

**FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
ONE POLY PLACE  
439 S. Florida Avenue, Suite 300  
Lakeland, FL 33801  
March 5, 2013**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Gidel called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

Debbie Angleton called the roll: Chair Rob Gidel, Vice Chair Mark Bostick, Trustee Bill Brown, Trustee Sandra Featherman, Trustee Dick Hallion, Trustee Kevin Hyman, Trustee Frank Martin, Trustee Bob Stork, and Trustee Don Wilson were present. There was a quorum. Others present: Ava Parker, Dr. Ghazi Darkazalli, Gina DeJulio, The Parthenon Group- Haven Ladd and Kaisa Lundy.

2. Chair's Report

Chair Gidel received a letter from the BOG requesting to update the BOG with expectations and benchmarks. Gidel had a conversation with Chair Dean Colson and will be meeting with him to share with him the scope of the presentation. The BOG has requested a scope of presentation and materials to be sent to them by March 14<sup>th</sup>. Chair Gidel has briefed the Governor's staff on the project. We have received excellent feedback. He believes that BOG should be informed of how we are doing, as they have oversight over Florida Polytechnic. He invited anyone who was interested to go to the March 28<sup>th</sup> BOG meeting. We should show in great detail the work that has already been done. Chair Gidel will involve Ava Parker so she can inform all of the process. Chair Gidel advised he will be well prepared for the meeting.

3. Proposed Mission Statement

The Strategic Planning Committee's proposed Mission Statement was presented to the Board for discussion.

The Proposed Mission Statement:

*Florida Polytechnic University's mission is to educate students emphasizing Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in an innovative, technology-rich, and interdisciplinary learning environment. The University collaborates with industry partners to offer students real-world problem-solving, work experience, and business leadership opportunities. Florida Polytechnic prepares students to assume available leadership positions in the dynamic technological landscape in Florida, the nation, and the world.*

Trustee Stork made a motion to accept the statement, there was a second, a call for a vote, and all voted in favor of accepting and approving the Mission Statement.

4. Ava Parker made introductions of new members of the staff: Dr. Darkazalli, Gina DeJulio, JoAnn Chive, and Maggie Mariucci. Next week, March 12<sup>th</sup> is Polk County Days in Tallahassee, and the

University is a supporter. March 28<sup>th</sup> is the BOG presentation and a shared services conference is being held in Atlanta. The Board will be updated later on the Foundation.

A. Committee reports.

(i) Audit and Finance Committee

- (a) Compensation. Working with Mercer to see what salaries we should anticipate for the president, deans, and faculty. There is a cap of \$200K for salaries. We will work with the Foundation for salaries exceeding \$200K for non-instructional staff. This data will assist in the presidential search.
- (b) The Foundation's first meeting is scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup>. The Foundation will take the lead on the Topping Out Ceremony (dinner April 15<sup>th</sup> and ceremony on April 16<sup>th</sup>)

(ii) Operations Committee

- (a) Phase 1: Trustee Martin advised the Board that the Operations Committee took a look at number of buildings and has recommendations. In November we were given three buildings. In looking at where we are the Committee felt we needed to rethink and combine two buildings into one reducing cost of both buildings by two-thirds. This would be most appropriate at this time as we would have a combined residence hall and life building. As the university grows, then we will expand to third building. Martin showed a few pictures of the site and encouraged everyone to go out and see the campus. The staff will be working on a timeline and will be coming back to the Board at a later date with the timeline. Trustee Martin made the following motion:

After review and analysis of the University's Phase One Development Plan and the costs associated with the development, design, construction and operation of a Residence facility and an Integrated Research and Student Life facility, the Operations Committee recommends and requests that the Board of trustees approve the following plan of action: 1. Instruct staff to proceed with a plan to develop in the first phase of campus development, a combined Residence/Student Life facility as outlined in the summary that has been distributed to the board. 2. Defer until the next phase the development of an additional Residence facility and a stand-alone Integrated Research and Student Life facility as required to serve the growing student population and the needs of the University. 3. Instruct staff to simultaneously analyze and discuss the proposal submitted by Mantra and any other alternative funding approaches for the development of a combined Residence/Student Life facility, and to bring a recommendation back to the Operations Committee for review and a recommendation to the Board.

Trustee Hyman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(iii) Academic Affairs Committee

- (a) Trustee Featherman reported that the Academic Affairs Committee is reviewing faculty contract models. After discussion with regarding different models, Trustee Featherman recommended that the Committee will only pursue non-tenure models and it will present a final recommendation to the Board at the next meeting.

5. Media Representation

In the past media has approached Chair Gidel and the COO, Ava Parker. Chair Gidel suggested that all media inquiries be directed to the COO as the spokesperson, and at her discretion she could ask trustees to speak for the University. Chair Gidel proposed the attached media policy. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the policy.

6. There was no new business, so Chair Gidel made a motion to adjourn, Trustee Hallion seconded the motion, a vote was taken, and all were in favor of adjourning. The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.