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1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

On June 13, 2019, Chair Ned C. Lautenbach convened the meeting at 10:52 a.m. with the following members present and answering roll call: Vice Chair Syd Kitson; Tim Cerio; Dr. Shawn Felton; H. Wayne Huizenga, Jr.; Zenani Johnson; Darlene Jordan; Brian Lamb; Alan Levine; Ed Morton; Dr. Steven Scott; Eric Silagy; Kent Stermon and Norman Tripp. Ms. Patricia Frost attended the meeting by telephone. Members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Chair’s Report to the Board of Governors

Chair Lautenbach thanked Vice Chair Les Muma, President Genshaft, and the University of South Florida for hosting the meeting. Vice Chair Muma welcomed members to the university and President Genshaft said she was pleased to have the Board visit the campus.

Chair Lautenbach welcomed several new members to the Board. Ms. Zenani Johnson is the new student member of the Board and is majoring in Psychology at the University of West Florida. Mr. Brian Lamb serves as the Executive Vice President and head of Wealth and Asset Management at Fifth Third Bank and is the immediate past chair of the University of South Florida Board of Trustees. Dr. Steven Scott is a board-certified physician and chair of Scott Holdings, LLC. He formerly served as the chair of the University of Florida Board of Trustees. Mr. Eric Silagy is President and Chief Executive Officer of Florida Power & Light Company, and Mr. Kent Stermon is the Chief Operating Officer of Total Military Management.

Chair Lautenbach announced U.S. News & World Report named Florida the No. 1 state for higher education for the third year in a row. He attributed this to the overall improvement the universities have been making on the performance funding metrics, especially those relating to graduation rates and affordability. Florida’s graduation rate has increased by 9.5 percent over the past five years and four-year degrees now cost, on average, less than $10,000. He thanked Florida’s elected leaders for their support which has enabled us to keep costs low while continuing to raise quality.

Chair Lautenbach next recognized President Saunders for her efforts in spearheading year-over-year improvements in the metrics at the University of West Florida. He also congratulated Florida State University for maintaining the top graduation rate in the State University System and for breaking the 70 percent barrier on graduation rates.

Chair Lautenbach recognized the five outgoing Board members, Mr. Jay Patel, Mr. Fred Salerno, Dr. Fernando Valverde, Ms. Jalisa White, and Dr. Zach Zachariah. Resolutions honoring their distinguished service and contributions to the State University System and the Board of Governors were presented to the Board for adoption. He expressed admiration for their focus on improving student outcomes and Ms. Shirley read the resolution honoring Mr. Patel, who was present to accept a framed certificate in recognition of his dedicated service. Ms. Jordan moved adoption of the resolutions, which was seconded by Mr. Lamb and the members concurred unanimously.

1. Minutes of Board of Governors Meeting
   1. Board of Governors Meeting held March 28, 2019

Mr. Tripp moved approval of the Minutes of the meeting held March 28, 2019, as presented. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

1. Chancellor’s Report

In the interest of time, Chancellor Criser kept his report brief but reminded members for every $1 a student pays in tuition, the state invests $3 plus another $1 in student assistance and scholarships such as Bright Futures, which factors into Florida’s No. 1 ranking. He explained we are developing a plan to remain the No. 1 state for postsecondary education for the fourth year and are working with Enterprise Florida to disseminate the message to businesses that Florida is, and will remain, the No. 1 state for higher education. Chancellor Criser presented current Board members and former Board chairs with a commemorative globe to mark the occasion of Florida being the No. 1 state for postsecondary education for three years in a row and thanked everyone for their contributions to this distinguished honor.

1. Overview of 2019 Legislation and Student Champion Award

Chair Lautenbach commented on the successful legislative session, which resulted in achieving a number of Board priorities including passage of House Bill 595, the medical amnesty bill. He recognized Representative David Silvers who sponsored House Bill 595, noting the legislation aims to save lives by providing immunity from prosecution for any person who seeks medical assistance for someone who is experiencing alcohol poisoning. Chair Lautenbach requested Representative Silvers join him at the podium for the presentation of the Student Champion award as a small token of the Board’s appreciation of Representative Silvers’ efforts to bring this legislation to fruition.

Representative Silvers thanked Chair Lautenbach and the Board, stating he is honored and humbled to accept the Student Champion award. He explained he has embraced the plight of the younger generation who are often overlooked and marginalized and whose rights are often impacted by gaps in the law. One such group involves students who engage in excessive alcohol consumption and whose lives may be saved if they or someone with them calls for medical assistance. He said the bill creates automatic immunity from prosecution for a person who calls for help for a person who has been drinking to excess.

He recounted a tragedy that occurred when he was attending the University of Florida where a student died as a result of excessive drinking and the students who were on the scene were under the age of 21 and afraid to call for help. He emphasized had one of those students made the call, the tragic death may have been avoided. He noted this situation, and others like it, is why the Board of Governors made this legislation a priority and why he was honored to sponsor the bill. He reported the number of alcohol-related deaths in the United States among 18-24 year olds is on the rise, growing from 200 in 1998 to nearly 1000 in 2014.

Representative Silvers announced Governor DeSantis signed House Bill 595 the week before and emphasized the next challenge is getting the word out to students about the bill to encourage them to make the call to save a life. He thanked the Board, Chancellor Criser and Ms. Kristin Whitaker, the Board’s Assistant Vice Chancellor of Public Policy and Advocacy, for their support during session.

Chair Lautenbach recognized Ms. Whitaker to provide an overview of the 2019 legislative session. He complimented Ms. Whitaker and Renee Fargason, the Board’s Director of Public Policy and Advocacy, on their hard work and effectiveness during session. Ms. Whitaker began by reporting on the final budget. Although the universities’ base budgets were cut by $35 million (shared proportionately across the State University System), total funding exceeded last year’s budget by $69 million. This funding included nearly all of the Board of Governors’ funding priorities for New College of Florida, Florida Atlantic University, the University of North Florida and Florida Gulf Coast University.

Ms. Whitaker next reported on policy bills that passed during session. She thanked Representative Silvers and Senator Jeff Brandes for their sponsorship and support of House Bill 595 which will result in saving lives and was a top priority of the Board of Governors, the universities, and the Florida Student Association. Senate Bill 1080, sponsored by Senator Lauren Book and Representative Chip LaMarca, amends Florida’s hazing statute to expand the type of conduct that could lead to criminal prosecution of persons engaged in hazing activities. The bill was spearheaded by Florida State University and is named after Mr. Andrew Coffey, an FSU student who tragically passed away as a result of an off-campus hazing incident. Ms. Whitaker thanked FSU for their efforts, stating this bill will send a message to all students about the extreme dangers of hazing.

Senate Bill 190, the higher education bill sponsored by Senator Kelli Stargel and Representative Ray Rodrigues, amends the Bright Futures Scholarship program by increasing the test scores required for eligibility for the Academic Scholars and Medallion Scholars awards; amends the excess credit hour surcharge; and establishes 2+2 targeted pathways articulation agreement requirements, in addition to the other provisions previously discussed in the Budget and Finance and Facilities Committees.

House Bill 7071, known as the Workforce Education bill, sponsored by Representative Amber Mariano and Senator Travis Hutson, establishes apprenticeships; career planning services; allows for the substitution of a science credit with computer science for purposes of high school graduation; requires school districts to offer financial literacy courses; and creates career and technical high school graduation pathways.

Senate Bill 620, known as Military Friendly initiative, sponsored by Senator Doug Broxson and Representative Mel Ponder, enables active duty members or their family members to qualify for in-state tuition at the time of admission even if they are subsequently deployed outside of Florida.

House Bill 741, the Anti-Semitism bill, sponsored by Representative Randy Fine and Senator Mike Caruso, prohibits discrimination on the basis of religion in the K-20 public school system.

In closing, Ms. Whitaker thanked Chair Lautenbach, Vice Chair Kitson and Governor Cerio for their efforts during the 2019 session. She also thanked the university governmental relations teams and gave a special thanks to the students, led by former Governor Jalisa White, who underscored the importance of legislative support for keeping higher education affordable and accessible for all students.

1. Recognition of Dr. Judy Genshaft, President, University of South Florida

Chair Lautenbach said it was fitting to be meeting at the University of South Florida given that the Board was going to honor President Genshaft’s extraordinary dedication and service to the university for the past nineteen years. He called on Vice Chair Les Muma of the University of South Florida Board of Trustees to begin the ceremony. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the entire university community, Mr. Muma said it was his honor to recognize President Genshaft for her fearless service to the university and the Tampa Bay community for the last nineteen years. He noted the university has become what she always envisioned and worked tirelessly for, and that was to become a preeminent state research university which regularly earns national and international recognition, while also serving the needs of the Tampa Bay community. Mr. Muma explained they created a video tribute because it is too difficult to put into words all of her accomplishments. The video tribute honoring her achievements was shown.

Mr. Muma thanked President Genshaft on her historic tenure and the legacy she is leaving and turned the ceremony back to Chair Lautenbach. Chair Lautenbach stated while the list of her accomplishments is long, the single theme that marks her presidency and sets her apart from others is the ambition and advocacy she displayed in representing the university and its students. Her heart and soul are imprinted on the university and now her name will grace a new Honors College thanks to a $23 million donation that she and her husband, Mr. Steven Greenbaum, gave to the university. This gift, combined with prior gifts made by President Genshaft and Mr. Greenbaum, now total $33 million.

Under President Genshaft’s leadership, USF was awarded preeminent status and has risen steadily in the ranks to become the No. 58 public university in the country as reported by U.S. News and World Report. During her tenure, the university experienced a 40% increase in enrollment, saw its four-year graduation rate triple from 24 to 61 percent, and closed the graduation gap by race, ethnicity and socioeconomic status. Equally impressive is the transformation on research. USF’s research activity has tripled to more than $568 million in annual expenditures, positioning USF as one of the nation’s top 30 public universities for research.

Chair Lautenbach also remarked on President Genshaft’s role as an economic leader in the Tampa Bay community and her service on the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce, the Tampa Bay Partnership, and the Tampa Hillsborough Economic Development Corporation. In closing, Chair Lautenbach congratulated President Genshaft on a remarkable career and presented her with a plaque commemorating her extraordinary service. Her achievements have left an indelible mark on the university that will reverberate for generations to come.

President Genshaft said this was emotional for her and that everyone wants to make a difference in what they do. She paraphrased Mr. Frank Morsani stating, the first part of your life you learn, the second part you earn, and in the third part, you return. She indicated the return may be financial or bringing others forward on a path to success. It has been her privilege to be a part of the State University System and to lead USF forward, but emphasized she did not do it alone. She thanked the Board of Governors and her board of trustees for their support and acknowledged the team she works with at USF, noting everyone has to grow in the same direction to hit the goals. She recognized her staff who were present at the meeting, stating she feels fortunate to have been surrounded by such capable people. She closed by expressing her passion for the University of South Florida and thanked everyone for their support.

1. Public Comment

The Board received two requests for public comment. The first speaker was Mr. Steven Pearson, a National Life member of the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical Alumni Association. Mr. Pearson expressed concern over the FAMU Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors limiting enrollment at the university, and the action taken by the FAMU Board of Trustees to reduce the number of students admitted under the profile mechanism from 20 to 15 percent. He explained of the 11,000 applicants for the next academic year, the university only plans to admit 1500 students. He contends this limit on enrollment conflicts with the mission of the university to provide educational opportunities to students and in particular to African American students. He requested the Board of Governors to not limit enrollment at FAMU.

Mr. James Ransom, representing the Tampa Organization of Black Affairs and the SMBG, was the next speaker. Mr. Ransom congratulated President Genshaft on her accomplishments and said he had previously met with Governor Brian Lamb when he was the chair of the University of South Florida Board of Trustees and President Genshaft about instituting changes in how the university spends money demographically by race and gender. He explained the university is working on a program but at some point, he and his organization would like to meet with the Board of Governors, the Legislature, and the Governor to discuss policies, procedures, or changes in law regarding institutional expenditures and how to make them more transparent and accountable. In addition, they would like to meet with the Board to discuss possible changes to presidential contracts. He thanked the Board for its time.

1. Board of Governors Self-Evaluation Survey Results

Chair Lautenbach recognized Dr. Traki L. Taylor to report on the Board of Governors Self Evaluation Survey results. Dr. Taylor presented information on the strengths and areas for improvement identified by members in response to the survey. All respondents agreed or strongly agreed the Board adheres to a code of ethics; advocates system interests to state agencies and legislators; is knowledgeable about state and regional higher education needs and university missions; monitors the effectiveness of the universities in fulfilling their missions through accountability and strategic planning measures; and promotes an environment where members feel engaged and empowered to raise issues for discussion. She noted members identified the following areas for improvement: the need to increase the understanding of university fiscal conditions and enhance fiscal oversight; increase the authority of and interactions with the Chancellor; and expand policy centric discussions. In response to what the Board should accomplish in the next two years, members recommended expanding their understanding of each university’s specific needs; enhancing training experiences and interactions with university trustees; ensuring workforce needs are met; and continued focus on improving graduation rates.

1. Confirmation of Reappointment of President for Florida Polytechnic University

Chair Lautenbach recognized Mr. Don Wilson, Chair of the Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees, to present Dr. Randy Avent for confirmation of his reappointment as President. Mr. Wilson stated he was pleased to recommend the extension of Dr. Avent’s contract to the Board for confirmation. The Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees voted unanimously to extend Dr. Avent’s contract through July 6, 2020.

For the benefit of new members on the Board, Mr. Wilson provided an overview of Dr. Avent’s educational and employment background and invited members to read the lengthy recitation of Dr. Avent’s accomplishments that was submitted with the request for confirmation. When building a new institution from the ground up, he noted new accomplishments occur each day. For example, Dr. Avent was with Governor DeSantis this morning at a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new SunTrax facility, located next to the Florida Polytechnic campus, which will serve as a research and development hub for autonomous vehicles and roadway design. Mr. Wilson said Florida Polytechnic will be an active participant in that research and development. Mr. Wilson requested the Board to confirm the extension of Dr. Avent’s contract.

Chair Lautenbach called for a motion to confirm Dr. Avent. Mr. Tripp made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Huizenga and the members present concurred unanimously.

1. Confirmation of Reappointment of President for New College of Florida

Chair Lautenbach recognized Mr. Felice Schulaner, Chair of the New College of Florida Board of Trustees, to present Dr. Donal O’Shea for confirmation of his reappointment as President. Ms. Schulaner said Dr. O’Shea and his team have been working diligently to implement the action plans in their Strategic Plan. In the first year of their growth plan, the college hired 15 highly qualified faculty to add depth and breadth to their academic programming, particularly in the areas of STEM and global competitiveness. They have also been reviewing staffing, programs, policies and processes in all areas to ensure they have the capacity to support their growth efforts. While they are deeply disappointed the enrollment targets will not be achieved in the first years of the plan, they believe the strategies they have instituted will allow them to achieve the 1,200 student goal slightly beyond the 2023 anticipated timeframe.

Ms. Schulaner said Dr. O’Shea is a driving force in the Cross College Alliance, which impacts over 18,000 students and provides opportunities for student and faculty collaborations. He secured a significant grant from the Andrew Mellon Foundation to promote relationships between the Alliance and the community’s arts organizations. Based on performance on that grant, the Mellon Foundation invited New College to submit a new proposal and they just received word they were awarded the grant. Ms. Schulaner indicated this is significant because the Mellon Foundation rarely awards grants to public institutions.

Dr. O’Shea is also engaged with the Sarasota-Manatee community, serving on the local chambers of commerce and the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges. He is also is deeply committed to New College’s success and his recent performance appraisal reflects the board of trustees’ confidence in his ability to lead the college. She noted July 1 marks the beginning of Dr. O’Shea’s eighth year as president and on June 8, 2019, the New College Board of Trustees unanimously approved the extension of his contract through June 30, 2020. Ms. Schulaner requested the Board confirm the extension of Dr. O’Shea’s contract.

Chair Lautenbach called for a motion to confirm Dr. O’Shea. Mr. Huizenga made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Jordan and the members present concurred unanimously.

1. Confirmation of Reappointment of President for Florida State University

Chair Lautenbach explained Mr. Ed Burr, Chair of the Florida State University Board of Trustees, was in the hospital or recovering and unable to attend. However, Chair Burr had submitted a letter requesting confirmation of President Thrasher’s term from November 10, 2019 to November 10, 2020, which included six pages of President Thrasher’s accomplishments. Chair Lautenbach read some of the highlights from the letter, which included: FSU moving up in the rankings from No. 43 to No. 26 in just four years; FSU researchers being awarded $226 million in grants; FSU leading in student retention at 93% and in four-year graduation rates at 68.4%; the cost per degree decreasing from $15,040 to $8,680 in the past three years; graduate student employment opportunities increasing by 12% over last year; and FSU being ranked in the top two most efficient universities by U. S. News and World Report.

The letter also referenced President Thrasher’s ability to respond to changing, dynamic circumstances and bringing people together to build strong internal and external partnerships. The Florida State University Board of Trustees voted unanimously to extend President Thrasher’s contract and requested the Board of Governors to confirm the extension.

Chair Lautenbach called for a motion to confirm Dr. Thrasher. Mr. Kitson made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Huizenga and the members present concurred unanimously. Governor Levine asked Chair Lautenbach if the Board could revisit the one-year limitation on contract extensions for university presidents. Chair Lautenbach indicated that issue could be revisited at a future meeting.

1. Strategic Planning Committee Report

Chair Lautenbach called on Ms. Jordan for the Strategic Planning Committee report. She stated the committee reviewed the 2019 university accountability plans, preeminent and emerging preeminent state research university annual status updates, and Florida International University’s 2025 Strategic Plan and its request to be designated as an Emerging Preeminent State Research University. She said the committee has nine action items for the Board’s consideration.

* 1. Florida International University 2025 Strategic Plan

Ms. Jordan moved approval of Florida International University’s 2025 Strategic Plan not contingent upon a legislative budget request or other sources of funding. Mr. Cerio seconded the motion and the members present concurred unanimously.

* 1. 2019 University Accountability Plans

Ms. Jordan moved approval of the 2019 Accountability Plans for the University of West Florida, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, New College of Florida, Florida Atlantic University, University of North Florida, University of Florida, and University of Central Florida, excluding those sections of the plans that require any additional regulatory or procedural review or approval pursuant to law or Board regulations, and that the Board accepts the out-year portions of the plans. Mr. Huizenga seconded the motion and the members present concurred unanimously.

Ms. Jordan moved approval of the Florida State University 2019 Accountability Plan, excluding those sections of the plan that require any additional regulatory or procedural review or approval pursuant to law or Board regulations, and that the Board accepts the out-year portions of the plan, as amended to restore the prior year goals for Metric 1. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion and the members present concurred unanimously.

Ms. Jordan moved approval of the University of South Florida 2019 Accountability Plan, excluding those sections of the plan that require any additional regulatory or procedural review or approval pursuant to law or Board regulations, and that the Board accepts the out-year portions of the plan, as amended to restore the prior year goals for Metric 4 for the 2015-2019 and 2017-2021 cohorts. Mr. Huizenga seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

Ms. Jordan moved approval of the Florida International University 2019 Accountability Plan, excluding those sections of the plan that require any additional regulatory or procedural review or approval pursuant to law or Board regulations, and that the Board accepts the out-year portions of the plan, as amended to restore the prior year goals for Performance Based Funding Metrics 1, 2, 6, and 7, and Preeminence Metrics 3, 6, and 10. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

Ms. Jordan moved approval of the Florida Gulf Coast University 2019 Accountability Plan, excluding those sections of the plan that require any additional regulatory or procedural review or approval pursuant to law or Board regulations, and that the Board accepts the out-year portions of the plan, as amended to restore the prior year goals for Performance Based Funding Metric 5 and to increase the goals for Metric 4 as follows: 2015-2019 cohort to 33%, 2016-2020 cohort to 37%, 2017-2021 cohort to 41%, and the 2018-2022 cohort to 45%. Mr. Huizenga seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

* 1. Preeminent and Emerging Preeminent State Research University Annual Status Updates

Ms. Jordan moved approval of the Preeminent State Research University Annual Status Updates from the University of Florida, Florida State University, and the University of South Florida. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

Ms. Jordan moved approval of the Emerging Preeminent State Research University Annual Status Update from the University of Central Florida. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

* 1. Designation of Florida International University as an Emerging Preeminent State Research University

Ms. Jordan made a motion to designate Florida International University as an Emerging Preeminent State Research University and to approve its five-year plan. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

1. Academic and Research Excellence Committee Report

Chair Lautenbach recognized Mr. Levine for the Academic and Research Excellence Committee report. He reported on a discussion he had with the university vice presidents of research regarding the fact the State University System has surpassed the 2025 research goal and collectively is now at $2.3 billion. He said they discussed increasing the goal to $3 billion and also discussed the lack of a strategic plan for research. Mr. Levine indicated he will agenda this item for the committee to discuss in August.

He also reported on a presentation by President Genshaft and Dr. Paul Sanberg, USF’s Vice President for Research, Innovation, and Knowledge Enterprise, regarding the substantial growth in research at the university. Finally, Mr. Levine said the committee was bringing forward one item for approval by the Board.

* 1. Consortium for Medical Marijuana Clinical Outcomes Research

Mr. Levine moved approval of the University of Florida as the lead institution for the Consortium for Medical Marijuana Clinical Outcomes Research and authorization to execute a one-year contract between the Board of Governors and the university to allocate $1.5 million in appropriated funds for fiscal year 2019-20. Mr. Morton seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

1. Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report

Chair Lautenbach recognized Mr. Tripp to report on the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. Mr. Tripp reported the committee took up five items for approval.

1. Ph.D. in Engineering and Computing Education, CIP 14.9999, Florida International University

Mr. Tripp moved approval of the Florida International University’s Ph.D. in Engineering and Computing Education, CIP 14.9999, at the currently approved tuition. Ms. Jordan seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

1. Doctor of Athletic Training, CIP 51.0913, University of Florida

Mr. Tripp moved approval of the University of Florida’s post-professional Doctor of Athletic Training, CIP 51.0913, at the currently approved graduate rate tuition. Ms. Jordan seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

1. Ph.D. in Anatomical Science Education, CIP 26.0403, University of Florida

Mr. Tripp moved approval of the University of Florida’s Ph.D. in Anatomical Science Education, CIP 26.0403, at the currently approved graduate rate tuition. Ms. Jordan seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

1. Ed.D. in Instructional Design and Technology, CIP 13.0501, University of West Florida

Mr. Tripp moved approval of the University of West Florida’s Ed.D. in Instructional Design and Technology, CIP 13.0501, at the currently approved graduate rate tuition. Mr. Kitson seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

1. Articulation Coordinating Committee Credit-By-Exam Equivalencies

Mr. Tripp moved approval of the February 27, 2019, Articulation Coordinating Committee Credit-By-Exam equivalencies. Ms. Jordan seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

1. Budget and Finance Committee Report

Chair Lautenbach recognized Mr. Kitson for the Budget and Finance Committee report.

Mr. Kitson stated that, like the other universities, Florida International University will be held accountable for the $15 million appropriation from the last legislative session and will present a work plan to the committee at its next meeting to articulate how it will spend the funding, what their goals are, and how it will impact student success. In addition, the committee has requested an update from New College of Florida, Florida Gulf Coast University, the University of North Florida, and Florida Atlantic University on the work plans associated with the funding those institutions received. Mr. Kitson then reported on several action items considered by the committee requiring Board approval.

* 1. Regulation 9.014 Collegiate License Plate Revenues

Mr. Kitson moved approval of an amendment to Board Regulation 9.014 to reflect a change made by the University of North Florida Board of Trustees to decrease the amount of license plate revenue to be used for fundraising. Ms. Jordan seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

* 1. Performance-Based Funding Allocation

Mr. Kitson moved approval of the Performance-Based Funding Allocation for the 2019-2020 fiscal year as presented. Ms. Jordan seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

* 1. Public Notice of Intent to Repeal Board of Governors Regulation 9.012 Requiring Disclosure of Gifts from Foreign Governments and Persons

Mr. Kitson moved approval to notice the Board’s intent to repeal Board of Governors Regulation 9.012 Disclosure of Gifts from Foreign Governments and Persons. Ms. Jordan seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

1. Facilities Committee Report

Chair Lautenbach recognized Mr. Huizenga for the Facilities Committee report. Mr. Huizenga said the committee discussed several items including the potential lease of a portion of the University of South Florida’s new College of Medicine facility by Tampa General Hospital and the work that Board staff has completed to date on the new points system for facilities constructed with Public Education Capital Outlay funds. Mr. Huizenga reported the committee has three items for approval by the Board.

* 1. University of Florida Educational Plant Survey

Mr. Huizenga called for a motion to approve the University of Florida Educational Plant Survey. Mr. Tripp made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Lamb and the members concurred unanimously.

* 1. New College of Florida Educational Plant Survey

Mr. Huizenga called for a motion to approve the New College of Florida Educational Plant Survey. Mr. Tripp made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Kitson and the members concurred unanimously.

* 1. Florida International University Aquatic Center Pool Repairs

Mr. Huizenga called for a motion to approve the use of Capital Improvement Trust Fund (CITF) funds for the Florida International University Aquatic Center pool repairs on the university’s Biscayne Bay Campus and to amend the Board's prior CITF project list to include this project. Mr. Tripp made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Kitson and the members concurred unanimously.

1. Audit and Compliance Committee Report

Chair Lautenbach recognized Mr. Cerio for the Audit and Compliance Committee report. Mr. Cerio reported the committee had several information items. The committee heard an update on the status of the investigation into the University of Central Florida’s potential misuse of additional educational and general funds for construction and expects a final report at the August meeting. The committee also heard from Ms. Nancy Watkins, the University of South Florida’s Audit and Compliance Committee Chair, who reported on the university’s review into the use of carryforward funds in the construction of the Dr. Kiran C. Patel Center for Global Solutions. And lastly, the committee received an update from Mr. Kelvin Lawson, the Chair of the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, on the status of the university’s athletics program cash deficit and the recent identification of financial improprieties at the university. Mr. Lawson described the university’s plan for aggressively addressing these financial issues as well as the ongoing efforts to erase the athletics program cash deficit.

The committee also has one action item requiring Board approval.

* 1. Office of Inspector General and Director of Compliance 2019-2020 Work Plan

Mr. Cerio moved approval of the Office of Inspector General and Director of Compliance 2019-2020 Work Plan. Ms. Jordan seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

1. Innovation and Online Committee Report

Chair Lautenbach called on Mr. Morton for the Innovation and Online Committee report. Mr. Morton stated that in addition to reviewing the quality metrics from the 2025 Strategic Plan for Online Education, the committee heard from two large companies that employ graduates from online programs. The committee also has one action item for the Board’s consideration.

* 1. State University System 2018 Annual Report for Online Education

Mr. Morton moved approval of the State University System 2018 Annual Report for Online Education. Ms. Jordan seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

1. Nomination and Governance Committee Report

Chair Lautenbach moved approval of the reappointment of Dr. Adrienne Perry to the Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees, subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate and attending an orientation session and annual Trustee Summits. The appointment term runs from June 13, 2019 to July 15, 2020. Mr. Kitson seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

Chair Lautenbach moved approval of the appointment of Mr. Michael Griffin to the University of South Florida Board of Trustees, subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate and attending an orientation session and annual Trustee Summits. The appointment term runs from June 13, 2019 to January 6, 2020. Mr. Kitson seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

1. New Member Orientation

Orientation sessions were held for new members Richard Corcoran, Zenani Johnson, Brian Lamb, Steve Scott, Eric Silagy, and Kent Stermon on June 11, 2019 and June 13, 2019. Chair Lautenbach and Vice Chair Kitson, together with Chancellor Criser and Board staff, provided information on the Board’s constitutional responsibilities and fiduciary duties; budgeting and revenue sources for university operations and capital facilities; performance based funding; the Board’s 2025 Strategic Plan and the strategic planning process and accountability plans; the Board’s audit and compliance function; Florida’s Sunshine laws and Code of Ethics; the Board’s Strategic Plan for Online Education; the process for planning and constructing educational facilities; the Board’s advocacy role; and communications.

1. Think Florida Presentation

On June 12, 2019, Chancellor Criser moderated a panel that included Mr. Dale Ketcham, the Vice President of Government and External Relations at Space Florida, Ms. Stephanie Jarmak, a Ph.D candidate in physics and planetary sciences at the University of Central Florida, and Mr. Jon Gustafson, the Director of Workforce Partnerships and Incentives at Lockheed Martin in Fort Worth, Texas (Mr. Gustafson arrived late due to flight delays).

Chancellor Criser started the discussion asking Mr. Ketcham to talk about the emerging trends in the aerospace industry. Mr. Ketcham said six years ago when the shuttle was retired, Cape Canaveral lost many high quality jobs, but with the growing interest in the commercial space universe and the investment by the state and private industry to develop the hardware for space commerce in Florida, that trend has been reversed. He mentioned that Blue Origin has constructed a facility in Florida where it will build the largest commercial rockets in the world. Firefly, a company that builds smaller rockets, has also established a presence in Florida. Mr. Ketcham indicated the space industry’s biggest constraint is talent, together with the need to buttress research in Florida. He mentioned the University of Central Florida is partnering with Space Florida on the development of a new microgravity center and the plan is for Florida to become the gateway for all economic activity in the solar system.

Chancellor Criser asked Ms. Jarmak to share some of her experiences as a student that has prepared her to work in the space industry. She said the study of physics helped her develop critical thinking skills and effective communication which she believes is essential for the STEM-related workforce. She also benefited from the opportunity to work with private aerospace companies like Blue Origin and Virgin Orbit and interact with experts in the field of planetary science through her work at the Center for Microgravity Research at UCF.

Chancellor Criser asked about talent development. Ms. Jarmak said as demographics change and younger workers enter the workforce, it’s important to offer more leadership and mentorship opportunities to students, in particular to underrepresented students to ensure a more diverse workforce. Mr. Ketcham said when you plan to take manufacturing off the planet, a host of skill sets come into play and the challenge will be to integrate those skill sets for the services that will be needed. He pointed to coding and cyber as two of the high-demand skill sets and discussed the tension that often exists between industry and academia when industry expects students to be fully trained when they enter the workforce. He surmised part of that difficulty is due to the fact that companies are innovating so quickly, they don’t know which skill sets they will need in five years.

Governor Morton asked what advice they would give to students interested in seeking a career in aerospace. Ms. Jarmak recommended students develop transferable skills in critical thinking and programming, and to seek out opportunities for hands-on experience or research experience.

Mr. Gustafson joined the panel and Chancellor Criser asked him to comment on what Lockheed Martin is doing to get students interested in careers in the industry and what the State University System can do to step up its game. Mr. Gustafson said Lockheed Martin has created a strategic program focusing on skill needs, recognizing the digital transformation of the workforce and the need to make significant investments to create a talent pipeline. They are involved in leveraging employee training, both in reskilling and upskilling, and expanding their apprenticeship and tuition reimbursement programs. He noted while over half of their workforce does not have a college degree, gaps in the workforce exist in the advanced manufacturing area. He said they are more focused on competencies and skills; however, rather than specific degree programs.

Governor Tripp asked how the State University System could be a better partner. Mr. Gustafson emphasized the need to collaborate on aligning programs to meet the skill needs and to expand access and opportunities to students early in the educational pipeline. Governor Tripp asked if a task force consisting of college, university, and industry representatives charged with looking at industry workforce needs over the next 5 to 10 years would be helpful. Mr. Gustafson agreed, stating the task force could develop a strategic plan for meeting those needs.

In closing, the panelists were asked what would be their number 1 suggestion to a high school student or freshman who is interested in the aerospace industry. Mr. Gustafson emphasized the need to start early with understanding available career paths and the type of credentials required for the job. Ms. Jarmak recommended the student seek out a mentor such as a graduate student who is studying in the field they want to pursue. Mr. Ketcham agreed with the other panelists, but emphasized the need for the student to put in the effort it takes to become proficient in their area of interest.

Chancellor Criser thanked the panelists for their participation and insights.

1. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Chair Lautenbach announced the next in-person meeting of the Board will be August 28-29, 2019 at Florida Gulf Coast University. He also reminded everyone the next Trustee Summit will be held on October 29, 2019. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m. on June 13, 2019.

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