

MINUTES  
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
SELECT COMMITTEE ON FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY  
FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA  
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1. Call to Order

Governor Wendy Link called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. March 30, 2017 with Committee members Jordan, Morton, and Valverde (by telephone) present. A quorum was established. Other Board members in attendance were Governors Beard, Frost (by telephone), Hebert, Kitson, Kuntz, Levine, Stewart (by telephone), Tripp, and Tyson.

2. Approval of Select Committee Minutes, January 26, 2017

Governor Link called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Select Committee's January 26, 2017 meeting. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and carried unanimously.

3. Florida Polytechnic University Implementation Status Report

Governor Link said that the Committee's next item was to receive Florida Polytechnic University's latest implementation status report from President Randy Avent.

President Avent indicated that the University has completed five of the six legislative implementation mandates and that the only remaining mandate is regional accreditation from the Southern Association of College and Schools (SACS). He said that the SACS Accreditation Committee visited Poly in February 2017 for three days. President Avent added that the Accreditation Committee was comprised of twelve members and that it was a very thorough and excellent Committee. He said that he was extremely pleased with Poly's preparation and performance and that students, faculty, and staff did an excellent job of representing the University. The Accreditation Committee submitted its report to SACS in late February or early March and that the report cited no recommendations. As a result, President Avent said that Poly waived the five month response period so that the SACS decision as to Poly's accreditation

could be placed onto the SACS June 2017 agenda. He noted that the SACS meeting is scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup> and that the University should be immediately advised of the SACS decision thereafter.

Governor Kuntz commended President Avent and the entire University for the job it had done with respect to accreditation. Governor Link expressed her thanks to President Avent, to the University's staff, and to the Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees. She said that the site visit report with no recommendations was remarkable. Governor Link also expressed her gratitude to the Florida Legislature for setting the dates that allowed Poly to do the great deal of work that needed to be accomplished in order to be successful.

Governor Link then queried President Avent with regard to a few issues that had been raised at the Select Committee's last meeting. She reminded the Committee that President Avent was asked to report on the extent to which Poly had established a process whereby the reasons that students were leaving Poly could be ascertained. President Avent indicated that such a process was now in place. Next, Chair Link asked whether President Avent could provide any further information with regard to Poly's admissions applications as compared to last year. President Avent indicated that admission applications have slightly decreased from last year but that the quality of applicants has increased.

#### 4. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Link adjourned the Committee at 10:21 a.m.

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Wendy Link, Chair

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