



# Board of Trustees Workshop

**BOT approved 11.18.2020**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, September 9, 2020  
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM**

### **Florida Polytechnic University WEBEX TELE-CONFERENCE MEETING**

I. Call to Order

Chair Cliff Otto called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Kris Wharton called the roll: Chair Cliff Otto, Vice Chair Mark Bostick, Trustee Connor Coddington, Trustee Earl Sasser, Trustee Bob Stork, Trustee Frank Martin, Trustee Don Wilson, Trustee Ala' J. Alnaser, and Trustee Gary Wendt were present (Quorum).

Staff present: President Randy Avent, Provost Terry Parker, Mr. Mark Mroczkowski, Ms. Gina DeJulio, Ms. Kathy Bowman, Mr. Rick Maxey, Mrs. Kris Wharton, Ms. Michele Rush, Mrs. Kim Abels, and Mr. David Blanton were present.

III. Public Comment

There were no requests received for public comment.

IV. Approval of the May 20, 2020 Minutes

**Trustee Earl Sasser made a motion to approve the Board Workshop meeting minutes of May 20, 2020. Trustee Connor Coddington seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.**

V. Performance Based Funding (PBF) Review

Mr. Tim Jones, Vice Chancellor and CFO for the Florida Board of Governors (BOG), presented on Performance Based Funding (PBF). Mr. Jones provided a history on PBF and how in 2014, the BOG approved a model that provides additional funding to universities based on quality, excellence, and improvement from year to year, versus the old model of providing funds based on enrollment. He reviewed the four guiding principles and key components of PBF, and the ten metrics by which universities are evaluated each year.

As Mr. Jones reviewed the funding and policy timelines, he mentioned the BOG will meet next week to discuss potential changes to the metrics, with a vote on any changes occurring in November. These changes are a result of Senate Bill 72 which adds two new metrics to the model. BOG staff are also reviewing which metrics could potentially be impacted by COVID-19.

Mr. Jones provided information on the funding the state of Florida contributes towards PBF as well as what each SUS institution contributes. If an institution achieves a minimum of 60

points, they receive their full allocation back. For 2020-2021, any institution with a score lower than 70 is required to submit a student success plan in order to be eligible for 50 percent of their proportional amount of the state's investment.

VI. University of Distinction: Growth Plan

President Randy Avent gave a presentation on his vision for growing the University. He covered areas where Florida Poly needs to overcome weaknesses in order to compete in Performance Based Funding (PBF). Additionally, he presented a three, five, and ten-year growth plan in terms of US News & World Report (USNWR) rankings, enrollment, number of graduates, academic progress rate, and four-year graduation rates. President Avent followed the growth plan with in-depth focus on retention, academic progress, and academic programs, and what the University is currently doing to improve or grow in these areas.

Trustee Frank Martin inquired as to the uniqueness of a Civil Engineering major to which President Avent responded Florida Poly would focus on a niche area of civil engineering to keep the University unique and distinctive. Trustee Martin recommended connecting with the top ten civil engineering firms in the world to create a pipeline for Florida Poly's students. Trustee Wendt inquired if this growth plan affects Florida Poly's USNWR rankings. President Avent stated what helps with USNWR rankings is the marketing of the University's success with peer institutions who then vote for your University in USNWR's annual survey. The growth plan assists with PBF, developing the research park, and attracting industry to this area.

VII. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.