

MINUTES
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BOARD OF GOVERNORS
SELECT COMMITTEE ON FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC
FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA
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1. Call to Order

Governor Tom Kuntz called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. on March 19, 2015, with the following members present and answering roll call: Governor Wendy Link. A quorum was established. Other Board members in attendance were Governors Mori Hosseini, Dick Beard, Matt Carter (by teleconference), Stefano Cavallaro, Dean Colson, Patricia Frost, H. Wayne Huizenga, Jr., Ned Lautenbach, Alan Levine, Katherine Robinson, Pam Stewart, and Norman Tripp.

2. Meeting Minutes

Governor Link moved that the Committee approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 21, 2015, as presented. The motion was seconded by Governor Kuntz, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Dr. Randy Avent, President of Florida Polytechnic University Status Report

Dr. Randy Avent, President of Florida Polytechnic University, provided a status update on the University's progress toward meeting its six statutory requirements of STEM academic programs, administrative capability, facilities and construction, enrollment, regional accreditation, and discipline specific accreditation. Dr. Avent noted that, of the six statutory requirements, three (STEM academic programs, administrative capability, and facilities and construction) have been completed and that substantial progress was being made on the remaining three requirements.

With regard to student enrollment, the President indicated that 553 students were enrolled for the Spring 2015 semester. He noted that the Fall-to-Spring persistence rate was 97.4%. He indicated, further, that there had been a 200% increase in prospective student inquiries for the Fall 2015 semester. With respect to the provision of

coursework, President Avent said that 54 courses and 129 class sections were currently being offered. Florida Polytechnic University currently has 51 faculty, with an additional 30 hires being planned.

With respect to research endeavors, Dr. Avent noted that the University has over five million dollars in research funding. The University also has 89 industry partners, 23 of which are interested in funding research.

The University submitted the application for candidacy for SACSSOC accreditation in December 2014. The discipline-specific accreditation (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology) application is also in progress and is being developed in parallel with SACSSOC accreditation.

In summary, President Avent indicated that Florida Polytechnic University was making strong progress on gaining accreditation, that the Fall 2014 focus had been on developing responsive programs and services to achieve mandated student enrollment, that the Spring 2015 focus was on growing and building research infrastructure and capabilities, and that the University had established stability in its administrative practices.

4. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Select Committee, Governor Kuntz adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

Tom Kuntz, Chair

R. E. LeMon,
Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs