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Chair Mori Hosseini convened the meeting of the Nomination and Governance Committee of the Board of Governors on June 19, 2014, at 9:36 a.m., with the following members present and answering roll call: Dean Colson, Tom Kuntz, Wendy Link, and Norman Tripp.

1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held November 20, 2013

Mr. Kuntz moved that the committee approve the Minutes of the meeting held at Florida International University on November 20, 2013, as presented. Mr. Colson seconded the motion, and the members concurred.

2. Appointment of University Trustee: University of Florida

Chair Hosseini reported there is a vacancy on the University of Florida Board of Trustees. He further reported that he, Mr. Colson, and Mr. Kuntz were the members of the sub-committee who vetted the applicants. He stated the sub-committee has completed interviews and is prepared to make a recommendation. He called on Mr. Colson for a report.

Mr. Colson made a recommendation to appoint David Lee Brandon. Mr. Brandon is President of Brandon Construction Company and a resident of Palm Harbor. Mr. Brandon is a member of the Local Planning Agency for Pinellas County and is very active in his local community. He has served as the Chair of the YMCA of Suncoast, as the President of the Palm Harbor Chamber of Commerce, and is currently on the Jefferson Bank Board of Directors. Mr. Brandon is a graduate of the University of Florida and also serves on the University of Florida Rinker School of Construction Management Executive Council. He further reported the Committee received a letter of support for Mr. Brandon from President Machen.

Mr. Colson moved the Nomination and Governance Committee to recommend that the full Board appoint David Lee Brandon to the University of Florida Board of Trustees for

a term beginning June 19, 2014, and ending January 6, 2015. The appointment is subject to confirmation by the Senate and to Mr. Brandon attending an orientation session. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion. Members of the Committee concurred in the motion unanimously.

2. Updates on Ongoing Presidential Searches

Chair Hosseini called on Mr. Kuntz to provide an update on the University of Florida presidential search. Mr. Kuntz stated he is a member of the search committee and also serves on a sub-committee tasked with developing the position criteria. Mr. Kuntz reported that the depth of information provided to the committees and the outreach activities conducted to solicit feedback from numerous stakeholders has been impressive. The criteria sub-committee received a large amount of feedback and subsequently met in May and approved the position criteria. The communications sub-committee also met and approved a communications plan. Overall, he described the search process as well-organized and inclusive.

Chair Hosseini next recognized Mr. Morton to provide an update on the Florida State University presidential search. Mr. Morton stated he is a member of the search committee that is comprised of faculty, students, trustees, and local community members. He reported the search process began in May with the selection of Mr. Bill Funk to serve as the search consultant tasked with recruiting applicants and assisting the committee with the search. At a subsequent meeting, Mr. Funk advised the search committee that in light of the widely reported potential candidacy of a well-known legislator, the search process should be held in abeyance in order for the search committee to interview the individual to determine if the individual was a viable candidate. On a divided vote, the search committee accepted Mr. Funk's recommendation but before the interview could be conducted, the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court submitted an application. The search committee met again and decided to continue with the search as previously planned. In the interim, the Florida State University Faculty Senate held a meeting and expressed a vote of no confidence in Mr. Funk. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Funk resigned and the search committee decided to locate a new search consultant and establish a new timeline for the search.

Chair Hosseini thanked the members for their reports, noting that few decisions have a greater impact on a university than the selection of its president. He stressed the significant role of the boards of trustees in selecting candidates and the rigorous review undertaken by the Board of Governors in the confirmation process. Chair Hosseini then outlined ways in which the presidential search process could be strengthened and become a national model of best practice. He said that if it is the consensus of the committee, he would ask Mr. Kuntz and Chancellor Criser to develop recommendations to bring back to the committee. Mr. Colson stated he has always supported the role of the boards of trustees but in light of recent events, agrees there is a

greater role for the Board of Governors to play. Mr. Levine agreed with Chair Hosseini that selection of a president is a critical function and the Board should be looking at best practices to ensure we have a process that results in the best candidate for the position. Mr. Kuntz stated the recent presidential searches each followed very different processes and highlights the need for a more consistent process across the System. Mr. Carter noted the Board has a constitutional obligation to exercise its authority if candidates who are not qualified are brought forward, and Mr. Tripp stressed the importance of working with the boards of trustees in a partnership in order to select the best possible candidate for the position. Ms. Frost suggested the Board may want to consider whether presidential searches should be conducted outside of the open meeting requirements of the Sunshine law, which may attract more qualified candidates who may otherwise not apply. Mr. Cavallaro said from the student perspective, the process should be clear-cut and consistent with best practices. He also saw the opportunity for more involvement by the Board of Governors. At the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Tripp moved that Mr. Kuntz and Chancellor Criser develop recommendations on the presidential search process for the committee to consider. Ms. Link seconded the motion, and the members concurred.

3. Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m., June 19, 2014.

Mori Hosseini, Chair

Vikki Shirley,
Interim Corporate Secretary