

MINUTES  
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BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
SELECT COMMITTEE ON FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY  
FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY  
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA  
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1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Governor Tom Kuntz, Chair, convened the meeting of the Select Committee on Florida Polytechnic University at 1:57 p.m. Members present were Wendy Link and Ed Morton.

Chair Kuntz outlined the foundation and purpose of the Select Committee and provided information on Florida Statute 1004.345 that outlines Florida Polytechnic's requirements. Chair Kuntz explained that with a focus on helping Florida Polytechnic achieve accreditation by December 2016, the Committee would be updated on the following aspects of implementation:

- Curriculum Planning and Development;
- Student Recruitment Strategies and Response Rate;
- Scholarships and Other Student Support;
- Faculty and Staff Recruitment; and
- Budget and Facilities.

2. Approval of Committee Minutes from May 23, 2012

Ms. Link moved that the Committee approve the Minutes of the meeting held May 23, 2012 as presented. Mr. Morton seconded the motion and the Committee concurred.

3. Florida Polytechnic University Implementation Update

Chair Kuntz recognized Ms. Ava Parker, Chief Operating Officer of Florida Polytechnic University, to provide the implementation update.

Ms. Parker clarified the mission and vision of Florida Polytechnic developed by their Board of Trustees and discussed Florida Polytechnic's focus on STEM degree programs, particularly technology and engineering, in order to contribute to Florida's high tech work force. Ms. Parker provided information on Florida Polytechnic's current budget and expenditures and discussed hiring and regulation development as it relates to

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation. Ms. Parker then asked Dr. Ghazi Darkazalli, Provost, to provide an explanation of developing degree programs.

Dr. Darkazalli outlined the degree programs that will be offered in the College of Engineering and the College of Innovation & Technology. Dr. Darkazalli discussed feedback received from the Council of Academic Vice Presidents and from faculty assessment, then provided information on faculty hires and student recruitment.

Governor Dean Colson asked for further information on student recruitment. Ms. Parker explained that Florida Polytechnic is recruiting equal numbers of transfer students as incoming freshmen, and that they will have the total number of students who have committed a deposit to enroll by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Morton asked about Florida Polytechnic's involvement with aeronautical engineering. Ms. Parker confirmed that the Board of Trustees did discuss including aeronautical engineering as an area of study, but decided not to immediately go into that area due to existing programs with the State University System and the Florida College System. Ms. Link asked for clarification on how Polytechnic relates to state colleges, and Ms. Parker explained that Florida Polytechnic is implementing degree programs that would complement existing programs and were feasible within the initial budget and timeline constraints.

Chair Kuntz asked about the cost per student in terms of efficiency and in comparison to the rest of the System. Ms. Parker discussed Florida Polytechnic's projected growth model.

Governor Mori Hosseini asked if the Committee could have a copy of Florida Polytechnic's projected growth model and Ms. Parker confirmed that the Committee would have a copy by the next meeting.

Governor Pat Frost asked for clarification on the faculty hiring plan. Dr. Darkazalli explained Florida Polytechnic's targeted faculty recruitment approach.

Chair Kuntz asked Florida Polytechnic to restructure their reporting by using the colors red, yellow and green to indicate the level of progress on legislative requirements.

Mr. Colson asked about philanthropy. Ms. Parker provided a review of the Florida Polytechnic University Foundation including fundraising goals and progress so far.

Ms. Parker continued her update by discussing Florida Polytechnic's focus on industry partnerships and a review of the facilities plan.

Ms. Link asked for a further explanation of the operating budget and Carry Forward funds, which Ms. Parker provided. Mr. Robert Gidel, Chairman of the Florida Polytechnic Board of Trustees, continued the explanation of Carry Forward funds to include a breakdown of academic and capital uses.

Governor Manoj Chopra asked why the website used .org, and Ms. Parker explained that governmental rules prevented Florida Polytechnic from using a .edu website extension pending accreditation.

Chair Kuntz ended the meeting by reminding the representatives from Florida Polytechnic that the Committee has requested a breakdown of total cost per student, a green-yellow-red update on legislative requirements and monthly progress report, and information on budget, expenditures, and projected continued cost of building construction.

#### 4. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Having no further business, Chair Kuntz adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

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Tom Kuntz, Chair

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Melissa Giddings, Educational Policy Analyst