

FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – VIA CONFERENCE CALL
MEETING MINUTES
439 South Florida Avenue, Suite 300
Lakeland, Florida 33801
November 26, 2013

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Rob Gidel called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. Jackye Maxey called the roll: Chair Rob Gidel, Trustee Sandra Featherman, Trustee Scott Hammack, Trustee Rob MacCuspie, Trustee Frank Martin, Trustee Bob Stork, and Trustee Don Wilson were present (Quorum).

Staff and Consultants: Ava Parker, Dr. Ghazi Darkazalli, Jackye Maxey, John Gray, Crystal Lauderdale, and Ken Arden?

2. Housing Update

Trustee Martin completed an overview of the history of the search for the residential housing.

John Gray presented the proposed housing plan. He advised that the housing plan included two purposes: 1) Admissions feels as it is extremely important to open the University with on campus housing and 2) Florida Poly is required to have 190 beds on campus by December 31, 2016 in order to be compliant with the legislation.

John Gray advised that Polk County gave Florida Poly funding to aid in construction or financing of the wellness center or residence hall.

Ava Parker opened the line for public comment. There were no comments from the public so the line for public comment was closed.

Frank Martin requested the following statement to be documented in the minutes:

The Housing Committee has been in close contact with the University staff during the leased negotiating phase and has vetted the terms of the agreements now in place before the Board. We feel that under the circumstances the Board faces and with our various mandates from the legislature, this ground lease is in good condition to our situation, and this facility would be an important component towards the successful launching of our campus in August of 2014. The Committee recognizes, as I am sure all our Board members do that given the little capital and a student population, our position here today may be a different one. But we are here today to have a good alternative and on-housing campus solution in place to move our campus forward and fulfill the University's mission.

Trustee Martin made a motion on behalf of the Housing Committee to recommend approval of the terms of the ground lease and operating agreement with Vestcor and authorize the Chief Financial Officer to execute the final agreements and documents a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Closing Remarks & Adjournment

The next Board meeting will be held at Full Sail University on December 17, 2013. With no further business to discuss, Trustee Featherman made a motion to adjourn the Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The Board of Trustees meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.