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The Chair, Dean Colson, convened the meeting of the Board of Governors, State University System of Florida by telephone conference call from Tallahassee at 9:58 a.m., with the following members present: Vice Chair Mori Hosseini, Dick Beard, Matthew Carter, Joseph Caruncho, Tom Kuntz, Ava Parker, Gus Stavros, John Temple, Norman Tripp, Elizabeth Webster, and Dr. Rick Yost.

1. Call to Order

Chair Colson thanked members for participating in the conference call and said that the Board only has one action item – Trustee appointments for Florida Polytechnic University. Chair Colson asked Mr. Hosseini to report out from the Trustee Nominating and Development Committee.

2. Appointment of University Trustees: Florida Polytechnic University

Mr. Hosseini reported that the full Board had participated in the conference call meeting of the Trustee Nominating and Development Committee immediately preceding the full Board meeting, so he would not repeat the information about the interview process and recommended appointments. Mr. Hosseini moved that the Board of Governors appoint the following to the Florida Polytechnic Board of Trustees:

- (a) Sandra Green Featherman for a three-year term beginning July 16, 2012,
- (b) Richard Paul Hallion, Jr. for a two-year term beginning July 16, 2012,
- (c) Frank Thomas Martin for a three-year term beginning July 16, 2012, and
- (d) Donald Herbert Wilson for a two-year term beginning July 16, 2012.

Mr. Carter seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Chair Colson reported that Florida A&M University President James Ammons had submitted a letter of resignation yesterday resigning effective October 11th. He reported that the Florida A&M University Board of Trustees has an emergency meeting

scheduled on Monday. Chancellor Brogan reported that Dr. Ammons' office had reached out to him, and the Board office will be communicating with Florida A&M today and will confirm that the Board of Trustees will be moving forward with an interim president soon. Chancellor Brogan reported that the October 11th resignation date is in keeping with a provision in Dr. Ammons' contract requiring a 90-day notice.

Chancellor Brogan further reported that the Board of Governors is moving forward with its investigation of institutional controls that began after the tragic hazing death at Florida A&M University. On the academic front, the Board of Governors motion at the June meeting to approve 12% differential tuition for Florida A&M came with two conditions. First, the university was instructed to provide a rapid turnaround with additional detail about how the differential tuition would assist with improving undergraduate retention and graduation rates. Chancellor Brogan reported Florida A&M submitted the updated report, the report has been reviewed, and the Board office is recommending that the report is in keeping with the Board's direction that Florida A&M further clarify with greater attention to counselors and advisors. Second, the university must re-prioritize the work plan to focus on undergraduate programs rather than on graduate programs. The revised work plan from Florida A&M will be brought back to the Board in September. These issues must be dealt with immediately and will impact the search for an interim president because it may take six months to one year to find a permanent president.

Chancellor Brogan reported that he will remind Florida A&M University today that the Board of Governors has a role in confirming not only the permanent president but also the interim president. The Board of Governors needs to be engaged in that selection process. Board members discussed the level of involvement that the Board of Governors has in the hiring of a new president. Chair Colson reminded Board members that he had touched on this issue in his State of System address in January. Chair Colson reported that the Board's role is currently limited to confirming the candidate selected by the Board of Trustees, but he would like the Board of Governors to be more involved in the selection of new presidents. Discussion among members included the need to establish a balance between the ability of the Boards of Trustees to hire and fire presidents with the need for the Board of Governors to be involved in the process. Chair Colson reminded the Board that there are two universities that are in the process of selecting a new president: Florida A&M University and the University Florida. Chair Colson said that he would call the chairs of both Boards of Trustees and request that the Board of Governors be engaged in the search process. Board members also discussed amending the Board regulation dealing with University Board of Trustees Powers and Duties and determined that future discussion would be needed.

Mr. Temple asked whether Governor Scott is moving forward with his appointments to the Florida Polytechnic Board of Trustees. Mr. Hosseini reported that Governor Scott is moving forward and will likely make appointments soon.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m., July 12, 2012.

Dean Colson, Chair

Monoka Venters,
Corporate Secretary