

MINUTES
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
New Trustee Orientation

Marshall Student Center
University of South Florida
4103 USF Cedar Circle
Tampa, FL and Via Zoom

June 21, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

A meeting was noticed and held for providing a new trustee orientation to newly appointed Trustees. Board of Governors staff, including: Chancellor Ray Rodrigues, Julie Leftheris, Tim Jones, Jon Rogers, Renee Fargason, Rachel Kamoutsas, Kevin Pichard, Shannon True and Christy England, offered a brief overview of their role, their respective committees responsibilities and answered questions.

Newly appointed Trustees in attendance were: FAMU – Jamal Brown, Natlie Figgers; FAU - Dalia Calvillo; FGCU – Peter Sulick; FSU – Jack Hitchcock, Bridgett Y Birmingham; FIU – Alan Gonzalez, Roger Tovar, Alexander Sutton; NCF – Matthew Spalding, Mark Bauerlin, Debra Jenks; UCF – Brandon Greenaway; UF – Patrick Zulipski, Dan O’Keefe, Danaya Wright; and UWF – Alonzie Scott, Anna Lochas.

Newly appointed faculty members and newly elected student government presidents were also invited to the New Trustee Orientation, although their participation is not required.

The Trustee Orientation started at 10:30 a.m. Chair Brian Lamb welcomed the trustees and introduced himself and gave a background of his personal experiences being on the Board of Trustees at USF. He continued by highlighting the most important duties of the Boards of Trustees and the structure of the Board of Governors.

Chancellor Rodrigues continues the overview and describes the relationship between the Board of Governors and the Boards of trustees.

Board of Governors Staff Presentations

Academic and Student Affairs Presentation

- Christy England, the Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs, introduces herself and her office, and gives a presentation on the Academic and Student affairs committee of the Board of Governors.

Office of Budget and Finance Presentation

- Tim Jones, the Vice Chancellor for Finance and the Chief Financial officer of the Board of Governors, gives a presentation highlighting the most important aspects of the budget as it relates to legislature and all other aspects of finance.
 - o An attendee asks if there is any training that the CFOs get across the system to learn about the best practices.
 - o Chair Lamb explains that the finance aspect of a trustee's position is one of the most important to pay attention to, as it has a large room for error.

Online Education Presentation

- Jon Rogers, the Associate Vice Chancellor for Innovation and Online Education, gave a presentation on the importance of online education in ensuring that the State University System is not impacted by a national issue such as the 2020 pandemic. He elaborates and gives an overview of the annual report to monitor student participation in online education.

Office of the Inspector General and Audit / Compliance Presentation

- Once Rogers concludes his presentation, Inspector General and Director of Compliance Julie Leftheris gives her presentation on accountability, audits, compliance, and reporting.

Presentation

- Dr. Tony Lee, the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Public Policy and Advocacy, gives a presentation on the role of legislation and public policy in regards to the Boards of Trustees.
- Rachel Kamoutsas then explains her role as Corporate Secretary and General Counsel and the duties of the Boards of Trustees as well as those of the Board of Governors.
 - o An attendee then asks Kamoutsas if there...
 - o An attendee then asks about where to get information from and where and with who one can relay this information...
- Kamoutsas also explains public records requests and what is to be public information and what is not.
 - o An attendee asks Kamoutsas about grants and grant work.

- Shannon True, Director of Trustee Relations and Assistant to the Chancellor, then gives a brief overview of her position and how it relates to the boards of trustees in terms of how they work with the Board of Governors office.
- Shannon True then introduces Kevin Pichard, who gives a brief presentation of Finance and Facilities, specifically mentioning proposals for capital projects.

The orientation concluded at 11:35 a.m.