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1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The Chair, Mori Hosseini, convened the Board of Governors Retreat at 9:00 a.m. on February 20, 2014. The following members were present: Tom Kuntz, Vice Chair; Dick Beard; Matthew Carter; Manoj Chopra; Dean Colson; Carlo Fassi; H. Wayne Huizenga, Jr.; Ned Lautenbach; Alan Levine; Wendy Link; and Ed Morton.

Chair Hosseini thanked the members for participating in the retreat. He said that the Board of Governors is making a difference for the students, families, and taxpayers of Florida. He said that the Board has made great strides in the last two years. Chair Hosseini explained that the purpose of the retreat was to begin planning for the next two years. He said that he knows that this Board wants to hold the universities accountable while also helping each institution.

Chancellor Criser introduced Carrie O'Rourke. He said that Ms. O'Rourke had joined the Board office in the role of Associate Vice Chancellor for Government Relations and would be serving as staff to the Legislative Affairs Committee. He also introduced Amy Beaven. He said that Ms. Beaven was the Board's STEM and Health Initiatives Director and would be working with the Health Initiatives Committee.

2. Overview of Committee Work Plans

Chair Hosseini said that the committee work plans would serve as the blueprint for the Board's work over the next two years. He explained that each committee would have fifteen minutes today to present its draft work plan. He also explained that the work plans would be presented in final form at the Board meeting in March.

Chancellor Criser commented that the members would notice cross-pollination in the committee work plans. He said that those connections were intentional.

A. Budget and Finance Committee

Committee Chair Mr. Kuntz presented the draft work plan for the Budget and Finance Committee. Discussion included the performance funding model and shared services.

Mr. Kuntz explained that the metrics used in the performance funding model have been in place for several years but money could be tied to them for the first time because the Board included performance funding in its Legislative Budget Request. He explained that the model is about making each university better so there are two ways that universities can earn points under the model: excellence or improvement. He explained that there would be a report on performance funding at every Committee meeting.

B. Facilities Committee

Committee Chair Mr. Huizenga presented the draft work plan for the Facilities Committee. Discussion included the Legislative Budget Request for Fixed Capital Outlay and its coordination with new project prioritization. Members also discussed public-private partnerships.

Mr. Huizenga explained that the committee would focus on how to quantify facilities issues and ways to increase return on investment. He stated that the committee would need to look at how to evaluate public-private partnerships if a bill passed during Legislative Session. He said that the committee would have another meeting in the fall to consider university requests for facilities. Mr. Huizenga explained that the Committee should assist each institution in determining which facilities would enhance its distinctive mission.

C. Audit and Compliance Committee

Committee Chair Mr. Levine presented the draft work plan for the Audit and Compliance Committee. Discussion included the charters and performance funding data integrity.

Mr. Levine explained that the Committee will be looking at an attestation by the university president and the Chief Audit Officer on data related to performance funding. He said that the attestation would be approved by the university board of trustees Audit Committee and the full university board of trustees before coming before this Committee.

D. Innovation and Online Committee

Committee Chair Mr. Lautenbach presented the draft work plan for the Innovation and Online Committee. Discussion included conducting an environmental scan to review critical higher education trends and the possibility of creating an advisory group to provide advice and counsel to the Committee.

Mr. Lautenbach stated that the Board may need to ask for funding for some of the recommendations from the Task Force on Postsecondary Online Education. He stated

that UF Online would make a presentation to the Committee in March. He also said that each institution would review its online plan at a later Committee meeting.

E. Strategic Planning Committee

Committee Chair Mr. Colson presented the draft work plan for the Strategic Planning Committee. Discussion included strategic plan alignment, assessment of pre-eminent institutions, and the recommendations of the American Council on Trustees and Alumni.

F. Health Initiatives Committee

Committee Chair Mr. Morton presented the draft work plan for the Health Initiatives Committee. Discussion included conducting an environmental scan focusing on health education, delivery, and research.

Mr. Morton said that the environmental scan would look at foundational elements in year one and would begin to make recommendations about how to address gaps in year two. Discussion also covered potential System coordination for research grants through that National Institutes of Health. Members also discussed the need for more medical residencies in Florida.

G. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Committee Vice Chair Ms. Link presented the draft work plan for the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. Discussion included coordination with the Florida College System, student retention and time-to-degree, the CAVP Academic Coordination Project, and research within the System.

H. Legislative Affairs Committee

Committee Chair Mr. Beard presented the draft work plan for the Legislative Affairs Committee. Discussion included performance funding, funding for facilities, and public-private partnerships. Mr. Beard said that the Board office is watching about sixty bills and will update members throughout Session.

I. Nomination and Governance Committee

Committee Chair Mr. Hosseini presented the draft work plan for the Nomination and Governance Committee. Discussion included presidential searches and trustee development.

Mr. Hosseini said that the committee will continue the process started under former Chair Colson for presidential searches. He also said that the Committee will continue to hold trustee orientations and annual Trustee Summit. He said that each member of the Committee will be asked to attend one meeting of two university boards of trustees each year.

3. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Members discussed continuing to focus on graduates getting good jobs. The retreat concluded at 1:01 p.m.

Mori Hosseini, Chair

Monoka Venters,
Corporate Secretary