

MINUTES
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BOARD OF GOVERNORS
SELECT COMMITTEE ON FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA
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1. Call to Order

Governor Tom Kuntz called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. on September 3, 2015, with the following members present: Wendy Link and Ed Morton. A quorum was established. Other Board members in attendance were Mori Hosseini, Matt Carter, Tonnette Graham, Wayne Huizenga, Ned Lautenbach, Alan Levine (entered at 8:43 a.m.), Katherine Robinson, Pam Stewart, and Norm Tripp.

2. Meeting Minutes

Governor Kuntz asked for a motion to approve minutes of the Committee's March 19, 2015 meeting. A motion was made by Governor Link, seconded by Governor Morton, and the motion was approved unanimously.

3. Florida Polytechnic University Implementation Update

Dr. Randy Avent, President of Florida Polytechnic University, provided a status update on the University's progress toward meeting its six statutory requirements of STEM academic programs, administrative capability, facilities and construction, enrollment, region accreditation, and discipline specific accreditation. President Avent noted that the University's accreditation request would be provided to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) this summer, and that a decision by SACS would be forthcoming in December of 2016.

With regard to enrollment growth, President Avent indicated that the University could expect to see an increase of 5,000 students over the next ten years. He said that, at that point, new facilities would need to be built. He noted that a new research center would be needed by 2019. Governor Hosseini said that it was clear that the University would need more resources over the next ten years and that a ten-year master plan was needed. Governor Kuntz requested that the University begin to accumulate cost data associated with future years.

With regard to on-campus housing, President Avent said that 40% of the student body living in on-campus housing would be appropriate. Governor Morton queried whether a policy was in place that required freshmen to live on-campus. President Avent said that there was not. Governor Morton indicated that serious consideration should be given to such a policy, because studies show that freshmen living on-campus perform better than their counterparts living off-campus.

With regard to administrative staffing, President Avent said that Florida Polytechnic would have a smaller percentage than at other institutions.

Governor Tripp asked whether there was any area of concern that the Board should be worried about. President Avent indicated that there was no issue that rose above any others, that any current issues were typical of implementing new institutions, and that none were insurmountable.

4. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Governor Kuntz adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Tom Kuntz, Chair

R.E. LeMon,
Associate Vice Chancellor,
Academic and Student Affairs