

MINUTES
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BOARD OF GOVERNORS
SELECT COMMITTEE ON FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
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1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Chair Tom Kuntz convened the meeting of the Select Committee on Florida Polytechnic University at 3:29 p.m. Governor Ed Morton was present.

2. Approval of Committee Minutes from January 15, 2014

There was no vote taken to approve the meeting minutes from January 15, 2014.

3. Florida Polytechnic University Implementation Update

Ms. Ava Parker, Chief Operating Officer of Florida Polytechnic University, updated the Board of Governors on student enrollment. As of March 19th, 788 students have enrolled at Florida Polytechnic University. Of those 788 students, 356 have already paid the non-refundable enrollment deposit. Ms. Parker noted that 128 deposits have been received for students that will be living in the residence hall.

Ms. Parker then outlined progress on faculty recruitment, including the receipt and review of 1,300 résumés. One hundred and twenty faculty candidates have been interviewed. Currently 20 faculty members have been hired and there is high confidence that 10 more will be selected from the 120 who have been interviewed.

Ms. Parker discussed the submission of academic program information to the Board of Governors and progress on accreditation. She then reviewed the construction timeline and discussed progress on facilities that are to be completed by August 2014. Chair Kuntz asked for clarification on the facilities appropriation numbers included in the budget (page 21). Total construction numbers had not been reported. Ms. Parker agreed to provide that information.

Chair Kuntz requested that the next report include greater detail on all progress items not labeled as “green” in the report.

Governor Dean Colson asked when Florida Polytechnic expected to know final enrollment numbers, and Ms. Parker answered that they anticipate knowing by May 1st, the deadline for deposits.

Governor Morton asked for clarification on the report's base funding projections, and Ms. Parker responded that projections were formulated by using existing appropriations to anticipate future appropriations and figures provided by the legislature to create tuition projections. Governor Morton then asked for further detail on the planned e-library, to which Ms. Parker responded that while most resources will be maintained electronically certain hard copy resources will be available on campus as well.

Governor Mori Hosseini asked what Florida Polytechnic will charge for tuition. Ms. Parker explained that estimated tuition and fees were devised from the numbers settled at the end of the 2013 legislative session. She further clarified that tuition and fee costs will be covered by scholarships for the entire entering class.

Governor Carlo Fassi asked if Florida Polytechnic had a plan for student fee revenue, and Ms. Parker explained that all fees were anticipated and the entering class will be covered for all tuition and fees by scholarships.

4. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Having no further business, Chair Kuntz adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Karen Dennis, Executive Assistant

Tom Kuntz, Chair