

Florida Polytechnic University
Board of Trustees

Governance Committee Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018
9:45 AM-10:45 AM

Florida Polytechnic University
Student Development Center
4700 Research Way, Lakeland, FL 33805

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Philip Dur appeared by phone and turned over the meeting to Vice Chair Louis Saco to lead the meeting. Vice Chair Saco called the Governance Committee meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Sherri Pavlik called the roll: Committee Chair Philip Dur, Vice Chair Louis Saco, Trustee Frank Martin, Trustee Cliff Otto, Trustee Bob Stork and Trustee Gary Wendt were present (Quorum).

Staff present: President Randy Avent, Ms. Gina Delulio, Mr. Rick Maxey, Mr. Kevin Aspegren, Ms. Kathy Mizereck, Mrs. Maggie Mariucci, Mrs. Kim Abels, Ms. Sherri Pavlik, and Ms. Michele Rush were present.

III. Public Comment

There were no requests received for public comment.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Trustee Bob Stork made a motion to approve the Governance Committee meeting minutes of May 16, 2018. Trustee Frank Martin seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. Governance Committee Charter Review

Trustee Saco noted changes to the charter that reflect the addition of tasks the committee has been performing, and deleting one task the committee hasn't performed to date, which is "recommending members to the board".

Trustee Cliff Otto made a motion to recommend approval of the revised Governance Committee Charter to the Board of Trustees. Trustee Frank Martin seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

VI. 2018—2020 Governance Committee Work Plan Review

Trustee Philip Dur stated the committee will discuss training needs at the December 5 committee meeting. There was no other discussion.

Trustee Cliff Otto made a motion to approve the 2018-2020 Governance Committee Work Plan. Trustee Bob Stork seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

VII. 2019 Government Relations Plan

Kathy Mizereck reminded the committee that with the 2018 elections, there will be changes across the state government; however, the turnover will likely be stable in the House and Senate. To date, the schedule, committee structure, chairs, and membership are unknown. She stated this doesn't affect any University plans, but does affect who is talked to and how messages are sent. Ms. Mizereck requested each trustee consider which legislators they know and how those relationships can be developed to benefit Florida Poly once elections are complete.

Ms. Mizereck reviewed the 2019 Legislative Budget Requests submitted to the Board of Governors:

- Applied Research Center - \$10,823,613
 - Enhanced Graduation Pathways for STEM Students (3 year STEM bachelor degree) - \$2,250,000
 - Outreach to Underserved Populations in Support of STEM Degrees (summer camps for high school students) - \$750,000
 - Graduate Program Growth - \$2,500,000
 - Advanced Mobility Research - \$500,000
- This is a significant change from the amount approved in the May meeting. The original request was for \$3.5M for the Advanced Mobility Institute (AMI). Staff was concerned the University could not articulate with certainty what the \$3.5M would be spent on, so a decision was made to ask for \$500,000 to complete planning and research. The University will communicate to the legislature next year what is needed in order to create a state-of-the-art testing and verification center.

President Avent explained that the initial funding launched AMI which included hiring eight faculty to conduct research in four areas that are critical to success of autonomous vehicles. The next phase includes determining what the infrastructure needs to be.

Trustees requested updates on AMI that includes more detail on accomplishments and the relationship between SunTrax and Florida Poly. Faculty and students will present this topic at the next Board meeting.

Trustee Frank Martin made a motion to recommend approval of the 2019 Government Relations Plan to the Board of Trustees. Trustee Bob Stork seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Federal Relations Activity Update

Mr. Rick Maxey reviewed activity at the federal level in support of the University.

The University and its partners will be able to compete for \$100M that was appropriated by Congress for

Advanced Vehicle Initiatives once the Department of Transportation (DOT) produces the rules on how to compete. The University can compete for the money as both an independent actor and as a group of partners that was confirmed by the DOT last year as part of a proving ground.

Mr. Maxey is working to obtain grants to assist with the University's economic development efforts in Polk County. He is working with six other independent agencies to bring companies to Lakeland, particularly those that want to work with the University.

Entrepreneurship grants are available to fund awards to students working on projects which could go to market. Funding and technical resources are also available to support entrepreneurship in the community. The Department of Commerce appreciates this activity and may assist the University in obtaining grant funding.

President Avent met with Frank Brogan, Assistant Secretary of Elementary and Secondary Education to make him aware of the University's efforts in working with underrepresented students. Potential funding may be available from the Department of Education that can assist with these efforts.

President Avent presented at the Congressional Field Hearing on Automotive Innovations, held by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Individuals who attended the meeting were encouraged by the activity of the University. Opening remarks are on the website and video is available for those researching this issue.

President Avent also met with DARPA's Defense Science Office to discuss autonomous vehicle testing. The University will continue to build this relationship as DARPA is interested in the University's ideas.

President Avent met with the staff of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to discuss the Advanced Mobility Institute. NIST expressed great interest in the program and provided input for the University to consider.

IX. BOT Self Evaluation Results and Goals

Gina Delulio presented the improvements suggested by the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) consultant at the last Board workshop regarding the Board of Trustees self-assessment. Committee members discussed the areas each believed the most important for the Board to work on this coming year.

Trustee Frank Martin made a motion to recommend approval of the following goals to the Board of Trustees:

- 1. 1.7 – Seeks out and considers diverse and competing points of view when discussing critical issues**
- 2. 5.5 – Uses the executive committee to coordinate the work of the board and shape meeting agendas**
- 3. Combined areas of (5.6, 6.3, 7.2 and 8.1)**
 - a. 5.6 – Structures board meetings to include time for substantive discussions**
 - b. 6.3 - Productively explores ideas by engaging in robust discussions**
 - c. 7.2 - Board focuses its time on issues of greatest consequences**
 - d. 8.1 - Focus more of the board's attention on issues of strategic importance to institution**
- 4. 8.5 - Increase its knowledge of the institution's educational programs**

Trustee Cliff Otto seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-1.

- X. Committee Chair Dur thanked Committee Vice Chair Saco for chairing the meeting. With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned a 11:07 a.m.