



# Governance Committee Meeting

**BOT approved 04.26.2021**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**February 10, 2021  
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM**

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

#### I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Mark Bostick called the Governance Committee meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

#### II. Roll Call

Sherri Pavlik called the roll: Committee Chair Mark Bostick, Committee Vice Chair Bob Stork, Trustee Narendra Kini, and Trustee Earl Sasser were present (Quorum)

Other Trustees present: Chair Cliff Otto and Trustee Connor Coddington

Staff present: President Randy Avent, Ms. Gina DeIulio, Mrs. Maggie Mariucci, Mr. David Blanton, Mr. Rick Maxey, Ms. Melaine Schmiz, Mr. David Brunell, Mr. Alex Landback, Mr. John Causey, Mrs. Kris Wharton, Mrs. Kim Abels, Ms. Michele Rush, and Ms. Sherri Pavlik

#### III. Public Comment

There were no requests received for public comment.

#### IV. Approval of Minutes

**Vice Chair Bob Stork made a motion to approve the November 10, 2020 minutes. Trustee Earl Sasser seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.**

#### V. 2018-20 Governance Committee Work Plan Review

There were no changes to the work plan at this time.

#### VI. Regulation FPU-3.00611 Anti-Hazing

Ms. Gina DeIulio presented an overview of the regulation. She stated that this regulation will convert the existing anti-hazing policy to a regulation to comply with the Board of Governors regulation 6.021.

The proposed regulation contains the same content as the existing policy; however, changes were necessary to make it consistent with the Board of Governors regulations.

Provisions were added to provide that even if the conduct or activity that resulted in the death or injury of a person was either not part of any official organizational event or otherwise sanctioned or approved by the student organization or group; or was not done as a condition of membership into a student organization or group that neither of these would constitute a defense to allegations of hazing. Position titles were also updated.

The Notice of Proposed Regulation was published on the University's website on January 12, 2021. No comments were received during the review and comment period.

**Trustee Earl Sasser made a motion to recommend adoption of the proposed Regulation FPU-3.00611 Anti-Hazing to the Board of Trustees. Vice Chair Bob Stork seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.**

## VII. Policies

With the adoption of the new Anti-Hazing regulation, Ms. DeIulio stated the need to repeal the existing policy.

**Vice Chair Bob Stork made a motion to recommend the repeal of existing Policy FPU-3.0062P Anti-Hazing to the Board of Trustees. Trustee Earl Sasser seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. DeIulio discussed the revisions to policy FPU-1.001P Policy Creation and Development Process: Non-Academic Policies, stating that the major changes were to clarify the process for involving Stakeholders and for repeal of policies. It also provides two new processes for more efficiency. The first is the process to be used when only technical changes are being made to a policy, and the second is the process is to be used for adopting Emergency Policies. It was noted that the Board Chair and the University community would be notified if an Emergency Policy was needed.

**Trustee Earl Sasser made a motion to recommend approval of the revised Policy FPU-1.001P Policy Creation and Development Process: Non-Academic Policies to the Board of Trustees. Vice Chair Bob Stork seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. DeIulio discussed the revisions to policy FPU-4.0096AP Graduate Degree Graduation Requirements. Deleted from the policy was the requirement of "a grade of B or better" in every course as graduates are required to have satisfactory completion of credit hours and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better, and the deletion of the title "Academic Program Coordinator" and the addition of the title "Division Director." The final change to the policy was the addition of language allowing for a project *or* thesis.

**Vice Chair Bob Stork made a motion to recommend approval of the revised Policy FPU-4.0096AP Graduate Degree Graduation Requirements to the Board of Trustees. Trustee Earl Sasser seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.**

## VIII. Bylaws Review

Ms. DeIulio stated that under the Committee's Work Plan, the bylaws are scheduled for review by the committee. The bylaws were reviewed by staff for inconsistencies with state law or BOG regulations. No changes are being recommended at this time.

IX. Revisions to the BOT Policy on Annual Review of the President

Discussion continued from previous committee meetings regarding the Annual Review of the President. Proposed revisions were suggested and the only outstanding item to address was the frequency of the comprehensive review. In request for additional information, research of what other institutions in the State University System was conducted. There are only two other universities in the SUS that use a comprehensive review and the frequency of the reviews is every 3 years.

Committee Chair Mark Bostick reminded the committee that Trustee Earl Sasser recommended at the last meeting that a comprehensive review be conducted after the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of a new president with a 5-year comprehensive review thereafter.

**Trustee Earl Sasser made a motion to recommend approval of the revised Board of Trustee Policy on Annual Review of the President with an additional change indicating that the comprehensive review would be conducted initially after the president has served 3-years and then normally every 5-years thereafter to the Board of Trustees. Vice Chair Bob Stork seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.**

X. Board of Trustees Training

Mrs. Kris Wharton presented various training topics to consider for trustee training opportunities and information on possible presenters.

The Committee decided to take no action at this time and asked President Avent to come to the Board meeting with his recommendations on both training and consultant at which time the Board of Trustees will vote.

IX. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

With no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.