

**FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
ONE POLY PLACE
439 S. Florida Avenue, Suite 300
Lakeland, FL 33801
May 7, 2013**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Gidel called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

Gina DeJulio called the roll: Chair Rob Gidel, Vice Chair Mark Bostick, Trustee Bill Brown, Trustee Sandra Featherman, Trustee Scott Hammack, Trustee Kevin Hyman, Trustee Frank Martin, and Trustee Bob Stork were present. On the phone were Trustee Joseph Caruncho and Trustee Dick Hallion. Staff: Ava Parker, Dr. Ghazi Darkazalli, Gina DeJulio, Maggie Mariucci, Tim Campbell and Mike Mattimore.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the March 5, 2013 and April 2, 2013 Board of Trustees Meetings were presented to the Committee for approval. **Trustee Bostick made a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Hammack seconded the motion, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**

3. Chair's Report

Chair Gidel commended Ava Parker on her work for the Board and for the University during the 2013 Legislative Session.

4. Post Topping Out Report

Maggie Mariucci gave an update on the Topping Out events. She advised there were over 250 people in attendance at the Topping Out ceremony. Several members of the media attended the events throughout the day resulting in 12 different stories related to the event.

Chair Gidel extended a special thanks to the Foundation Board for planning the Topping Out events.

5. Chief Operating Officer's Report

Ava Parker introduced new staff members: Mary Carpenter, Kevin Calkins, Rick Maxey, and Jay Morton.

She updated the Board on her visit to Tallahassee and advised she met with members of the Board of Governors to share the plans and vision of the Florida Poly Board.

She gave a thank you to the Polk County Delegation with special recognition to Representative McKeel, Senator Stargel, and Senator Grimsley as well as other members from this area. They were very instrumental in helping Florida Poly in the legislative session. **Trustee Featherman made a**

motion to publicly thank the Polk County Delegation. Trustee Martin seconded the motion, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The next Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for June 18th-20th at the University of South Florida in Tampa. Florida Poly will have a 20 minute presentation on June 19th at 9:00 a.m. or 9:45 a.m.

6. Adoption of Bylaws

Gina DeIulio presented the Board Bylaws (a draft was forwarded to the Board prior to the meeting). **Trustee Featherman made a motion to approve the Bylaws. Trustee Hyman seconded the motion, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**

7. Committee Reports

a. Academic Affairs Committee

Trustee Featherman gave an update on the Academic Affairs Committee meeting and advised that the Committee looked at the Faculty Contract Model and recommended approval of the proposed non-tenure model. Trustee Featherman asked Gina DeIulio to make a presentation on the proposed model. Gina DeIulio made a presentation on the non-tenure model and explained that it has a fixed-term contract ranging from 1-5 years in lengths and is renewable at the discretion of the University. Dr. Darkazalli provided examples of how the proposed non-tenure model was better for faculty members than the standard tenure models. **Trustee Featherman made a motion for the Board to approve the proposed Faculty Contract Model. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**

Dr. Darkazalli presented a summary of the MERIT (Medical Engineering and Robotics Innovation for Tomorrow) summer program scheduled for the month of June. The MERIT program will include students from area high schools who will work with the University and doctors from Winter Haven Hospital to learn the functions of robots and they will witness a surgery using robotics.

b. Strategic Planning Committee

Trustee Stork gave an update on the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting and made a motion for the Board to adopt the revised Mission statement and the new Vision statement. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. A copy of the revised Mission statement and the approved Vision statement are attached.

Trustee Stork made a motion for the Board to adopt the work plan with the proviso that the Chief Operating Officer can make any necessary changes to the work plan with any changes being reported back to the Board. A copy of the approved work plan is attached.

c. Operations Committee

Trustee Martin gave an update on the Operations Committee meeting. He advised there were no action items today, but there would be a Committee meeting at the end of May that would have action items to be presented to the full Board.

8. Approval of Regulations

On behalf of the Academic Affairs Committee, Trustee Featherman made a motion to adopt the regulation FPU-2.006 Application Fee and Admissions Deposit. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

On behalf of the Strategic Planning Committee, Trustee Stork made a motion to adopt the regulation FPU-1.008 University Holidays. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

9. 2013 Legislative Session Report

Rick Maxey gave an update on the legislative session report and spoke on the preparations for the 2014 session. He advised that in this session all of the base funds have been restored. He would like meet with each Board member to get their vision of the legislative strategy and how they would like him to keep them informed of relevant activity in Tallahassee and Washington, DC.

Rick Maxey stated that he is working with federal agencies to identify partnerships for Dr. Darkazalli and his team.

10. Foundation Report

Maggie Mariucci gave an update on the transfer of Foundation/Florida Poly/USF funds. Florida Poly is currently working on transferring the Florida Poly funds that are currently being held by USF. Maggie Mariucci also gave an update on the opening of a fund in the Community Foundation in order to receive the funds on behalf of Florida Poly.

Florida Poly is working with the Foundation Board on the funding the Foundation Board will need to raise for scholarships, faculty, unrestricted operations, and other University needs.

11. Closing Remarks & Adjournment

Chair Gidel advised that in the next 60-90 days the Board will need to prepare for the search of a University president.

With no further business to discuss, Chair Gidel requested a motion to adjourn. Trustee Stork made a motion to adjourn the Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Hyman seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The Board of Trustees meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.