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1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

On November 8, 2018, Chair Ned C. Lautenbach convened the meeting at 2:07 p.m. with the following members present and answering roll call: Vice Chair Syd Kitson; Dr. Shawn Felton; Patricia Frost; H. Wayne Huizenga, Jr.; Darlene Jordan; Wendy Link; Jay S. Patel; Fred Salerno; Norman Tripp; Dr. Fernando Valverde; Jalisa White and Dr. Zach Zachariah.

2. **Chair’s Report**

Chair Lautenbach thanked Florida Atlantic University for hosting the meeting. He thanked all of the trustees who attended the Trustee Summit as well as all of the speakers and panelists. He encouraged the trustees to continually revisit the information they learned and to stay informed so they can best perform the critical oversight role as trustees.

He also thanked Cora Merritt and Board of Governors’ staff for putting the Summit together, noting the immense amount of preparation that goes into this event. He recognized Cora for a job well done.

Next, he expressed condolences to the families of Ms. Maura Binkley and Dr. Nancy Van Vessem, a student at Florida State University and the Chief Medical Director for Capital Health Plan. Ms. Binkley and Dr. Van Vessem were shot and killed the week before in a senseless tragedy. He asked for a moment of silence.

Chair Lautenbach also commended the universities that responded to help students and other victims of Hurricane Michael. He gave special thanks to Florida State University, Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University and the University of West Florida for their efforts to help students both during and after the storm.

He then announced the “Our Success is Your Success” campaign will take place on February 6, 2019 at the Florida Capitol. The campaign will hold a State University
System Day, where board members, trustees, presidents and students will bring their collective strength to speak with one voice.

3. **Minutes of Board of Governors Meeting**

   A. **Board of Governors Meeting held September 13, 2018**

   Mr. Tripp moved approval of the Minutes of the meeting held September 13, 2018, as presented. Mr. Huizenga seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

4. **Chancellor’s Report**

   Chancellor Criser recognized FSU, FAMU and UWF for their efforts both during and after Hurricane Michael. In particular, even though the FSU Panama City campus was severely affected by the storm, it continued to serve the needs of the local community and first responders. Additionally, all of the universities have extended application deadlines for high school students from affected areas and waived application fees for those students.

   He congratulated UF, FSU, USF, UCF, and FIU for achieving rankings in the Top 100 of public institutions according to U.S. News and World Report. He noted the University of Florida achieved its goal of moving into the top 10 in less than three years.

   Chancellor Criser stated he was proud to announce Dr. Christy England accepted his offer to become the new Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs. He explained after completing a national search, it was clear Dr. England was the best person for the position. He then welcomed the following new staff: Lynn Robinson as the new Director of Shared Initiatives, Christine Azzata as a Facilities Planner, and Beth Lowe as the new Executive Assistant to the General Counsel and Corporate Secretary. He next recognized Michele Lynn upon her retirement as the outgoing Executive Assistant. Ms. Lynn has 28 years of dedicated service to the State University System and almost 35 years of service with the State of Florida. Chancellor Criser and Chair Lautenbach presented Ms. Lynn with an engraved vase commemorating her 28 years of service with the State University System.

5. **Public Comment**

   Chair Lautenbach asked Ms. Shirley if there were any requests for public comment for items on the Board’s agenda. Ms. Shirley stated there were no requests for public comment.
6. **Drugs, Alcohol and Mental Health Task Force Report**

Chair Lautenbach called on Dr. Valverde for the Drugs, Alcohol and Mental Health Task Force Report. He stated the Task Force received an overview of student mental health challenges facing counseling and psychological services; the connection between substance use/abuse and mental health; an update on the dashboard project; and an update on system-wide initiatives related to student wellness.

7. **Innovation and Online Committee Report**

Chair Lautenbach recognized Ms. Jordan for the Innovation and Online Committee report. Ms. Jordan reported the committee conducted a workshop on the expanding use of open educational resources and etextbooks across the State University System and discussed the necessity for cost awareness and reductions for students. The committee also recognized Ms. Jazmin Campos as an outstanding online student at Florida Atlantic University.

8. **Facilities Committee Report**

Chair Lautenbach recognized Mr. Huizenga for the Facilities Committee report. Huizenga stated the committee had two items on its agenda.

   A. **2019-2020 State University System Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request**

   Mr. Kitson moved approval of 2019-2020 Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request. Mr. Patel seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

   B. **University of South Florida, St. Petersburg Housing – Request for Debt Authorization**

   Mr. Huizenga moved approval on the issuance of debt by the USF Financing Corporation on behalf of the University of South Florida, to finance the construction of a student housing facility and adjacent dining hall on the St. Petersburg campus, in an amount not to exceed $33,000,000. Ms. Jordan seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

9. **Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report**

Chair Lautenbach recognized Mr. Tripp to report on the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.
A. Amended Board of Governors Regulation 10.014 Academic Infrastructure and Support Organizations

Mr. Tripp moved approval of the amendments to Board Regulation 10.014, Academic Infrastructure and Support Organizations. Ms. Jordan seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

B. Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering, CIP 14.0201, University of Central Florida

Mr. Tripp moved approval the University of Central Florida’s Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering, CIP code 14.0201. If approved, the program will be implemented by UCF effective Fall 2019. Ms. Frost seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

C. Ph.D. in Strategic Communication, CIP 09.0900, University of Central Florida

Mr. Tripp moved approval of the University of Central Florida’s Ph.D. in Strategic Communications, CIP 09.0900. The program will have two concentrations in health communication and risk/crises communication and if approved, will be implemented by UCF effective Fall 2019. Ms. Frost seconded the motion. Mr. Huizenga voted against the motion, but the remaining members voted in favor of the motion.

D. Doctor of Musical Arts in Music, CIP 50.0901, University of Florida

Mr. Tripp moved approval of the University of Florida’s Doctor of Musical Arts, CIP 50.0901. The degree will be distinguished nationally by the requirement of a secondary cognate in a discipline outside of Music. If approved, the University of Florida will implement the program effective Fall 2019. Ms. Frost seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

E. Ph.D. in Intelligent Systems and Robotics, CIP 11.0102, University of West Florida

Mr. Tripp moved approval of the University of West Florida’s Ph.D. in Intelligent Systems and Robotics, CIP 11.0102. The program will be an affiliation between UWF and the Florida Institute of Human and Machine Cognition. If approved, the university will implement the program effective Fall 2019. Ms. Jordan seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.
F. Limited Access Status for the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering, CIP 14.0501, University of South Florida

Mr. Tripp moved approval of limited access status for the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering, CIP 14.0501, at the University of South Florida and to require the university to report back to Board in four years to provide additional information on the need for continuation of limited access status. Limited access is being sought due to limited laboratory space and the requirement for higher academic achievement (a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on prerequisite coursework) in order to be successful in the program. If approved, the university will implement the limited access status effective Spring 2019. Ms. Link seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

G. Exception to 120 Credit Hours for the Bachelor of Science Biomedical Engineering, CIP 14.0501, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University-Florida State University College of Engineering

Mr. Tripp moved approval of an exception to the 120 credit hour limitation for the Bachelor of Science Biomedical Engineering, CIP 14.0501 at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University's and Florida State University's College of Engineering. The exception is being sought in order to accommodate curriculum requirements based on accreditation standards set by the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology, Inc. The program encompasses three majors: Cell and Bioprocess Engineering, Biomaterials and Polymers Engineering, and Imaging and Signal Processing Engineering. The exemption, if approved, would allow all three majors to be set at 131 credit hours and will be implemented upon approval by the Board. Ms. Frost seconded the motion. Chair Lautenbach voted against the motion, but the remaining members voted in favor of the motion.

10. Strategic Planning Committee Report

Chair Lautenbach called on Ms. Jordan for the Strategic Planning Committee Report. Ms. Jordan stated the committee took up three items, one for approval.

A. Amended Board of Governors Regulation 2.002 University Work Plans and Annual Reports
Ms. Jordan moved approval of the Amendments to Board Regulation 2.002, University Work Plans and Annual Reports. Mr. Salerno seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

B. New College of Florida 2018-2028 Strategic Plan

Ms. Jordan moved approval of the New College of Florida 2018-2028 Strategic Plan. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

C. Florida Atlantic University 2015-2025 Strategic Plan

Ms. Jordan moved approval of the Florida Atlantic University 2015-2025 Strategic Plan. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

11. Budget and Finance Committee Report

Chair Lautenbach recognized Mr. Kitson for the Budget and Finance Committee Report. Mr. Kitson stated there were several action items for the Board to consider.

A. Amended Board of Governors Regulation 7.003 Fees, Fines and Penalties

Mr. Kitson moved approval of the amendments to Board Regulation 7.003, Fees, Fines, and Penalties. Ms. Link seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

B. Amended Board of Governors Regulation 9.011 University Direct Support Organizations and Health Services Support Organizations

Mr. Kitson moved approval of the amendments to Board Regulation 9.011 University Direct Support Organizations and Health Services Support Organizations. Ms. Link seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

C. Performance-Based Funding Model: Metric 10 and Amendment to Board of Governors Regulation 5.001, Performance-Based Funding

Mr. Kitson moved approval of the new Trustee Choice metrics as presented (Metric 10). He noted the benchmarks will be set so that seven points is the most points a university will be able to receive, and while we will collect data on the metrics for this year and the next, the new metrics will not be implemented until the 2020 performance plan. Ms. Link seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.
In addition, he explained the committee looks to adopt a new allocation methodology that eliminates the bottom three and allows each university to potentially receive its portion of the state’s investment in performance funding. The new methodology is reflected in proposed amendments to Board Regulation 5.001. Mr. Kitson then moved approval of the Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 5.001 Performance-based Funding to notice the amendments for public comment. Mr. Huizenga seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

D. 2019-2020 Legislative Budget Request Amendment

Mr. Kitson moved to amend the Board’s 2019-2010 Legislative Budget Request to include the Florida Atlantic University legislative budget request of $16.3 million. Ms. Jordan seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

E. University Carryforward Expenditure Plans

Mr. Kitson explained the committee would like to implement a process that ensures board of trustees’ approval of the expenditure of carryforward funds as identified in August 2018. The expenditure plans, as approved by the boards of trustees, would come to the Board of Governors for review in January 2019. Mr. Kitson moved approval of this new process. Mr. Huizenga seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

12. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Chair Lautenbach invited Governor Link to provide an update on the UCF investigation. Ms. Link explained the firm conducting the investigation, Bryan Cave, anticipates completing its report before the Board’s January board meeting and has extensive experience conducting internal investigations for large organizations. Julie Leftheris, the Board’s Inspector General and Director of Compliance, has been participating in the interviews and other investigation activities and will arrange for a representative to brief Board members once the final report has been published. The university’s Audit and Compliance Committee Chair, Beverly Seay, has been actively engaged in the oversight of the investigation and has been keeping parties informed as appropriate. Additionally, the university created a webpage that contains information about the investigation and provides a way for university employees to contact Bryan Cave with any information.

Ms. Link also reported that as a result of the ten-year look back into funding for capital projects that was previously requested by Chair Lautenbach, the University of South Florida identified a project that used $6.4 million in carryforward funds to complete the project. Mr. Brian Lamb, the Chair of the USF Board of Trustees, has asked Ms. Nancy Watkins, the Chair of the USF Board of Trustees Audit and Compliance Committee, to
initiate an immediate, independent review in full cooperation with the Board of Governors Audit and Compliance Committee and Ms. Leftheris. According to Ms. Watkins, in addition to understanding how this funding came to be used, the review would determine whether current internal controls are adequate to prevent a future occurrence. At this point, a timeline is not available, but Ms. Watkins will be contacting appropriate Board of Governors representatives in the coming week. Ms. Link stated she will report back to the Board at the January meeting.

Chair Lautenbach announced the next in-person meeting of the Board will be January 30-31, 2019 at Florida International University. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m. on November 8, 2018.

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Ned C. Lautenbach, Chair

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Vikki Shirley,
Corporate Secretary