

MINUTES
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STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
SELECT COMMITTEE on USF POLYTECHNIC
BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA
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Mr. Mori Hosseini, Chair, convened the meeting of the Select Committee on USF Polytechnic of the Board of Governors at 10:00 a.m., December 22, 2011, by telephone conference call, with the following members present: Dick Beard and Norman Tripp. Other members of the Board also present were: Dean Colson, Michael Long, and Ava Parker.

Also participating on the call were the following members of the USF Board of Trustees: John Ramil, Chair; Gene Engle; Stephanie Goforth; Brian Lamb; Stephen Mitchell; and Byron Shinn. President Judy Genshaft, USF, was also on the call.

1. Discussion

Mr. Hosseini thanked members of the Committee for participating on this call and invited Mr. Colson to make remarks. Mr. Colson discussed the circumstances that prompted the need for a conference call, expressing his concern regarding the manner in which the new interim regional chancellor for the USF Polytechnic had been named.

Mr. Hosseini offered remarks to remind the Select Committee that it was scheduled to meet in-person on January 12, 2012. He also stated his concerns regarding the naming of an interim regional chancellor who had at one time been openly opposed to the immediate independence of the USF Polytechnic. He encouraged greater collaboration between USF and the Board of Governors' Select Committee moving forward.

Mr. Beard offered remarks regarding his satisfaction with the actions taken by President Genshaft and was looking forward to hearing from the new interim regional chancellor for the USF Polytechnic.

Mr. Tripp offered remarks regarding his concern about the new regional chancellor and had hoped the members of the Select Committee would know in advance the full details of an action such as this.

President Genshaft offered remarks to extend her apologies that committee members felt she had not been collaborative enough and that her intention was to be clear and open. President Genshaft said she felt the institution was moving forward with the benchmarks established by the Board of Governors.

Mr. David Touchton offered remarks, noting that earlier he had disagreed with immediate independence for USF Polytechnic. He said he felt the Board had established excellent benchmarks that were achievable and that he now supported the Board's plan for USF Polytechnic.

Trustee Ramil offered remarks to affirm that he supported the moves that had been made by President Genshaft and that USF would ensure collaboration as it works to achieve the benchmarks.

President Genshaft stated her intention to announce the search committee for the permanent Regional Chancellor position during the first week of January 2012. She said she would recommend hiring a search firm to do this expeditiously. Dr. Genshaft said that Trustee Brian Lamb would serve as the Chair of the BOT's oversight committee for USF Polytechnic. She said she would provide a comprehensive update to this committee on January 12, 2012, with a timeline and discussion of progress.

Chair Parker thanked the members of this committee for coming together for this meeting so quickly. She thanked Mr. Ramil for appointing a USF oversight committee and for providing this level of commitment. Mr. Hosseini offered closing remarks to stress the importance of close collaboration in order to ensure the success of the USF Polytechnic.

2. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m., December 22, 2011.

Mori Hosseini, Chair

Mary-Anne Bestebreurtje,
Corporate Secretary