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TRUSTEE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
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Mr. Hosseini convened the meeting of the Trustee Nominating Committee of the Board of Governors in the Conference Center, University of West Florida, Pensacola, January 19, 2011, at 4:45 p.m., with the following members present: Dean Colson; Ann Duncan; Ava Parker; John Rood; John Temple; and Norman Tripp. Also present were: Dick Beard, Charlie Edwards, Gallop Franklin, Pat Frost, Dr. Stanley Marshall, Frank Martin, Gus Stavros, and Dr. Rick Yost.

1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held December 16, 2010

Ms. Duncan moved that the Committee approve the Minutes of the Meeting held December 16, 2010, as presented. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

2. Recommendations to fill Trustee Vacancies; Reports on Applicant Interviews

Mr. Hosseini thanked all the members of the Committee for their work. He said they had been asked to conduct interviews during the holidays and he thanked them for the thoughtfulness they had brought to this most important task of appointing trustees to the university boards of trustees.

Mr. Hosseini said that before the Committee began its discussion of the candidates being recommended to fill vacancies on the university boards of trustees, he wanted to describe the process the Committee followed in locating applicants, reviewing the applications, interviewing candidates and bringing the names forward to the Committee for its consideration and approval. He said he would also describe the process the Committee would follow in its deliberations.

Mr. Hosseini said that in accordance with the Board's Selection and Appointment Procedure, the Committee had announced on October 1, 2010, that there were 23 trustee vacancies that would occur on January 6, 2011. He said this announcement was widely publicized through media releases, letters to university board chairs and presidents, communications with BOT liaisons, and a posting on the Board's website. He said the application period had been extended to November 15, 2010. He said the Board Office received approximately 100 applications. He said that the Committee had been divided into teams of two Committee members who were

assigned to review the applications for specific assigned universities. He said the Committee had also received verbal and written recommendations and nominations from the University Board Chairs and from the University Presidents. He said the Committee was prepared to make recommendations for eight universities and would be completing the remaining three universities in the coming months.

Mr. Hosseini said the names of the candidates being considered to fill the vacancies for each university board of trustees were the individuals identified on the agenda. He noted that a large number of well-qualified persons had applied and it had been difficult to choose from them. He noted that in some instances team members had identified three candidates for the two vacancies and the Committee would select the two candidates to be recommended for Board action.

He said as the Committee reviewed the recommendations for each university, he would ask the members who conducted the interviews for that university to comment, to describe their work and the candidates they were recommending to the Committee.

Florida State University

Mr. Hosseini said that Ms. Parker and Mr. Rood had reviewed the applications for the two trustee vacancies at FSU. He said that they had identified three excellent applicants, Edward Burr, Dr. Joseph Camps and Julie Eichenberg. Ms. Parker said she had the opportunity to review the applications from a number of highly qualified individuals each of whom would be a great asset to the FSU Board. She noted that two of the applicants had also applied last year, including Former Justice Cantero. She said there were not enough vacancies for all these qualified individuals.

Mr. Rood said he had also had excellent interviews with the candidates. He said he had spent quite some time speaking with each of them and any one of them would support both Florida State University and the University System.

Ms. Parker moved that the Committee recommend to the full Board the appointment of Mr. Edward E. Burr and Dr. Joseph L. Camps, to serve as trustees at FSU for terms ending January 6, 2016. Mr. Rood seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

Florida A & M University

Mr. Hosseini said that there were three vacancies on the Florida A & M University Board of Trustees. He said that Ms. Parker and Mr. Temple had reviewed the applications for FAMU. Ms. Parker commented that the three candidates who had been recommended to fill these vacancies, Mr. Richard A. Dent, III, Dr. Spurgeon W. McWilliams, and Mr. Karl E. White, were currently members of the FAMU Board and

were eligible for re-appointment. She said they continued to be interested in serving as trustees for another term.

Mr. Temple moved that the Committee recommend to the full Board the reappointments of Mr. Richard A. Dent, III, Dr. Spurgeon W. McWilliams, and Mr. Karl E. White, to continue to serve as trustees at FAMU for terms ending January 6, 2016. Ms. Parker seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

University of South Florida

Mr. Hosseini said that he and Ms. Duncan had reviewed the applicants for the two USF trustee vacancies. He said they had forwarded three candidates for the Committee's consideration, Ms. Stephanie E. Goforth, Dr. Louis S. Saco, and Mr. John R. Schueler.

Ms. Duncan said these candidates presented a challenge as each one was well qualified. Each one would bring different strengths to the USF Board. She said she felt diversity among board members was very important. She noted that a number of women who were appointees of the Governor might be leaving the board this year and this Board had no way of knowing the appointments to be made by Governor Scott. She said that Dr. Saco was an active physician and understood the business of medicine and the practice of medicine. She said he would bring a valuable perspective and understanding about the importance of the health sciences at USF.

Ms. Duncan moved that the Committee recommend to the full Board the appointments of Ms. Stephanie E. Goforth and Dr. Louis S. Saco, to serve as trustees at USF for terms ending January 6, 2016. Mr. Beard seconded the motion. Mr. Hosseini concurred with Ms. Duncan's recommendations.

Ms. Duncan said she hoped USF would reach out to Mr. Schueler and find ways to engage him in university activities. She said she would recommend his application for consideration by the Governor's Office. There were no further comments, and members of the Committee concurred.

Florida Atlantic University

Mr. Hosseini said he and Mr. Tripp had reviewed the applicants for the two trustee vacancies at FAU. Mr. Tripp said the applicant pool had included a number of qualified applicants. He reported that he and Mr. Hosseini were recommending Dr. Marie McDemmond, Mr. Robert J. Stilley and Mr. Paul C. Tanner for further consideration by the Committee. He said he knew Mr. Stilley personally and had served with him on the FAU Board of Trustees. He said that Mr. Stilley was a dedicated trustee and likely to become their board chair. He said he was extremely qualified to continue his service. Mr. Tripp said he would also recommend Mr. Tanner. He said he

knew Mr. Tanner when he had served as the Chair of the Broward College Board and that he was well qualified for service as a trustee. He noted that Mr. Tanner was a Fort Lauderdale resident. As Mrs. Blosser was also from Fort Lauderdale and was likely to be leaving the FAU Board, he said it was important to have that area represented on the FAU Board. He said Dr. McDemmond was very enthusiastic about this opportunity. He noted that she had formerly been the CFO at FAU. She had left the state and had now returned to the area. He said he would recommend Mr. Stilley and Mr. Tanner to the Committee for appointment to the FAU Board, and so moved.

Mr. Hosseini said he concurred with the recommendation to appoint Mr. Stilley. He said he felt it was important to address diversity on the university boards and that he was leaning to recommend Dr. McDemmond. He noted that Mr. Tanner had served on the Broward College Board and had the experience of collaborating between the state colleges and the universities. Mr. Colson seconded the motion.

Ms. Parker said this was a tough decision. She said she did not know any of these individuals, but that she was concerned about diversity. Mr. Hosseini said this was why he had recommended Dr. McDemmond.

Ms. Duncan said diversity was important, and that this included professional diversity and geographic diversity. She said she respected Mr. Tripp and his knowledge of the FAU Board. Mr. Hosseini said it was good for the Board to remember its responsibilities toward diversity in making these trustee appointments. He said he also respected Mr. Tripp's opinion and said he hoped they could attract Dr. McDemmond during the next round of appointments.

Mr. Tripp commented that Dr. McDemmond was not yet very active in the community. He said he was inclined to recognize those who had been active and Mr. Tanner had excellent credentials to serve as a trustee. He said Mr. Stilley had served as a Governor's appointee and he was not sure he would be reappointed by Governor Scott. He said he concurred that diversity was important but that he felt that Mr. Stilley and Mr. Tanner were the most qualified.

Ms. Parker said she respected Mr. Tripp's recommendations. She asked President Saunders to recommend a diverse group of applicants for the consideration of the Governor's Office in making its appointments to these university boards.

Mr. Temple called the question, and members of the Committee concurred in recommending to the full Board the appointments of Mr. Robert J. Stilley and Mr. Paul C. Tanner, to serve as trustees at FAU for terms ending January 6, 2016.

Florida International University

Mr. Hosseini said that Mr. Colson and Mr. Tripp had reviewed the applications for the FIU trustee vacancies. Mr. Colson said he had reviewed a number of outstanding applicants for the two FIU vacancies. He noted that two sitting trustees who were eligible for reappointment had applied. He said that Mr. Kahn was very involved as a trustee and that Mr. Maury served as Vice Chair of the Board. He said both were doing an excellent job as trustees.

Mr. Colson moved that the Committee recommend to the full Board the reappointments of Mr. Sidney L. Kahn and Mr. Albert R. Maury, to serve as trustees at FIU for terms ending January 6, 2016. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

University of North Florida

Mr. Hosseini said that Ms. Parker and Mr. Rood had reviewed the applicants for the trustee vacancies at UNF. Mr. Rood noted that Ms. Newton was a trustee eligible for reappointment and was well-qualified to serve as a trustee.

Mr. Rood moved that the Committee recommend to the full Board the reappointment of Ms. Joan W. Newton to serve as trustee at UNF for a term ending January 6, 2016. Ms. Parker seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

Florida Gulf Coast University

Mr. Hosseini said that Ms. Duncan and Mr. Temple had reviewed the applicants for the trustee vacancies at FGCU. Mr. Temple said that both Mr. Joseph Catti and Mr. Robert Wells were well-qualified to serve as trustees.

Mr. Temple moved that the Committee recommend to the full Board the appointments of Mr. Joseph R. Catti and Mr. Robert A. Wells to serve as trustees at FGCU for terms ending January 6, 2016. Ms. Duncan seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

New College of Florida

Mr. Hosseini said that Mr. Colson and Mr. Rood had reviewed the applicants for the NCF trustee vacancies. Mr. Colson noted that Ms. Coleman was a career educator and was very involved in the community. He said that Ms. Ruiz was an alumna of New College and had a long history of interest and commitment to New College. He said that both of these women would make outstanding trustees. Mr. Rood concurred.

Mr. Colson moved that the Committee recommend to the full Board the appointments of Ms. Audrey R. Coleman and Ms. Mary L. Ruiz, to serve as trustees at New College of Florida for terms ending January 6, 2016. Mr. Rood seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

3. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Mr. Hosseini thanked members of the Committee for their work. He said he believed they were recommending outstanding new trustees for the universities. He said he would bring these recommendations to the full Board for action the following day. He noted that the Committee still had trustee vacancies to fill at UF, UCF and UWF, as well as one remaining vacancy at UNF.

Ms. Parker said she was proud of the process and the work by Committee members in conducting individual interviews with the applicants. She said that all the individuals being recommended for appointment as trustees were very well-qualified for these positions.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m., January 19, 2011.

Mori Hosseini, Chair

Mary-Anne Bestebreurtje,
Corporate Secretary