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Chair Mori Hosseini convened the meeting at 8:34 a.m., on March 20, 2014, with the following members present: Vice Chair Tom Kuntz; Dick Beard; Matthew Carter; Manoj Chopra; Dean Colson; Daniel Doyle, Jr.; Carlo Fassi; Patricia Frost; H. Wayne Huizenga, Jr.; Ned C. Lautenbach; Alan Levine; Ed Morton; Commissioner Pam Stewart; Norman Tripp; and Elizabeth Webster.

1. Visit from the Honorable Don Gaetz, President of the Florida Senate

Chair Hosseini welcomed President Gaetz and thanked him for his support of higher education, the Board of Governors, the Board's performance funding, and the Florida GI Bill. He said that President Gaetz's personal care for students, higher education and the State of Florida is unbelievable.

President Gaetz thanked the members of the Board of Governors for their service and leadership. He said that he appreciated that the Board was lashing education to the realities and opportunities in the State's economy through the performance funding model. He thanked the Board for saying that it matters whether students graduate in four years and get a job in their field of study. He said that he believes as Thomas Jefferson did that a college education should lead to a good job. He said that the Senate supports the metrics put forth by the Board of Governors. He stated that the Senate will bet the people's money on rewarding performance.

Chair Hosseini thanked President Gaetz for his support and assured him that performance funding is the Board's first priority.

2. Chair's Report

Chair Hosseini thanked Vice Chair Les Pantin, President Barron, and Florida State University for hosting the meeting. He recognized President Barron for remarks.

President Barron said that he was proud of Florida State University because it has the strongest set of students in history. He said that the university has achieved the highest ranking in its history in the national rankings. He reported that Florida State was ranked as the most efficient university in the nation for the second year in a row.

President Barron discussed the Big Ideas campaign launched by Florida State four years ago that focuses on things such as assisting students in gaining national awards through the Office of National Fellowships and helping students to be successful in their careers through the entrepreneurs-in-residence program.

President Barron said that the thing that he is most proud of is the faculty and staff at Florida State. He said that he hopes to return to Florida some day as a Trustee or a member of the Board of Governors.

Chair Hosseini wished President Barron well at Penn State. He thanked President Barron for his leadership, hard work and dedication to the System and Florida State University.

Chair Hosseini thanked Larry Robinson for his service as Interim President at Florida A&M University. He said that President Robinson had done an incredible job.

Chair Hosseini welcomed new Florida Atlantic University President John Kelly.

Chair Hosseini recognized Daniel Doyle, Jr. as the newest member of the Board of Governors. Mr. Doyle said that he is proud to be a member of the Board and looks forward to the next seven years.

Chair Hosseini updated members on the stress test to focus on each institution's ability to adapt to changing circumstances from financial, operational, and programmatic perspectives. He said that he had been working with Chancellor Criser and staff on the parameters and that the members would receive more information.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. Board of Governors Meeting held January 16, 2014

Mr. Tripp moved that the Board approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on January 16, 2014, as presented. Mr. Lautenbach seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

3. Chancellor's Report

Chair Hosseini called on Chancellor Criser for his report. Chancellor Criser welcomed new staff: Carrie O'Rourke as Associate Vice Chancellor for Government Relations, Amy Beaven as STEM and Health Initiatives Director, and Alma Littles as a consultant to the Board on health initiatives.

Chancellor Criser congratulated Tom Kuntz on being elected as chair of the Higher Education Coordinating Council (HECC). He reported that he would continue to

leverage the HECC for areas of collaboration and communication with the other education sectors to best serve Florida's students.

Chancellor Criser congratulated President Hitt and the University of Central Florida Army ROTC for receiving the McArthur Award. He acknowledged Florida International University's work with the business community to bring wind, storm surge and rain flood insurance under one umbrella.

Chancellor Criser reported that the Board office is working with Enterprise Florida and Workforce Florida to engage the expertise of the universities on job creation. He said that the University of Florida would bring its expertise in working with potential employers and helping to translate what our institutions have to offer the business community to this effort.

#### 4. Public Comment

Chair Hosseini asked the Board's General Counsel Vikki Shirley if there are any requests for public comment for items on the Board's agenda. Ms. Shirley stated that no requests for public comment were received.

#### 5. Performance Funding

Chair Hosseini said that Board would hear a presentation from each university president on performance funding. He explained that each president will present a very high level review of the metrics and will identify metrics that their institution will focus on for improvement.

Chair Hosseini called on Florida A&M University Interim President Larry Robinson. Interim President Robinson said that Florida A&M University is determined to improve on its metrics. He said that Florida A&M would support capturing employment outside of Florida. Interim President Robinson discussed the following areas for improvement: six-year graduation rates, retention rates, percent of bachelor's degrees awarded without excess hours, and degrees awarded in areas of strategic emphasis/STEM. He said that Florida A&M University will address these areas by continuing to implement the student retention and debt reduction approved by the Board of Governors and by establishing a new College of Science and Technology, applying Title III and NSF grant funds toward STEM efforts, and hiring ten new faculty.

Chair Hosseini recognized Florida Atlantic University President John Kelly. President Kelly said that Florida Atlantic University would target the six-year graduation rate and the academic progress rate. He reported that Florida Atlantic would employ strategies such as hiring 22 strategic advisors, adopting a new advising system to target at-risk

students, developing plans for study for entering students, and implementing mandatory advising sessions for at-risk entering students.

Chair Hosseini called on Florida Gulf Coast University President Brad Bradshaw. President Bradshaw said that Florida Gulf Coast University would focus on the four metrics with a score below three: six-year graduation rates, academic progress rate, average cost per undergraduate degree, and graduate degrees awarded in areas of strategic emphasis/STEM. He reported that Florida Gulf Coast would, among other initiatives, expand its honors program, increase merit-based aid, create a comprehensive student learning program, reduce the student to advisor ratio, utilize a new early warning system, request facilities funding for new science classrooms, and add a biochemistry degree.

Chair Hosseini called on Florida International University President Mark Rosenberg. President Rosenberg reviewed the ten performance funding metrics for Florida International University. He discussed working to reduce the student-faculty ratio to improve the average cost per undergraduate degree. He said that he was concerned about changes to the state scholarship program because the increased SAT scores required for state scholarships would result in 75% of incoming Florida International University students not qualifying for scholarships (assuming the student profile remains the same). He said that the university would lose \$5,000,000, and they are working to raise private funds. Board members discussed the issue with Bright Futures and the need to address the problem because the State of Florida already has an access problem.

6. Visit from the Honorable Will Weatherford, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives

Chair Hosseini welcomed Speaker Weatherford and thanked him for being a great friend to the Board of Governors and the State University System. He said that Speaker Weatherford has supported performance funding and online education. He recognized two members of the Speaker's staff: Chief of Staff Kathy Mears who is a champion and Lynn Cobb who is always dedicated to higher education.

Speaker Weatherford thanked Chair Hosseini and former Chair Dean Colson for creating a great relationship with the Legislature. He said that he is proud of UF Online, Complete Florida, and pre-eminence. He explained that the Legislature is working on making a significant investment in higher education - including performance funding and facilities funding. He said that the Legislature is also working on tuition equality by fixing the system of investing tax dollars in high school students then not treating them like Floridians when they enter higher education. He thanked the members of the Board, Chancellor Criser, and the university presidents for being great partners to the Florida House of Representatives.

## 7. Performance Funding

Chair Hosseini called on Florida State University President Eric Barron. President Barron said that Florida State University's key areas of investment would be the following metrics: employment, wages, national awards, and areas of strategic emphasis/STEM. He said that Florida State would focus on creating a culture of entrepreneurship, working with Florida A&M University and Tallahassee Community College on job creation in the Tallahassee region, investing in its career center, and investing pre-eminence funding in hiring STEM faculty as well as providing scholarships for STEM-ready students with high SAT scores.

Chair Hosseini called on New College of Florida President Donal O'Shea. President O'Shea said that New College would focus on the percentage of bachelor's graduates employed and/or continuing their education one year after graduation, median wages of bachelor's graduates employed in Florida one year after graduation, academic progress rate, and the number of freshmen in the top 10% of high school class. He discussed efforts to counsel students on careers and to create a position in the career center devoted to internships. President O'Shea and members discussed the return on the State's investment at New College as well as the possibility of adding data on students who are employed outside of Florida and looking at wages five years after graduation.

Chair Hosseini called on University of Central Florida President John Hitt. President Hitt reviewed the ten performance funding metrics for the University of Central Florida. He discussed strategies to improve on the metrics including DirectConnect, online education, enhancing undergraduate success, offering focused student aid to encourage seniors to graduate on time, and increasing graduate degrees awarded in areas of strategic emphasis. He stressed that academic success at the University of Central Florida will be helped by its new Florida Consortium partnership with the University of South Florida and Florida International University.

Chair Hosseini called on University of Florida President Bernie Machen. President Machen said that the University of Florida fully supports performance funding. He said that he would like to see an expansion to include data on students who are employed outside of Florida and data on wages from employment outside of Florida. He also said that the average cost per undergraduate degree is an imperfect metric. Discussion with members included whether the performance funding metrics and pre-eminence metrics clash. President Machen said that about one-third of the performance funding metrics, including the institution-specific metrics for the University of Florida, are part of the pre-eminence metrics. He pointed out that the University of Florida built its pre-eminence goals based on an assumption that the university would receive additional tuition dollars.

Chair Hosseini called on University of North Florida President John Delaney. President Delaney said that the University of North Florida is successful in the percentage of graduates who are in employed in Florida. He said that one of the challenges for the University of North Florida is its six-year graduation rate. He said that some of the strategies that the university will use to improve that metric include offering supplemental instruction, providing tutoring, reviewing gateway courses, and providing financial aid. Discussion with the members included the impact of students who transfer to other institutions on the six-year graduation rate.

Chair Hosseini called on University of South Florida President Judy Genshaft. President Genshaft said that the University of South Florida would focus on three areas: students who graduate without excess hours, post-graduation employment, and six-year graduation rates. She reported that the University of South Florida had implemented a policy of limiting double majors to reduce excess hours, added numerous services including academic roadmaps and new student success advisors to ensure employment success, and adopted high impact practices such as increased need-based aid and a more effective First Year Experience program to increase six-year graduation rates. She said that she is proud of the burgeoning collaboration with Florida International University and the University of Central Florida and hopes that the Board will approve grants to support that collaboration later in the day.

Chair Hosseini called on University of West Florida President Judy Bense. President Bense said that the University of West Florida would not be last in performance funding for long because staff have been assigned responsibility for improvement on each metric. She reported that the university would focus on improving the retention rate and the six-year graduation rate. She said that the university will address the retention rate through efforts such as improvements in the early warning system and will address the graduation rate through individual outreach to determine what a student in the fourth or fifth year needs to finish. She said that the university is also focusing on changes to the financial aid strategy to focus on students who are most likely to finish. President Bense said that she had heard some great ideas from the other System institutions and would consider implementing some of those ideas as well.

Chair Hosseini thanked all of the presidents for the presentations. He assured the universities that the Board of Governors will fight for the students and for the future of the State of Florida.

#### 8. Confirmation of Interim President for Florida State University

Chair Hosseini informed the members that the Board of Trustees of Florida State University on March 7, 2014, selected Dr. Garnett S. Stokes as the candidate to serve as the interim president beginning at the close of business on April 2, 2014. He reported



that Dr. Stokes is the current provost at Florida State. He further stated that Allan Bense, Chair of the Florida State University Board of Trustees submitted a request that the Board of Governors confirm Dr. Stokes as interim president.

Chair Hosseini recognized Mr. Bense to present Dr. Stokes for confirmation. Mr. Bense said that he was honored to present Provost Stokes on behalf of the Florida State University Board of Trustees to the Board of Governors for approval. Mr. Bense said that Dr. Stokes has been with Florida State for three years and is very focused on getting Florida State University into the top twenty-five. He said that he humbly asked for approval from the Board of Governors.

Chair Hosseini recognized Dr. Stokes. Dr. Stokes said it was a pleasure to be before the Board of Governors today. She said that as interim president she would focus on several things related to performance funding metrics and pre-eminence metrics: strategic faculty hires, offering 21<sup>st</sup> century courses that focus broad and critical thinking into the first two years of study, infusing critical thinking into the last two years of study, and embedding career liaisons into academic areas to work with faculty on internships. Dr. Stokes said that other efforts include using data analytics to complement the mapping system. She said that she is also looking forward to transforming one of the most blighted areas of Tallahassee with a revitalized the Civic Center into a pedestrian-friendly area called the Madison Mile. Provost Stokes stated that her plan as interim president would be to push the agenda for getting into the top twenty-five forward; to continue the legacy of a student-centered university that is focused on excellence, continual improvement, and innovation; and to continue to capital campaign.

Discussion with Board members included the integration of the performance funding metrics and the pre-eminence metrics. Dr. Stokes agreed that they do not clash.

Mr. Colson moved that the Board confirm Dr. Garnett S. Stokes as the Interim President of Florida State University effective close of business on April 2, 2014. Mr. Levine seconded the motion. The members of the Board concurred in the motion unanimously. Chair Hosseini congratulated Dr. Stokes.

#### 9. Consideration of Amendments to Board Operating Procedures

Chair Hosseini recognized the Board's General Counsel Vikki Shirley to explain amendments to the Board Operating Procedures. Ms Shirley explained that the revised operating procedures incorporate the description of the scope of responsibility of the new Innovation and Online Committee. She said that the revisions also change the title from Trustee Nominating and Development Committee to Nomination and Governance and address the governance responsibility of that Committee. She explained that the revisions expand the scope the Audit and Compliance Committee to

include review of financial and operations audits of the universities, to address repeat audit findings at the universities, and to perform due diligence for data integrity.

Mr. Colson moved that the Board approve the amendments to the Board Operating Procedures. Ms. Tripp seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

Chair Hosseini adjourned the meeting for lunch at 12:08 p.m. Chair Hosseini reconvened the meeting at 12:56 p.m. with the following members present: Vice Chair Tom Kuntz; Dick Beard; Matthew Carter; Manoj Chopra; Dean Colson; Daniel Doyle, Jr.; Carlo Fassi; Patricia Frost; H. Wayne Huizenga, Jr.; Ned C. Lautenbach; Alan Levine; Ed Morton; Norman Tripp; and Elizabeth Webster.

Chair Hosseini asked the members to combine committee reports and committee priorities in the interest of time. He also asked members to make all reports at the same time, including any special assignments.

10. Select Committee on Florida Polytechnic Report

Chair Hosseini called on Mr. Kuntz for his reports. Mr. Kuntz first provided the Select Committee on Florida Polytechnic University report.

Mr. Kuntz reported that the committee received a monthly report and asked for a modification to the information being presented to include an assessment from both Florida Polytechnic and Board staff. He reported that the committee will continue to monitor progress to assess whether Florida Polytechnic University is on track to meet the December 2016 deadline. He stated that the committee feels like the university is currently on track.

11. Budget and Finance Committee Report

Mr. Kuntz next provided the Budget and Finance Committee report. He reported that the committee has one action item.

A. Auxiliary Facilities 2014-2015 Operating Budget

Mr. Kuntz moved that the Board approve the Auxiliary Facilities 2014-2015 Operating Budgets. Mr. Lautenbach seconded the motion, and the members of the Board concurred unanimously.

Mr. Kuntz reported that the committee discussed performance funding, shared services, and tuition and fee flexibility. He said that the committee was fully supportive of the concept of aggregating tuition differential amounts with other tuition dollars to provide

greater flexibility. He reported that the committee asked Chancellor Criser to research and discuss tuition flexibility with the executive and legislative branches.

B. Committee Priorities

Mr. Kuntz presented three committee priorities for the next two years: (1) continue to advocate for increased funding levels for the universities through the Legislative Budget Request, (2) implement the performance funding model and make any needed improvements, and (3) scope the efficiencies that may be gained by better utilizing shared services and redeploy the savings into the System.

12. Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report

Chair Hosseini called on Mr. Tripp for his reports. Mr. Tripp first provided the Academic and Student Affairs Committee report. He reported that the committee continued to explore research issues in the System and heard a presentation on ExpertNet.

A. Approval of Awards for the Target Educational Attainment Grant Program

On behalf of the committee, Mr. Tripp moved that the Board approve the recommendations of the Commission on Florida Higher Education Access and Degree Attainment to award Targeted Educational Attainment (TEAm) grants as follows: (1) CSIT: An Urban University Coalition Response to Florida's Computer and Information Technology Workforce Needs (University of Central Florida, University of South Florida, and Florida International University) - \$4,858,413, (2) An Innovative, Collaborative Approach to Increasing the Supply of Quality Accounting Graduates in Florida (University of Central Florida, Florida International University, and University of South Florida) - \$3,643,157, (3) The FITC Alliance: Expanding North Florida's IT Career Pathways (Florida State University and Florida A&M University) - \$2,981,386, and (4) CAPTURE Project: Computer Accelerated Pipeline to Unlock Regional Excellence (Florida Atlantic University, Palm Beach State College, and Broward College) - \$3,517,044. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. After discussion about ensuring a return on investment of these monies, the members of the Board concurred unanimously.

B. Public Notice of Intent to Establish Board of Governors Regulation 8.005 General Education Core Course Options

Mr. Tripp moved that the Board approve the public notice of intent to establish Board of Governors Regulation 8.005 General Education Core Course Options. Mr. Carter seconded the motion, and the members of the Board concurred unanimously.

### C. Committee Priorities

Mr. Tripp presented the committee priorities for the next two years. He said that activities will include providing leadership for the development of System-level policies on academic issues and reviewing requests for new academic programs, limited access, and exceptions to program length. He reported that the committee will also work on student affairs issues with input from the Council on Student Affairs and the Florida Student Association. He added that the committee will focus on greater coordination of academic affairs with the Florida College System; an examination of student retention issues including time-to-degree; monitoring and receiving updates from the CAVP Academic Coordination Project; and a review of research, innovation, and workforce development in the System.

#### 13. Florida Polytechnic University Presidential Search Committee Update

Mr. Tripp reported that he is serving as the Board of Governors representative on the Florida Polytechnic University Presidential Search Committee. He further reported that the members of the committee also include all members of the Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees and the Chair of the Florida Polytechnic University Foundation Cindy Alexander. He said that there are three sub-committees: (1) credentials chaired by Richard Hallion, (2) compensation chaired by Scott Hammack, and (3) campus and community visits chaired by Don Wilson. Mr. Tripp reported that he is a member of the compensation sub-committee.

Mr. Tripp reported that the Presidential Search Committee selected Funk & Associates as the search committee. He stated that the compensation sub-committee hired a consultant with the Association of Governing Boards to recommend a compensation package. He reviewed the criteria adopted by the credentials sub-committee as primary guidelines for the review of applications: (1) leadership, innovation, and vision, (2) ability to develop funding and support, (3) STEM background and experience, (4) educational leadership and administrative/management experience, (5) outstanding communications, and (6) prior experience with the Legislative process.

Mr. Tripp reported that the Presidential Search Committee hopes to have its work completed by the spring or early summer. He said that the university hopes to have its first president in place by the beginning of the school year in the fall.

#### 14. Strategic Planning Committee Report

Chair Hosseini called on Mr. Colson for the Strategic Planning Committee report. Mr. Colson reported that the committee addressed three items.

A. Further Consideration of Strategic Plan Alignment: Revision of Florida A&M University's Accountability Metrics

Mr. Colson reported that the committee held a discussion of strategic plan alignment. He said that the committee would continue to address strategic plan alignment for the next six months and plans to make recommendations to the Board by the end of 2014.

Mr. Colson moved that the Board approve a technical change to Florida A&M University's annual accountability report to change the 6-year graduation rate for the 2007-13 cohort from 39% to 41%. Mr. Morton seconded the motion. After discussion, the members of the Board concurred unanimously.

B. Mission Change for New College of Florida

Mr. Colson moved that the Board grant NCF a change in mission to include the ability to grant Master's Level certificates and degrees subject to first receiving approval from the Board of Governors for any degrees to be offered at the Master's level and provided that there is no change to New College's basic Carnegie Classification. Mr. Beard seconded the motion.

Members engaged in a discussion of the motion. Some members expressed concern about mission creep and program duplication. Other members objected to the process of requesting funding from the Legislature without first discussing the request with the Board of Governors. Some members expressed support for allowing the mission change by New College because the Board of Governors would not be approving a specific master's program under this motion but would require New College to bring a request for a program back to the Board of Governors for approval at a later date.

After discussion, the members of the Board approved the motion 8-7 with Mr. Carter, Ms. Frost, Mr. Huizenga, Mr. Lautenbach, Mr. Levine, Mr. Tripp, and Ms. Webster voting no.

C. Committee Priorities

Mr. Colson presented the committee priorities for the next two years. He said that the committee will focus on strategic plan alignment, annual university work plans, the annual accountability report, assessment of pre-eminent institutions, discussion of the recommendations of the American Council on Trustees and Alumni, and System growth.

15. Audit and Compliance Committee Report

Chair Hosseini called on Mr. Levine for the Audit and Compliance Committee report. Mr. Levine reported that the committee heard a presentation about how the universities currently validate data submissions.

A. Committee Priorities

Mr. Levine presented the committee priorities for the next two years. He said that the committee will continue to conduct periodic updates of the charters and will add two components: (1) performance funding data integrity and (2) operations of the Boards of Trustees Audit Committees. He said that the role of the committee is to be skeptical.

Mr. Levine reported that the committee will work on periodic review of the data definitions related to performance funding. He stated that the committee will engage the Boards of Trustees and the university president in the validation of the data. Mr. Levine stated that he has directed the Inspector General to develop a certification document to be signed by the university president and the university Board of Trustees that the university has reported complete and accurate performance funding data. He elaborated that the certification will require an assessment of the controls and monitoring processing in place at the university.

Mr. Levine said that he had also directed the Inspector General to engage the audit committee of each university Board of Trustees to perform a quality assurance self-assessment of both the university board's audit committee and the university's chief audit executive. He reported that the committee would like to host a meeting of the Board of Trustees Audit Committee Chairs, the university Chief Audit Executive, and the Board of Governors Audit Committee.

16. Innovation and Online Committee Report

Chair Hosseini called on Mr. Lautenbach for the Innovation and Online Committee report. Mr. Lautenbach reported that the committee heard reports from Complete Florida and UF Online. He said that the committee received a status report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Task Force on Postsecondary Online Education.

A. Committee Priorities

Mr. Lautenbach presented the committee priorities for the next two years. He reviewed the charge for the committee and said that key words for the focus of the committee are transformative and innovative. Mr. Lautenbach said that the committee will form an advisory group to help vet issues and to provide guidance on developing System-wide

policies. He said that the committee will review critical trends and emerging issues and reported that staff has already begun identifying innovations in higher education.

Mr. Lautenbach said that the committee will monitor the recommendations of the Task Force on Postsecondary Online Education. He said that the committee will hold a meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup> at Florida Gulf Coast University to discuss current online efforts in the System.

#### 17. Health Initiatives Committee Report

Chair Hosseini called on Mr. Morton for the Health Initiatives Committee report. Mr. Morton reported that the committee held its first meeting and approved its work plan. He stated that the committee discussed emerging trends in the health arena.

##### A. Committee Priorities

Mr. Morton presented the committee priorities for the next two years. He reviewed the predicate for the committee. He stated that the committee's responsibility will cover issues that impact approximately 40% of the State's economy, the majority of university research, and the preponderance of new high-paying jobs in the State.

Mr. Morton informed the Board that the work plan will begin with an environmental scan to determine where we are in health initiatives as a State. He said that the anticipated timeframe of the environmental scan is ten months and will include the input of the advisory group. He said that the report on the environmental scan should be on the agenda for the Board in January 2015.

Mr. Morton reported that the committee's next step would involve developing a strategic plan for health initiatives to benefit the students and taxpayers of Florida. He said that the Health Initiatives Committee would work with the Strategic Planning Committee to ensure that the committee's strategic plan is closely integrated with the Board's strategic plan.

##### B. Approval of Committee Two-Year Work Plan

Mr. Morton moved that the Board Approve Health Initiatives Committee Work Plan. Mr. Colson seconded the motion, and the members of the Board concurred unanimously.

#### 18. Legislative Affairs Committee Priorities

Chair Hosseini called on Mr. Beard to present the priorities of the Legislative Affairs Committee for the next two years. Mr. Beard reported that the committee would

continue tracking bills this Session. He said that the committee will work in the second year on finding a source of funding for facilities projects.

Mr. Beard reported that the Legislature passed the GI bill and that the bill is awaiting the signature of the Governor. He further reported that the budgets were released yesterday, that staff was reviewing them, and that members would receive additional information soon. He also provided an update on some of the bills being considered by the Legislature including bills addressing performance funding, public-private partnerships, Florida Prepaid, Bright Futures, residency requirements for illegal immigrants, differential tuition, other tuition increases, and revenue to address the PECO issue.

#### 19. Facilities Committee Priorities

Chair Hosseini called on Mr. Huizenga to present the priorities of the Facilities Committee for the next two years. Mr. Huizenga reported that the committee would focus on providing an appropriate level of facilities funding and would review the current LBR forms to ensure that they provide the data necessary to effectively evaluate projects and to identify the strategic importance of monies requested. He said that the Board would adopt the primary project list in September and hold another meeting in October to review the facilities projects requested by the universities. He stated that the committee would finalize the Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request in January.

Mr. Huizenga reported that the committee would review and approve the educational plant survey. He said that the plant survey process would become a comprehensive master planning document.

Mr. Huizenga reported that the committee would work with the Board of Trustees and university presidents to determine which facilities would best enhance the university's distinctive mission. He said that the committee would seek guidance from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee on whether unnecessary programs or program duplication would affect needs for additional facilities.

Mr. Huizenga stated that the committee would work to implement any legislation coming from Legislative Session regarding public private partnerships. He also said that the committee will continue to consider bond issuances as they arise.

#### 20. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Chair Hosseini reported that the next meeting on the calendar is a conference call scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup>. He advised members that there would not be a conference call for the whole Board; instead, the Innovation and Online Committee would hold an in-



person meeting at Florida Gulf Coast University to hear reports from each of the universities about online efforts.

Chair Hosseini reminded members Board that the next in-person meeting would be held on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at the University of Central Florida. He said that he looks forward to the three-day meeting.

Mr. Fassi said that he would like to recognize Chancellor Criser and the Board office staff for the work that they do on behalf of the students and the System. He said that it had been a pleasure to serve under both Chair Colson and Chair Hosseini. Chair Hosseini thanked Mr. Fassi for the work that he had done for the past year. He said that Mr. Fassi had done a great job representing the students.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m., March 20, 2014.

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Mori Hosseini, Chair

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Monoka Venters,  
Corporate Secretary