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1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

On March 28, 2019, Chair Ned C. Lautenbach convened the meeting at 1:02 p.m. with the following members present and answering roll call: Vice Chair Syd Kitson; Tim Cerio; Dr. Shawn Felton; H. Wayne Huizenga, Jr.; Darlene Jordan; Alan Levine; Jay S. Patel; Norm Tripp, Dr. Fernando Valverde; and Jalisa White. Ms. Frost, Mr. Morton and Dr. Zachariah attended the meeting by telephone. Members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Lautenbach thanked Chair Kelvin Lawson, President Robinson, and Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University for hosting the meeting. Chair Lawson said they appreciated the opportunity to host the Board and hoped the meeting was both enjoyable and productive. Chair Lautenbach next congratulated President Judy Genshaft for being selected as a 2019 Living Legend by the National Collegiate Athletic Association. He noted this is but one of President Genshaft's many achievements and he looks forward to a more robust recognition of her accomplishments at the June Board meeting.

2. Consideration of Confirmation of President for University of South Florida

Chair Lautenbach recognized Mr. Brian Lamb, Chair of the University of South Florida Board of Trustees, to provide an overview of the search process and present Dr. Steven Currall for confirmation. Chair Lamb said he was proud to present Dr. Steven Currall to the Board for confirmation. He reminded members of the university's commitment to find a leader with a proven track record at Association of American University (AAU) institutions in light of USF's aspirational goal to become an AAU institution.

Chair Lamb described the search process, starting with the establishment of a diverse search committee that was representative of their stakeholders; the pivotal role played by Greenwood Asher in recruiting a highly talented candidate pool; and the actions taken to enhance feedback from their stakeholders on campus and in the community

such as the listening tours. As a result of these efforts, the search committee narrowed the pool to four candidates and on March 22, 2019, the University of South Florida Board of Trustees unanimously selected Dr. Currall to serve as the next president of USF. He thanked the Board, and in particular Ms. Jordan who played an integral role as a member of the search committee, and Chancellor Criser who served as a trusted advisor. Chair Lamb also thanked University of South Florida Board of Trustees Vice Chair Jordan Zimmerman for his leadership and Mr. Les Muma who served as the chair of the search committee.

Chair Lamb next described Dr. Currall's extensive academic and leadership background at AAU institutions. As the Provost at Southern Methodist University (SMU), Dr. Currall is responsible for oversight of all of the academic activities and for managing the university. At the University of California, Davis, Dr. Currall was the Senior Advisor for Strategic Projects and played a key leadership role as a Dean. In addition, he gained significant leadership experience at Rice University, University of Chicago and Cornell University, and through his body of work has developed impeccable credentials in research and fund-raising. In addition, Dr. Currall is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Chair Lamb characterized Dr. Currall as being the right person to help the university achieve its aspirational goal of becoming an AAU institution.

Chair Lautenbach asked Ms. Jordan for her thoughts on the search. Ms. Jordan said she would echo Chair Lamb's comments about Dr. Currall being a perfect fit for USF. At the outset, she recognized USF had to find someone who could not only continue USF on its preeminent path, but take it to even greater heights. What impressed her most is Dr. Currall's ability to bring organizations and people together, which she believes is essential given the current consolidation efforts at USF. Ms. Jordan wholeheartedly endorsed Dr. Currall's candidacy, indicating he will be an invaluable resource to USF, the Board of Governors, and the State University System as a whole.

Chair Lautenbach recognized Dr. Currall to address the Board. Dr. Currall expressed excitement about becoming a part of the State University System, if confirmed, and he thanked Chair Lautenbach, Vice Chair Kitson, and Chancellor Criser for their support. He thanked the members of the USF Board of Trustees and said he was humbled by the prospect of continuing the extraordinary momentum led by President Genshaft and pledged his commitment to increasing the slope of that trajectory. He also thanked the Board of Governors for their leadership, saying he was encouraged by the Board's dialogue the previous day that focused on academic success, research, visibility, and impact. He feels fortunate to be in such an ecosystem and believes higher education institutions are pivotal to upward economic growth and prosperity.

Dr. Currall described USF as an amazing institution very much aligned with performance-based funding, which is something he embraces as a metrics-oriented person. He also believes his background and experience at both public and private national and international institutions will contribute to USF becoming an even stronger source of education, research, and innovation.

Members inquired about several different topics. Mr. Cerio asked about his fund-raising and development experience. Dr. Currall said his first job out of college was as a university fund-raiser so he's been doing it a long time and looks forward to the opportunity to spend more time on fund-raising at USF. Over his career, he has played a significant leadership role in raising philanthropic gifts exceeding \$56 million – the largest being a \$40 million gift at the University of California, Davis. He has also raised other gifts at the \$5 and \$6.5 million levels so he understands the cultivation, solicitation and stewardship aspect of those relationships, and in particular will focus on cultivating stronger relationships with donors in the Tampa Bay region. In addition, he generated over \$21 million in grant funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and will be looking to all sources of external funding for the university.

Mr. Huizenga asked for his thoughts on how to balance the need for new facilities against the need to maintain existing facilities, especially given the lack of Public Education Capital Outlay funds that are available. Dr. Currall explained he will be a very keen advocate for state support and will draw upon his prior experience. Currently, SMU does not build a building until they have raised 80% of the cost, so he's used to working with donors. He also has experience with wildly inflated construction costs and recognizes the importance of having facilities that promote learning and research for students and faculty.

Mr. Levine asked for his ideas on how to help the Board enhance the System's research profile. Dr. Currall responded he would echo the comments made yesterday (during the Academic and Research Excellence Committee meeting) about encouraging interdisciplinary team-based research. In his experience, he has seen both intra-institutional and multi-institutional research collaborations work very well. He received a \$437,000 grant from NSF to study the management and organization of NSF funded research centers, which resulted in a book he authored. The thesis of the book is about collaboration across multiple institutions, universities, businesses, and government, and the dynamics of managing research projects across interdisciplinary boundaries and working with business partners. He stressed the importance of securing the commitment of the business community in order to advance the research agenda of regional universities.

Mr. Kitson complimented Dr. Currall on his plan to further enhance the ongoing collaboration with the Tampa Bay business community to drive economic development. He then asked for his thoughts on how the Board could build on the performance-based funding model. Dr. Currall said he was aware of Florida's model before but had the opportunity to study it in depth in the materials USF provided to him. He believes the metrics are the right metrics for student success, research, and tech transfer, which he has embraced his entire career. He is also pleased that there is broad institutional commitment and clarity around the metrics, which in his experience hasn't always been the case at other institutions. He pledged his commitment to be accountable and transparent in achieving those metrics.

Ms. Jordan asked Dr. Currall to explain how he sees his experience working with a ten campus entity being a value added to the ongoing consolidation process at USF. Dr. Currall explained Ms. Jordan was referring to his role as vice chair of the board of the University of California Global Health Institute which spanned all 10 campuses of the university, had a \$36 billion operating budget, 240,000 students, and 61 Nobel Prize winners. That experience provided a great education on how to work across boundaries and learn each other's languages. If confirmed, he noted this will be the third time he's been involved with institutions with three campuses - SMU and University of California, Davis, each have three campuses. He will strive to listen and understand the circumstances of each campus and work to coalesce around a unitary vision that allows the St. Petersburg and Sarasota campuses to contribute to that effort while maintaining their identities and unique contributions. Ms. Jordan remarked his answer demonstrates why he is the perfect fit for USF at this time.

Chair Lautenbach said the Board has spent much time focused on financial accountability and inquired how he sees his role in sustaining and protecting taxpayer money. Dr. Currall responded there is great power in transparency and when everyone shares the same information, it is easier to coalesce around a shared understanding and common vision. He committed to working closely with the USF team and the Board of Governors to ensure funds will be used in the manner in which they are intended, and with complete transparency and full accountability on his part to the Board and to the USF Board of Trustees.

Chair Lautenbach called for a motion to confirm Dr. Currall as the seventh president of the University of South Florida. Ms. Jordan made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Kitson, and the members concurred unanimously.

3. Consideration of Confirmation of Reappointment of President for Florida Atlantic University

Chair Lautenbach recognized Mr. Anthony Barbar, Chair of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees, to present Dr. Kelly for confirmation of his reappointment as President. Chair Barbar said he appreciated the opportunity to appear before the Board to present Dr. Kelly for confirmation. He reminded the Board that Dr. Kelly became president at a precipitous time at FAU. FAU had not fared well on the performance funding model, but Dr. Kelly embraced the concept, challenging the university to meet the deficiencies head on. He oversaw the development and implementation of multiple strategies which included hiring 26 new advisors, expanding the availability of advisors, introducing a summer enhancement program for freshman, and launching a campaign for students to declare their majors earlier. In just two years, FAU scored at the top of the performance funding model. Chair Barbar then provided a statistical overview of improvements by the university on the metrics, including a 76% increase in FAU's 4 year graduation rate. In addition, the university's total research expenditures and total philanthropic activity increased by more than 100%. Dr. Kelly set a goal for FAU to become the fast-improving university in America and Chair Barbar is delighted Dr. Kelly wants to continue his transformational work at FAU. On behalf of the FAU Board of Trustees, Chair Barbar requested the Board of Governors to approve Dr. Kelly's contract extension.

Chair Lautenbach asked Dr. Kelly if he would like to say a few words. Dr. Kelly thanked Chair Barbar, the Board of Governors, and the Board of Trustees for the opportunity to lead the university. He stated they were now four years into their strategic plan called "Race to Excellence." He explained they track their performance on a daily basis and that faculty, staff and students have all embraced the goal of being the fastest-improving institution in the country. Dr. Kelly complimented faculty on engaging with the community and working toward FAU being designated as a Carnegie-engaged institution, which he anticipates will happen this year. He noted that they set a record in research expenditures, growing from \$22 million to \$62 million in the last four years. He further noted that FAU has not had a capital campaign in over 20 years and he is meeting with donors in the community to better understand how FAU can compete with other universities in attracting philanthropic gifts. He thanked the Board of Governors and his board of trustees for the opportunity to serve as FAU's president.

Chair Lautenbach called for a motion to confirm Dr. Kelly. Mr. Huizenga made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Kitson and the members concurred unanimously.

4. Consideration of Confirmation of Appointment of Interim President for University of Central Florida

Chair Lautenbach recognized Mr. Robert Garvy, Chair of the University of Central Florida Board of Trustees, to present Dr. Thad Seymour for confirmation as Interim President. Chair Garvy noted the University of Central Florida has been through a challenging time, but Dr. Seymour has been a bright spot during this period. The University of Central Florida Board of Trustees unanimously selected Dr. Seymour because of his exceptional background in business and academia. Since 2015, he has been instrumental in creating UCF's collective impact strategic plan, building a shared campus with Valencia College in downtown Orlando, and forming a new division devoted to partnerships and innovation. Prior to coming to UCF, Dr. Seymour had a successful career in business, most notably as one of the visionaries of Lake Nona Medical City and helped bring more than \$3 billion in health and life sciences investment to the area. Chair Garvy explained that since the time he was initially appointed by the UCF Board of Trustees to serve in a presidential capacity, Dr. Seymour has been actively engaged in strengthening UCF's operations and accountability measures.

Chair Lautenbach recognized Dr. Seymour for his remarks. Dr. Seymour said he is humbled by the confidence placed in him and the opportunity to serve as the interim president. He recognizes UCF has hard work ahead but is confident they can use this challenge to be stronger and more effective than before. He committed to the university strengthening its operations, rebuilding trust, and getting back to the business of producing the talent and ideas that will define the state's future. He said he looks forward to working with the Board of Governors on this critical mission and is excited about what lies ahead.

Chair Lautenbach asked members if they had any questions. Mr. Kitson stated he knows Dr. Seymour and is pleased he has been selected to take on this responsibility. Chair Lautenbach echoed those comments and then called for a motion to confirm Dr. Seymour as the Interim President of the University of Central Florida. Ms. Jordan made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Tripp, and the members concurred unanimously.

5. Minutes of Board of Governors Meeting

A. Board of Governors Meeting held January 31, 2019

Mr. Kitson moved approval of the Minutes of the meeting held January 31, 2019, as presented. Ms. Jordan seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

6. Drugs, Alcohol and Mental Health Task Force Report

Chair Lautenbach recognized Dr. Valverde for the Drugs, Alcohol and Mental Health Task Force Report. Dr. Valverde reported the Committee received an update on the Dashboard Project, which will be used to assess the progress on reducing student drug and alcohol use and improving student mental health. The Committee also heard a presentation on strategies to address critical issues regarding drugs, alcohol and mental health and received an update on initiatives related to student wellness.

7. Strategic Planning Committee Report

Chair Lautenbach called on Ms. Jordan for the Strategic Planning Committee Report. Ms. Jordan stated the Committee received an overview of the University of South Florida's Consolidation Implementation Plan and continued its discussion on the mid-course correction of the Board's 2025 Strategic Plan. The Committee also heard a presentation on an enrollment planning framework that will serve as an excellent starting point for the Committee's review of the university accountability plans in June.

8. Academic and Research Excellence Committee Report

Chair Lautenbach recognized Mr. Levine for the Academic and Research Excellence Committee Report. Mr. Levine reported the Committee heard a presentation on the Research and Innovation Dashboard, which is in its second year and is showing gains across most of the metrics. The Committee also received information from a research team at the Florida-California Cancer Research, Education and Engagement Health Equity Center, which is a collaboration between Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, the University of Florida, and the University of Southern California.

9. Facilities Committee Report

Chair Lautenbach recognized Mr. Huizenga for the Facilities Committee report. Mr. Huizenga stated the Committee had five items for approval by the Board.

A. 2020-2021 Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request Guidelines

Mr. Huizenga moved approval of the 2020-2021 Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request Guidelines. Mr. Kitson seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

B. Florida International University Public Private Partnership Hotel Project

Mr. Huizenga moved approval of a resolution authorizing the Florida International University Board of Trustees to enter into a sublease and operating agreement with

Concord Benchmark, LLC for the construction, financing, and operation of a 150 bed hotel and conference center and for the construction of an alumni center on the Modesto Maidique Campus. Ms. Jordan seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

C. Public Private Partnership Guidelines Amendment

Mr. Huizenga moved approval of the amendments to the Public Private Partnership Guidelines. Mr. Kitson seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

D. Florida Atlantic University Housing - Bond Authorization

Mr. Huizenga moved approval of a resolution authorizing the issuance of fixed rate, tax-exempt revenue bonds by the FAU Financing Corporation on behalf of Florida Atlantic University, in the principal amount not to exceed \$78,500,000 for the purpose of financing the construction of two new student housing facilities on the Boca Raton and Jupiter campuses. Ms. Jordan seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

E. Amendment to the 2019-2020 Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request

Mr. Huizenga moved approval on the amendments to 2019-2020 Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request to add additional projects to the carryforward list for the University of Florida. Mr. Kitson seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

Finally, Mr. Huizenga advised the Board he had requested Mr. Chris Kinsley to work with Mr. Morton, Mr. Ben Watkins, and the university Chief Financial Officers on recommendations to enhance university credit ratings.

10. Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report

Chair Lautenbach recognized Mr. Tripp to report on the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. Mr. Tripp reported the Committee heard from Ms. Kathy Hebda, the new Chancellor for the Florida College System and received separate updates on the statewide mathematics re-design effort and the ongoing review of university engineering programs. In addition, the Committee saw a preview of the new online Common Prerequisite Manual designed by the Florida Virtual Campus. There were also three action items for approval by the Board.

- A. Reclassification of the University of Florida, Research and Academic Center at Lake Nona Campus

Mr. Tripp moved approval of the reclassification of the University of Florida, Research and Academic Center at Lake Nona as a Type III Campus, to become effective summer 2019. Dr. Valverde seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

- B. Public Notice to Approve Creation of Board of Governors Regulation 6.021 Hazing Prohibited

Mr. Tripp moved approval of the creation of Board of Governors Regulation 6.021 Hazing Prohibited. Ms. Jordan seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

- C. Minutes of the Two + Two Articulation Committee Meeting held January 30, 2019

As a result of the Two + Two Articulation Committee responsibilities being merged into the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Mr. Tripp moved approval of the minutes of the Two + Two Articulation Committee meeting held on January 30, 2019. Ms. White seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

11. Revision to Board of Governors Operating Procedures

Ms. Shirley explained the proposed amendment to the Board of Governors Operating Procedures to merge the duties and responsibilities of the Two + Two Articulation Committee into the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. Mr. Kitson moved approval, which was seconded by Mr. Levine, and the members concurred unanimously.

12. Remarks by the Honorable Governor Ron DeSantis

Chair Lautenbach welcomed Governor Ron DeSantis and made two announcements he had planned to make during the State of the System address. First, the State University System has seen a remarkable 9.5% improvement in 4-year graduation rates over the past five years. Second, the State University System is gaining ground in the area of affordability. From 2016-17 to the present, the cost to the student decreased from \$13,760 to \$9,430, which represents a 31% change. Taken together, these two statistics show it is possible to offer high quality at a low cost to the student. Chair Lautenbach said he is excited about Governor DeSantis' leadership and looks forward to working with him to continue the State University System's upward momentum.

Governor DeSantis thanked Chair Lautenbach and said he was especially happy to be here since the State University System is ranked #1 in the nation by U.S. News and World Report. He indicated he recently met with some individuals on Wall Street and also spoken with other businesses around the country and sees the chance to drive a lot of investment to Florida. He explained that while part of it has to do with the tax and regulatory climate and quality of life, the number one thing that will fuel Florida's economy is human capital – and the universities are a huge component of that. When Governor DeSantis tells business leaders in other states about the great work being done by the state universities, it helps with convincing people to invest in Florida.

He is working with Commissioner Richard Corcoran on a program to help people finish their college degrees called the “Last Mile” which provides financial incentives for people to complete the degree they started but didn't finish. He's also working on an initiative for people to get their associate's degrees by having the universities credential backwards so for people who do not finish a four-year degree, they can be credentialed with an associate's degree to help them with their future.

Governor DeSantis commented that the Board's work with performance-based funding makes it easier for him to support the State University System because results are measured and there is a vision behind it. He also announced that he is appointing Mr. Brian Lamb to the Board of Governors. He congratulated Mr. Lamb on his leadership at the University of South Florida and congratulated Dr. Currall on his confirmation as the next president of the university.

Governor DeSantis expressed excitement for Florida, noting people from out of state are talking about all the good things Florida is doing, including with education. He discussed his goal to make Florida #1 in workforce and career education by 2030. This will involve curriculum changes and apprenticeships, some of which are being implemented now. If Florida is ranked #1 in workforce education and has the #1 ranked university system in the country, Florida will be known as the place to come for talent.

Governor DeSantis expressed optimism about the culmination of the legislative session, stating most of what he's asking for is on track and has good support for things that really matter to Floridians. He stressed the importance of metrics and accountability because ultimately that's what benefits the students and the state. He cautioned the Board about activities that are happening on other campuses outside the state. He believes the universities' mission should be focused on academic success and promoting high achievement in an environment that exposes students to competing views, not just orthodoxy. He encouraged everyone to stay the course and expressed his support for the State University System.

13. Chair's Report and Remarks on the State of the System

Chair Lautenbach delivered the State of the System address. A copy of the address is attached to the minutes.

14. Audit and Compliance Committee Report

Chair Lautenbach recognized Mr. Cerio for the Audit and Compliance Committee report. Mr. Cerio reported the Committee took up one action item and heard several informational items. The informational items included a report on each university's performance-based funding data integrity audit and certification; an update on the continuing investigation into UCF's misuse of education and general funds for construction; and a detailed summary of the Florida House of Representatives' Public Integrity and Ethics Committee report that was focused on UCF's misuse of funds. With respect to that report, Mr. Cerio called the Board's attention to the need to ensure the Board's Inspector General has adequate resources to conduct investigations into significant complaints involving fraud, waste and abuse as outlined in the report. Further, he pointed out the report notes the Board of Governors does not possess subpoena power and may want to consider seeking legislative authorization to amend section 20.155, Florida Statutes, to provide that authority. Mr. Cerio stated given the responsibilities outlined for the Board in the report, legislative authority for subpoena power was something the Board should consider. Mr. Kitson agreed and directed Chancellor Criser to move forward with exploring the possibility of amending section 20.155 with the Legislature.

A. Approval of the State University System of Florida Board of Governors Compliance Program

Mr. Cerio moved approval of the Board of Governors Compliance Program, stating it is similar to the compliance program required for universities in Board Regulation 4.003. Mr. Patel seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

15. Budget and Finance Committee Report

Mr. Kitson reported on several action items considered by the Budget and Finance Committee Report.

A. Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University and University of Central Florida Carryforward Plan Updates

Mr. Kitson asked for a motion to approve Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University's carryforward plan update. Mr. Cerio made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Huizenga and the members concurred unanimously.

Mr. Kitson asked for a motion to approve the University of Central Florida's carryforward update. Mr. Huizenga made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cerio and the members concurred unanimously.

B. Auxiliary Facilities that have Bond Covenants Requiring Approval of Estimated 2019-2020 Operating Budgets

Mr. Kitson asked for a motion to approve the estimated 2019-2020 operating budgets for auxiliary facilities that have bond covenants requiring Board approval. Ms. White made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cerio and the members concurred unanimously.

C. 2020-2021 Legislative Budget Request Guidelines

Mr. Kitson asked for a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Legislative Budget Requests Guidelines. Ms. Frost made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Felton and the members concurred unanimously.

D. Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board Regulation 9.014 Collegiate License Plate Revenues

Mr. Kitson asked for a motion to approve the public notice of intent to amend Board of Governors Regulation 9.014 Collegiate License Plate Revenues. Ms. Frost made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Tripp and the members concurred unanimously.

16. 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 five requests for public comment. Mr. Tirrell Hamilton, a graduate of the Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University - Florida State University College of Engineering, spoke in favor of the additional credit hours required for receiving an engineering degree. When he attend the college in the 1990s, his degree program consisted of more than 120 credit hours and those additional hours were required in order for him to be successful. Mr. Hamilton also said the longer curriculum has served him well as a mechanical engineer.

Dr. Carolyn Collins spoke in favor of academic research and in support of Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University. She requested the Board's assistance to help FAMU compete favorably against North Carolina's historically black colleges and universities. She also praised the Board for its commitment to improving student mental health and advised that FAMU alumni were working to support the students

and their families in the aftermath of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

Mr. Justin Hemlepp, an attorney representing Knight News, spoke on the presidential search at the University of Central Florida. He believes the search was not transparent and that the university employed tactics to circumvent open government laws, in particular the use of a third-party search consultant firm. With regard to the UCF search, he asserted trustees communicated outside of the Sunshine law and that the search firm took the position it was not subject to the Sunshine law. He also claimed the search firm operated a secret website accessible only to trustees and insiders. Mr. Hemlepp asked the Board to consider these transparency issues as UCF prepares to move forward with a new presidential search.

Ms. Krystal Williams, representing the United Faculty of Florida Graduate Assistants United, stated she is a graduate assistant at FAMU and asked the Board for its support in reducing graduate assistant fees. She said these fees consume a large percentage of a graduate assistant's income and make it more difficult as they struggle to meet basic needs. She said domestic students pay \$700 per semester, which includes fees associated with their work in the classroom and for technology.

Ms. Andrea Jenkins, also representing the United Faculty of Florida Graduate Assistants United, stated she is a graduate assistant at FAMU and echoed Ms. William's request for support to reduce graduate assistant fees.

17. Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Criser recognized the student interns who work in the Board of Governors' office and also Lori Clark who is responsible for leading the development of the program. He noted Dr. Nancy McKee has rejoined the office and Jon Rogers will continue to work with the office on a resiliency project. He explained President Genshaft had asked him to announce that the University of South Florida recently received the American Council on Education Award for Institutional Transformation. President Genshaft said the American Council on Education is the largest organization in the United States that represents higher education at all levels, both public and private. And each year, they select one institution that is recognized for being the most transformational institution in the United States. This year it was USF, which was a tremendous honor for the university.

18. Recognition of State University System Business Champion

Chair Lautenbach presented the State University System Business Champion award to Northrop Grumman in recognition of its partnership with the FAMU/FSU College of Engineering and its philanthropic gifts approaching \$500,000 over the past five years.

In addition, the company donated \$400,000 to the National Society of Black Engineers, which has been used to support 24 deserving engineering students at the college over the last three years.

Mr. Bryan Mahoney, the Vice President and leader of the St. Augustine Aircraft Integration Center of Excellence, accepted the award on behalf of the company. Mr. Mahoney thanked Chair Lautenbach and the Board for the partnership. He said this award is a reflection of the dedication and commitment of the Northrop Grumman employees who are focused on the next generation workforce that is critical to industry and the competitiveness of the United States.

19. Recognition of Former Commissioner Pam Stewart

Chair Lautenbach explained at the last meeting the Board adopted a resolution recognizing the dedicated service of former Commissioner Pam Stewart. Ms. Stewart wasn't able to attend the last meeting, so he wanted to take the opportunity while meeting in Tallahassee to thank Ms. Stewart for her unwavering commitment to improving student outcomes for all of Florida's students, from pre-kindergarten through the graduate and professional levels. He then presented Ms. Stewart with a small token of the Board's appreciation. Ms. Stewart thanked the Board.

20. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Chair Lautenbach announced the next in-person meeting of the Board will be June 11-13, 2019 at the University of South Florida. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m. on March 28, 2019.

Ned C. Lautenbach, Chair

Vikki Shirley,
Corporate Secretary