

MINUTES
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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY
COMMITTEE
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1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Committee Vice Chair Kimberly Dunn convened the meeting at 2:31 p.m. with the following Governors present: Bell Barnett, Cerio, Dale, Good, Jones, Lukis, Okaty, and Perry. A quorum was established.

2. Minutes of Committee Meeting

Vice Chair Dunn requested a motion to approve the committee meeting minutes for January 28, 2026. Governor Cerio moved to approve, Governor Dale seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

3. Florida State University Foreign Activity Request

Vice Chair Dunn recognized Dr. Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University (FSU), to provide an overview of a proposed engagement involving a foreign principal of concern.

President McCullough stated that the university was seeking approval to participate in a research consortium sponsored by the Novo Nordisk Foundation. He explained that one of the 22 members of the proposed consortium is based in China and therefore requires the approval of the activity by Florida State University's Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors. President McCullough explained that the research would focus on developing pharmaceutical drugs to treat antibiotic-resistant bacteria. He stated that FSU would not share information or resources with other project members and that FSU would retain ownership of all intellectual property generated by the project. President McCullough added that the university completed a research security screening for participation in this consortium and found no concerns.

Chair Good called for a motion to approve Florida State University's Foreign Activity Request. Governor Jones moved to approve, Governor Bell Barnett seconded, and the motion passed.

4. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Having no further business, Chair Good adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

Carson Good, Chair

Vincent Scuteri, Policy Associate, Academic and Student Affairs