions of the Work Plans. Ms. Frost seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

6. **Budget and Finance Committee Report**

Chair Hosseini recognized Mr. Kuntz for the Budget and Finance Committee report. Mr. Kuntz reported the committee had three items requiring Board approval.

   A. Approval, Performance Based Funding Improvement Plans

The committee heard presentations on the final improvement plans from Florida Atlantic University, New College of Florida and the University of West Florida. Mr. Kuntz moved that the Board approve the Improvement Plan Report and authorize the Chancellor to release the remaining 50% of the funds being held in reserve: $3,476,194 for FAU; $540,189 for NCF; and $1,914,794 for UWF. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.
B. Approval, Allocation of Performance Funds

Mr. Kuntz moved approval of the allocation of the $400,000,000 in Performance Funds, as presented, pending approval of the 2015-2016 state budget. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

C. Approval, Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 7.008 Waiver and Exemptions of Tuition and Fees

Mr. Kuntz explained the statutory language regarding out-of-state fees waivers for veterans residing in Florida or persons who use educational assistance as provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs has been modified and that the changes to the regulation reflect the new statutory provisions. Mr. Kuntz moved approval of the public notice of intent to amend Regulation 7.008 Waiver and Exemptions of Tuition and Fees. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

7. Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report

Chair Hosseini recognized Mr. Tripp to report on the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. Mr. Tripp stated the Academic and Student Affairs Committee considered a number of action items requiring Board approval.

A. Academic Program Items

i. Approval, Implementation of the Ph.D. in Computer Science, CIP 11.0101, UF

The University of Florida Board of Trustees requested approval to implement a Ph.D. in Computer Science to be implemented in Fall 2015. Mr. Tripp moved approval of the Ph.D. in Computer Science, CIP 11.0101, University of Florida. Mr. Beard seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

ii. Approval, Reclassification to Type II Campus and Implementation of Lower Level Courses with General Education Component, USF-Sarasota-Manatee

The University of South Florida Board of Trustees requested approval to reclassify the Sarasota-Manatee regional campus from a Type III campus to a Type II campus, and to approve the site to offer a full range of general education and lower level courses. Approval of this request is not expected to negatively impact the transfer of associate of arts graduates into the Sarasota-Manatee regional campus, and a letter of support was
provided by the State College of Florida, Sarasota-Manatee. Mr. Tripp moved approval to reclassify the University of South Florida, Sarasota-Manatee Regional Campus to be a Type II Campus. Mr. Beard seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

Mr. Tripp next moved approval for the University of South Florida, Sarasota-Manatee Regional Campus to offer a full range of general education and lower level courses. Mr. Beard seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

iii. Approval, Limited Access Status and Exception to 120 Credit Hours to Degree, for the Bachelor of Music Therapy, FGCU

The Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees requested approval for limited access status and an exception to the 120 credit hours-to-degree for the recently implemented Bachelor of Music Therapy program which, if approved, will become effective for Fall 2015. Mr. Tripp moved to approve limited access status for the Bachelor of Music Therapy, CIP 51.2305, at Florida Gulf Coast University. Mr. Beard seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

Mr. Tripp moved to approve an exception to the 120 credit hours-to-degree for the Bachelor of Music Therapy, CIP 51.2305, at Florida Gulf Coast University. Mr. Morton seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

B. Board of Governors Regulations

i. Approval, Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 6.015 Student Conduct Code and Discipline

Mr. Tripp moved approval of the public notice of intent to amend Board of Governors Regulation 6.015, Student Conduct Code and Discipline. Mr. Beard seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

ii. Approval, Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 7.005 Residency for Tuition Purposes

Mr. Tripp moved that the Board approve the public notice of intent to amend Board of Governors Regulation 7.005, Residency for Tuition Purposes. Mr. Doyle seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

iii. Approval, Establish Board of Governors Regulation 6.020 College Credit for Online Courses Completed Prior to Initial Enrollment
Mr. Tripp moved that the Board establish Board of Governors Regulation 6.020, College Credit for Online Courses. The regulation was approved for notice at the March 18, 2015 meeting and no concerns were expressed during the public comment period. Ms. Frost seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

8. Audit and Compliance Committee Report

Chair Hosseini recognized Mr. Levine for the Audit and Compliance Committee report. Mr. Levine stated the Audit and Compliance Committee approved two action items.

A. Approval, State University System of Florida Board of Governors Office of Inspector General and Director of Compliance Annual Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Mr. Levine explained that the work plan is based on a risk analysis and addresses the major operations of the Board Office. The plan includes internal audits related to an evaluation of the Board’s information technology policies and procedures and the telecommuting policies and procedures, and projects reflecting Board priorities, such as performance-based funding data integrity, compliance and ethics program development, new regulations development, and a system-wide information technology risk assessment. Mr. Levine moved to approve the Office of Inspector General and Director of Compliance 2015-2016 Work Plan. Ms. Frost seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

B. Approval, Direction to Inspector General to ensure that the FAMU Athletics Program has a plan to address athletic deficits, which will be presented to the FAMU Board of Trustees to ensure implementation.

Mr. Levine reported the committee received information on Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University’s progress in implementing three corrective actions pertaining to the intercollegiate athletics cash deficit, the establishment of a permanent and stable leadership team, and two investigations involving facilities construction. Mr. Levine moved to direct the Inspector General to ensure that the FAMU Athletics Program has a plan to address athletic deficits and that the plan will be presented to the FAMU Board of Trustees to ensure implementation. Ms. Link seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

9. Facilities Committee Report

Chair Hosseini called on Mr. Huizenga for the Facilities Committee report. Mr. Huizenga said the Committee considered several items that require Board approval.
A. Debt Approval, University of Florida Office of Student Life and Indoor Football Practice Facility

Mr. Huizenga moved approval of a Resolution authorizing the Issuance of debt by the University of Florida’s University Athletic Association, Inc. for improvements to the Office for Student Life and to construct an indoor practice facility. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

B. Debt Approval, Florida State University Doak S. Campbell Stadium Improvement

Mr. Huizenga moved approval of a Resolution authorizing the issuance of debt by the FSU Financial Assistance, Inc. to construct improvements to the Doak S. Campbell Stadium. Mr. Beard seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

C. Approval, University of North Florida Educational Plant Survey Validation

Mr. Huizenga moved approval of the validation of the University of North Florida Educational Plant Survey. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

D. Approval, Florida A&M University Educational Plant Survey Validation

Mr. Huizenga moved approval of the validation of the Florida A&M University Educational Plant Survey Validation. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

10. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Chair Hosseini reported the next in-person meeting of the Board is scheduled for September 2-3, 2015, at the University of Florida. As previously mentioned, the Trustee Summit will be held on November 4th and 5th at FIU and the theme for this year’s Summit is Excellence Through Innovation.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m. on June 18, 2015.

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Mori Hosseini, Chair

Vikki Shirley,
Corporate Secretary