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The Chair, Dean Colson, convened the Board of Governors Retreat at 1:02 p.m. The following members attended the Retreat: Mori Hosseini, Vice Chair; Dick Beard; Joseph Caruncho; Chris Corr; Pat Frost; Tom Kuntz; Michael Long; Ava Parker; John D. Rood; Norm Tripp; and Rick Yost.

1. Introductions

Mr. Colson thanked the Board members for participating in the retreat. Dr. Rick Yost facilitated introductions of Board members. He recognized Dr. Manoj Chopra from the University of Central Florida who is the Vice Chairperson of the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates. Mr. Colson asked Board office staff to do brief introductions.

2. Discussion: March 20, 2012

Ms. Janet Owen, Governmental Relations Liaison, presented an update of the substantive bills from the 2012 Legislative Session. Ms. Owen's presentation covered legislation on the following issues: (1) Academic and Research Excellence and National Preeminence Act (HB 7129), (2) General Education Requirements/ SUS Strategic Planning/Governance/STEM (HB 7135), (3) Performance Funding (GAA; HB 7135), (4) University of Florida Activity & Service Fee (HB 5201), (5) University of Florida Health Insurance Plan (HB 5009), (6) Board of Governors Student Member Selection Process (HJR 931), and (7) Florida Polytechnic University (SB 1994).

Ms. Owen updated the Board on confirmation of appointees to the university Boards of Trustees. The Senate did not take action on the remaining appointees. Section 114.05(1)(e), Florida Statutes, provides that a vacancy exists if the Senate fails to take action on a confirmation; however, the appointee may remain in the seat for a period not to exceed forty-five days (April 23, 2012), and the appointee may be re-appointed.

Ms. Owen also informed the Board that the Florida Supreme Court will hear the appeal in *Bob Graham et al. v. Mike Haridopolos et al.* Vikki Shirley reminded Board members that the Board was no longer a part of the lawsuit and had entered into a governance agreement with the Legislature on March 24, 2010.

Dr. Yost facilitated a discussion of quality in the State University System of Florida. Topics included the university work plans, strategic plans, and annual report. The

discussion centered on aligning the System strategic plan, university strategic plans, and university work plans. Board members also talked about potential ways to structure presentations on university work plans such as hearing presentations from two or three universities at each meeting versus hearing eleven presentations at one meeting. For 2012, the Board discussed adding a day to the June Board meeting to allow adequate time for discussion of the eleven university work plans.

Dr. Yost presented data comparing graduation rates for first-time-in-college students to graduation rates for transfer students. Board members discussed the difference in graduation rates for first-time-in-college-students and transfer students.

The discussion ended at 5:01 p.m. on March 20, 2012.

3. Discussion: March 21, 2012

Mr. Colson called the retreat to order at 8:42 a.m. on March 21, 2012. Chancellor Brogan introduced Dr. Alceste Pappas. Dr. Pappas pointed out that the State University System of Florida is the youngest system in the nation. She offered her thoughts on higher education trends.

Dr. Pappas reported that she worked during the Legislative session with Chair Bill Proctor of the House Education Committee on the pre-eminence bill. If signed by Governor Scott, the pre-eminence bill will facilitate mission differentiation. Chair Proctor suggested using the pre-eminence bill to hold the universities accountable by looking first at first-time-in-college graduation rates, SAT/ACT scores, minority graduation rates, and research funding. Chair Proctor advised the Board to review these metrics and others included in the pre-eminence bill when considering requests from the universities for tuition increases. The Board of Governors should use these metrics and the differentiated missions to advocate on behalf of the institutions with the Legislature.

The Board's General Counsel Vikki Shirley presented a history of the governance responsibilities of the Board of Governors. The presentation included the 2002 constitutional amendment creating the Board, the delegation of authority to the Boards of Trustees, and the 2010 governance agreement between the Board and the Legislature. Ms. Shirley pointed out that the Board of Governors retained authority to review the university's strategic plans to ensure that they align with the Board of Governors' Strategic Plan.

Members agreed to use a consent agenda when appropriate for items to move immediately from committee to the full Board with the caveat that any member may remove an item from the consent agenda.

4. **Adjournment**

The retreat concluded at 11:46 a.m., March 21, 2012.

Dean C. Colson,
Chair

Monoka Venters,
Corporate Secretary