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1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Chair Tripp convened the meeting on March 28, 2018, at 1:33 p.m. with the following members present and answering roll call: Governors Link, Ciero, Frost (by phone), Morton, K. Patel, Tyson, Valverde, and Zachariah. A quorum was established.

2. Minutes of Committee Meeting

Chair Tripp asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2018, committee meeting. Governor Tyson moved to approve and Governor Valverde seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

3. Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer's Report

Vice Chancellor Jan Ignash reported on activities of the Academic and Student Affairs (ASA) unit:

- Board staff have been completing legislative bill analyses.
- On February 6, 2018, the Council of Academic Vice Presidents (CAVP) Academic Program Coordination Workgroup reviewed 13 new program pre-proposals. The next meeting is April 6, 2018, in Tallahassee.
- Ms. Emily Sikes has been working with the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) to align information the SUS can give to business and industry. She has also been working with DEO on the latest labor market demand data.
- Ms. Sikes has begun the work to update the Board's list of Programs of Strategic Emphasis.
- Dr. Traki Taylor and Dr. Catherine Oakley participated in the American Council on Education (ACE) conference in Washington, D.C. on March 10-13, 2018.

- On March 2, 2018, Governor Levine met with all of the SUS Provosts and Vice Presidents/Directors of Research to establish the purpose and focus of the new Academic and Research Excellence Committee.

4. Academic Program Items

A. Limited Access Status Request for Bachelor of Science in Professional Communication CIP 09.0900, Florida State University

Limited access status was requested due to the limited number of faculty and the intensive nature of the program that requires a great deal of hands-on instruction with students in simulation settings. The FSU Board of Trustees approved limited access status for the program on January 19, 2018, with a Summer 2018 effective date. Governor Valverde moved to approve limited access status and Governor Frost seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

B. Limited Access Status Request for Bachelor of Science in Retail Merchandising/Product Development CIP 19.0901, Florida State University

Limited access was requested to ensure the availability of ample resources to adequately serve students. Offered in the Jim Moran School of Entrepreneurship, the FSU Board of Trustees approved the limited access status for the program on January 19, 2018 with a Fall 2018 effective date. Chair Tripp commented that once programs are fully operational, Florida State University will be removing many of these programs from Limited Access. Governor Tyson moved to approve limited access status and Governor Valverde seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

C. Limited Access Status Request for Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience CIP 25.1501, Florida State University

Limited access status was requested to help ensure student success in upper-division Neuroscience coursework. Program preparation will support students' successful admission to and completion of graduate or professional degree programs. The FSU Board of Trustees approved the limited access status for the program on January 19, 2018 with a Fall 2018 effective date. Governor Valverde moved to approve limited access status and Governor Frost seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

D. Termination Request for PhD in Engineering Sciences CIP 14.0101, the University of South Florida

Termination of the Ph.D. in Engineering Sciences degree program was recommended as a result of continuous low enrollment and lack of student interest. Students are finding discipline-specific engineering more appealing and better aligned with their career goals. The USF Board of Trustees approved the termination of the program on December 14, 2017 with a Spring 2018 effective date and Spring 2021 phase-out term. Governor Tyson moved to approve termination and Governor Frost seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

5. Update by Florida State University

Florida State University President John Thrasher provided an update on the interim suspension instituted in November 2017 that affected Greek organizations and other campus organizations. Since the suspension, there have been numerous conversations with student leadership, alumni, advisors, and national organizations to refine plans to have a healthier campus. In January 2018, fraternities and sororities were allowed to commence philanthropy and recruitment, resume training, and provide orientation for anyone interested in joining a fraternity or sorority. He noted that risk management training, bystander responsibilities, and medical aspects of these issues have been required, and training was launched for all student organizations. President Thrasher stated that conversations have occurred with national Greek Life leadership about concerns and the need to have them involved in the resolution of these issues.

President Thrasher noted that they are in the process of hiring new staff who will be responsible for fraternity and sorority life operations, providing more advising of student leaders and additional training to students and their advisors. He commented that he hopes to have these position in place by summer.

President Thrasher said that he lifted the ban on alcohol this past week. FSU students have understood the expectations and the serious nature of what happened on campus. He noted that the issues have been looked at from public health, risk management, and student safety perspectives. Groups that wish to have social activities will be required to have appropriate training and submit risk management plans for review prior to any socials with alcohol. President Thrasher noted that all student organizations, including fraternities and sororities, will be monitored and that hazing will not be accepted. Students are working in a responsible way to ensure this will not happen again.

President Thrasher stated that there are pending legal aspects. The State Attorney in Tallahassee brought felony hazing charges against nine young men and there is also a civil lawsuit that has been filed by the Coffey family against the nine young men as well as local and national chapters of this particular fraternity.

Governor Levine thanked President Thrasher for the leadership he and his team have provided and ensuring everyone's attention and continued dialogue. He commented on President Thrasher's respect for the Greek system, the positive aspects it brings to the campuses, and what students can do to work together on things that are positive.

Governor K. Patel noted that students across the nation saw Florida State University and its student leaders setting an example for the entire nation. Governor K. Patel thanked President Thrasher for working with student leaders in shaping the nation

Speaking as a parent who was not involved in the Greek system, Gov. J. Patel stated that he has learned about the benefits of the Greek system and commented on work that still needs to be done to educate parents who have not been involved in the Greek system regarding the benefits and its importance in the University System.

President Thrasher said that so many good leaders come from the Greek system and that every student body president since he has been President of Florida State University has been from the Greek system. He stated they provide incredible opportunities for leadership, philanthropy, and service and affirmed that he wants to save the Greek system, but this can't happen again; hazing has no place in the Greek system or any other organization.

Chair Tripp commented that this Board feels the pain of the loss of the student and intends to continue looking at hazing and the Greek system. He stated that the Board looks forward to sharing what has been learned and to ensuring that, as a System, we are doing everything we can do to make sure students are safe.

President Thrasher introduced Dr. Amy Hecht to describe the new senior position in student affairs that is primarily focused on the health and welfare of the students. Dr. Hecht stated that in the fraternity and sorority community, if students see mental health crisis, drug addiction, or alcohol addiction, they are calling for help and are not looking to protect their organizations. She noted discussions about "medical amnesty." Because students are our eyes and ears, if they see something, they need to say something.

Dr. Hecht stated that senior leaders in student affairs will be working with her and Provost McRorie on an executive steering committee on the healthy campus initiative to ensure that everyone at FSU finds a way to create an environment to encourage students to be not only academically successful but also healthy and well.

6. Update on the SUS Math Reform Effort

The University of Florida Provost, Dr. Joe Glover, provided an update on the State University System's efforts in mathematics reform. He noted this is of concern for the Board of Governors as the System is concerned with improving output in STEM and

graduation rates in general. He commented that freshman math is the gateway to all STEM and many other majors. Dr. Glover said that there has been a series of national reform efforts coordinated by the National Science Foundation, APLU, and AAU over the past decade on how to improve student success rates in these courses. Dr. Glover said that on May 7, 2018 the System will offer a one day mathematics planning symposium at Lake Buena Vista. He stated that the morning will be devoted to presentations from national experts on active teaching and learning strategies and the afternoon will be devoted to developing an action plan to address improvement in the System. Dr. Glover said that he sent an email to math department chairs, Deans of Arts and Sciences, and Provosts with information for this symposium. Governor Lautenbach thanked Dr. Glover.

Chair Tripp asked about working with the Florida College System on this initiative. Dr. Glover commented that the Florida College System launched its own initiative along similar lines. He stated that Vice Chancellor Ignash and he will be attending their symposium in April and after the State University System Symposium in May, there should be greater understanding as to how well efforts align and then work to bring the two efforts together. Governor Tripp encouraged the collaboration which is so important due to the 2+2 System.

Chair Tripp recognized Governor Cerio for comment. Governor Cerio reported that the James Madison Institute (JMI) published a policy brief entitled "Free Expression and Intellectual Diversity: How Florida Universities Currently Measure Up." He commented that he is on the JMI board and will forward a copy to each Board Member.

7. Academic and Student Affairs Updates

A. SUS Council of Academic Vice Presidents (CAVP)

Chair Tripp commented that he would like to attend the CAVP meeting to make sure that everyone is on the same track with relation to his feelings and concerns about mental health and the counseling issues.

Dr. Gary Perry, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, FAU, Chair of the CAVP, reported on the following activities:

- Dr. Perry stated that the CAVP will meet that evening with a fairly full agenda including updates from Dr. Jan Ignash, the Math Reform effort, and choosing programs of excellence in the State University System.
- Dr. Perry noted that Dr. Ignash provided an update on the new Board of Governors committee on academic and research excellence that will be chaired by Governor Levine and its charge to focus on academic programs and research

in order to raise the national and international reputation of the State University System. He discussed the March 2, 2018 meeting at the University of South Florida when members of CAVP met with Governor Levine and the State University Research Vice Presidents and Directors to begin discussion on developing programs of excellence across the State University System and what such programs may look like. Dr. Perry stated that for three hours, there was engaged discussion, including the importance of choosing programs of excellence to which both the large universities and the smaller institutions could contribute and participate with their expertise.

- Dr. Perry noted that the Steering Committee for Online Education, comprised of six CAVP members and chaired by Provost Wilcox, continues to review the progress in implementing the Board's Online Strategic Plan. The Steering Committee will meet on March 29, 2018, to discuss strategies and tactics.

B. SUS Council for Student Affairs (CSA)

Dr. Corey King, FAU Vice President of Student Affairs and CSA Chair, provided the CSA report.

- Dr. King reported that the CSA appreciated the opportunity to participate in the Drugs, Alcohol, and Mental Health Task Force workshop on March 27, 2018. The Council applauds the continued discussions in relation to student success on all of the campuses and looks forward to further conversations with Governor Valverde in terms of direction and how the Council may further assist the new Taskforce. The Council also appreciates Dr. Kirk Dougher, who provided a comprehensive report on drugs and alcohol in the state and looks forward to continued discussions and direction.
- Dr. King reported that CSA met today and discussed Greek life initiatives and applauds Florida State University for their efforts in terms of Greek life. He stated that the Council plans to support those efforts in the following ways:
 - a System-wide score card initiative
 - Greek life advising councils' conversations among campuses
 - comprehensive resource plan for Greek life
 - continued conversations regarding hazing prevention
 - System-wide communication plan with Deans of Students and Greek life professionals with conversations on a monthly/biannual basis in terms of continued best practices for Greek life in our state.
- Dr. King noted that a hazing prevention summit is planned for May 18, 2018, and that the CSA is grateful to Dr. Maribeth Ehasz at the University of Central Florida for hosting the summit. He stated that over 100 participants are expected

and that all State University System institutions will be represented.

- Dr. King reported that the SUS VP-AVP Student Affairs Summit is June 24-25 2018, also at the University of Central Florida.

Chair Tripp commended Dr. King and the Council for the hard work being done. Chair Tripp stated that there has been a lot of progress made and the Board will continue to provide support.

Governor Kishane Patel, Chair of the Florida Student Association (FSA), provided the FSA report.

Chair Tripp commented that this is Governor Patel's last official Board of Governor's meeting and thanked Governor Patel for his service.

- Governor K. Patel reported that the FSA Board has been extremely active in Tallahassee and the FSA's legislative agenda, created a year ago, was largely successful. Governor K. Patel thanked Chancellor Criser, Kristin Whitaker, Renee Fargason, and all of the Board members who were lobbying in Tallahassee for FSA's initiatives – the expansion of Bright Futures, the revisions to excess credit hours, and the allocation of resources for mental health from the University presidents.
- Governor K. Patel stated that FSA is currently working on a transition for the Board as ten (10) of the twelve (12) Universities have now completed student body elections.
- Governor K. Patel noted that the FSA Presidents across the state provided transportation and resources to send students to the March for Our Lives events around the nation. FSA does not have an official position, but shares this information to show that students are becoming active in civic engagement. Governor K. Patel stated that going to college is much more than getting a degree. It is an experience to develop students into young professionals which gives them the skills necessary to succeed in the world. He commented that while we spend a great deal of time focusing on graduation rates and degrees, college provides many more experiences while students are seeking a degree.
- Governor K. Patel commented that as a college student, he has worked through his years, got involved, and will graduate on time with his four year degree. He thanked the University of West Florida and President Saunders for guiding and mentoring students who served on the Board for two years in a row. Governor K. Patel also thanked Jalisa White, Student Body President at Florida Gulf Coast

University, and David Thompson at the University of South Florida, who served as the two Vice-Chairs on FSA, and Yasmin Hernandez who served as his Student Government Vice-President.

Governor Kitson thanked Governor K. Patel for his fantastic service, adding that it has been an honor serving with him this past year and that Governor K. Patel represented the students throughout the State University System extremely well.

Chair Tripp stated that Governor K. Patel will be invited to return in June for a formal recognition.

8. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Having no further business, Chair Tripp adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Norman D. Tripp, Chair

Traki L. Taylor, Ph.D.
Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs