

SUMMARY MINUTES  
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
University of Florida  
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1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Chair Norman Tripp convened the meeting on September 2, 2015, at 3:52 p.m. with the following members present and answering roll call: Governor Link, Governor Beard, Governor Carter, Governor Frost, Governor Graham, Governor Robinson, and Governor Stewart. A quorum was established.

Chair Tripp commented on the success of the SUS Campus Security Summit held at UCF on July 28-29. He thanked UCF, UNF, and other Summit sponsors for their support. There were nearly 140 participants in attendance from throughout the SUS. The keynote speaker was Dr. Larry Barton, an international expert on crisis management and threat assessment. Dr. Barton led the group in an open discussion on preparing for and managing campus crises that would impact a university community. Dr. Barton also led the participants through a realistic “simulation activity” of a campus crisis and specific sessions on campus and community policing, medical school and research center security, and student support services. The participants were supportive of the Summit and expressed interest in continuing to have biennial System-wide campus security meetings. A list of articles that represents the national conversation occurring around campus health and safety was provided in the Board packet.

2. Meeting Minutes

Chair Tripp asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2015, meeting. Governor Carter moved to approve the minutes. Governor Beard seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

3. Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer’s Report

Dr. Ignash reported on the following activities of the Academic and Student Affairs (ASA) unit:

- Evaluation of over 1,700 academic programs by the ASA staff for the review of programs to be discussed 9/3/15.
- Draft of a shared/reciprocal IRB form to present to vice presidents for research for finalization this fall.

- Planning for the 3rd annual Federal R&D Workshop in Washington D.C. on October 8 and 9 in which representatives from the SUS will hear speakers from federal agencies on their priorities for funding research.
- SUS annual admissions tour involving admission representatives meeting with high school counselors to review admission regulations, requirements, and articulation policies.
- Annual reports for the four TEAm grants, totaling \$15M, submitted and evaluated.
- Meeting with FSU and FAMU Provosts and College of Engineering students who provided program feedback.
- New Academic and Student Affairs hires: Dr. Christy England-Siegerdt as Associate Vice Chancellor for Policy and Research and Dr. Lynn Hunt Long as Assistant Director of Academic and Student Affairs. Promotion: Jason Jones to Assistant Vice Chancellor for Institutional Research.

4. Type 1 Campus, Morsani College of Medicine, University of South Florida, Tampa Downtown

Chair Tripp introduced the request from the University of South Florida to establish a Type 1 Campus in downtown Tampa, Florida which would house the USF Health, Morsani College of Medicine. Chair Tripp recognized President Genshaft for presentation of the proposal. He noted that the new campus will house the USF Health, Morsani College of Medicine which will be relocated from the main campus and funding has already been provided from the Legislature and Governor Scott. The proposed campus will offer complete degree programs, provide a full range of student support services, and is expected to have significant research activity. The site will also be offering a professional medical doctorate program and may eventually offer other doctorate programs related to health sciences.

President Genshaft provided an update of USF Health and the academic rationale for the move. The following points regarding the rationale were presented:

- USF medical students are overwhelmingly supportive as it puts them near the primary teaching hospital, Tampa General Hospital and near USF Center for Advanced Medical Learning or Simulation;
- Proximity to clinical training will enhance academic synergies and help attract the best students, faculty, and researchers;
- Interdisciplinary training opportunities will be enhanced;
- More real-world clinical opportunities will be provided.

Chair Tripp stated that there were no questions as all were familiar with the proposal.

Governor Link moved to approve establishment of a Type 1 Campus for the University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine at Meridian Avenue and Channelside Drive in Tampa, Florida. Governor Carter seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

## 5. Legislative Budget Requests

Chair Tripp stated items 5a through 5e on the agenda are proposed legislative budget requests for the 2016 Legislative Session.

### a. Mental health Counseling Services

Chair Tripp introduced the State University System Mental Health Counseling Services Legislative Budget Request for \$6,208,211 (\$4,111,644 recurring and \$2,096,487 nonrecurring). Chair Tripp introduced Dr. Kevin Bailey, chair of the SUS Council for Student Affairs, to present this legislative budget request. Dr. Kevin Bailey introduced Dr. Kirk Dougher, Director of the Counseling Center at FAU and a primary author of the LBR.

Dr. Bailey reported on safety initiatives that have occurred over the last several years and also discussed data regarding the prevalence of students in the SUS with mental health problems. According to Dr. Bailey, the LBR is designed to raise staffing levels of SUS counseling centers to the minimum staffing ratios recommended by the profession's accrediting body, the International Association of Counseling Services (IACS). IACS standards suggest the minimum staffing ratio that centers should strive for is 1 FTE for every 1,500 students. Currently, 8 centers in the SUS are operating above the high end of the range of 1 FTE for every 1,500 students.

Governor Huizenga commented that he supports the data but expressed concern that the SUS didn't become over-subscribed all in one year; this has occurred over time. He stated that this situation should have been addressed every year and added that the fact that we are not allocating funds to something this critical is appalling. Governor Huizenga commented that the problem has been identified and said that one of the motions should be that all universities are going to hire the staff that are needed regardless if they get the increased funding. Dr. Bailey responded that the timing appears to be right to move forward with the LBR. Governor Huizenga also suggested the option of reallocation of funding within the universities to address these needs.

Governor Robinson asked for clarification on the variability noted within the "other related expenses" column. Dr. Dougher responded that the differences in requests for positions to bring numbers up to standards may be due to resources (such as room availability) or funding to support salary and benefits. Chair Tripp requested that Dr. Dougher provide the detail for "other related expenses."

Chair Hosseini reported that it is the job of our universities to bring system issues such as campus safety and security to the Board to identify needs and he questioned whether this is a system initiative that the Board wants to support. Dr. Dougher commented that they are trying to be both proactive and sensitive to keeping student fees low and this LBR is potentially keeping student fees at a reduced level while still being able to provide services to meet student mental health problems.

Governor Carter commented that it is important to deal with these counseling issues and that he is willing to take a chance with the legislature to see whether or not this will be funded, because it will benefit the entire system.

Chair Tripp asked UCF President Hitt about the cost associated with a mental health issue that becomes a security issue, creating further problems, and suggested that the cost would be substantial. President Hitt replied that the bigger issue would be if someone loses his/her life, and stated that there is no calculation on that cost. He continued that if we are not going to charge fees to cover items historically paid for by fees, then we are condemned to this situation. Chair Tripp commented that this is an increasing societal problem that must be dealt with and stated that action by the Legislature will determine if it agrees with our system's needs and funding request.

Governor Levine commented that it is not accurate to say that universities have not reallocated resources for campus mental health, as some probably have. He stated that what the universities are recommending is what they need today. He continued that there is no guarantee that this investment will prevent a problem, but he recognized that the worst news we could get is that we have an incident with a student who, due to mental illness, has affected other students or himself or herself. Governor Levine then asked if the universities can estimate what the future counseling needs may be. Dr. Dougher commented that the proposed LBR will provide the tools needed today. He stated that as universities continue to grow in size, there will be increased counseling needs in the coming years. He added that while the campus growth patterns can be projected, the campus counseling needs in the future will be less predictable.

Governor Levine commented that the impact of addiction and dual diagnosis should not be underestimated. He stated that he does not want something bad to happen, but if it does happen, he does not want the Board of Governors to be in a position to be accused of not doing what they were asked to do to make sure that the universities have the professional tools needed to meet the mental health needs of SUS students.

Governor Link questioned the recurring funding amount and Dr. Dougher confirmed the amount to be appropriate.

Governor Carter moved to recommend the State University System Mental Health Counseling Services Legislative Budget Request to the Budget and Finance Committee for consideration. Governor Link seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

b. Florida Collaborative Data Initiative

Chair Tripp introduced the request for the Florida Collaborative Data Initiative. The request for \$2,161,800 recurring funds which would be evenly divided among the six universities (\$360,300) to cover new staff positions and the annual equipment maintenance contract of \$60,000 at each location. Chair Tripp introduced Dr. Ron Toll, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at FGCU and Dr. Elias Eldayrie, Vice President and CIO at UF, to present this legislative budget request.

Dr. Toll reported that the Florida Collaborative Data will provide additional resources to six of the most research intensive universities as well as allowing other institutions to join as affiliate members, and eventually as full members, as their research capacities and needs grow. Dr. Toll introduced Joel Hartman, CIO at UCF and current Chair of SERCA.

Joel Hartman described SERCA as an organization formed within the State University System of Chief Information Officers and individuals who support high performance research activities with the mission of advancing the SUS research agenda. Dr. Hartman reported that the Collaborative Data initiative will enable SUS researchers to collaborate, become more competitive in garnering national and federal funding, preserve and protect data, share data, and focus their energies on their research. Dr. Hartman introduced Dr. Eldayrie.

Dr. Eldayrie stated that last year, 5 of the 6 institutions put in place a proof of concept in order to ensure that the collaborative will work and be functional. The request includes 18 FTEs that would provide staff support. He concluded that with regard to sustainability and growth, the vision for the system will be supported by future grants which will be scaled and grown based on demand.

Governor Carter moved to recommend the Florida Collaborative Data Initiative Legislative Budget Request to the Budget and Finance Committee for consideration. Governor Link seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

c. Support for the Florida Institute of Oceanography, Keys Marine Laboratory

Chair Tripp introduced the request for funding for the Florida Keys Marine Laboratory, operated by the Florida Institute of Technology in Long Key, Florida. The total funding requested is \$1,075,000 (\$475,000 recurring and \$600,000 nonrecurring).

Chair Tripp recognized FGCU Provost Dr. Ron Toll and USF Provost Dr. Ralph Wilcox to present this legislative budget request.

Dr. Toll commented that this state is appropriately proud of the Florida Institute of Oceanography and called on Dr. Wilcox to present the item.

Dr. Wilcox described the Keys Marine Lab (KML), located on Long Key, as a 7 acre facility that provides 7 buildings that includes wet labs, dry labs, classrooms, and sleeping accommodations for up to 30. Dr. Wilcox reported that work conducted by FIO members is critical to the monitoring, understanding, and protecting Florida's biodiversity in the Gulf of Mexico, the Atlantic Ocean, and the Caribbean, as well as to our economy. Dr. Wilcox reported the two components of this request including \$475,000 in recurring funds and the remainder in non-recurring funds.

According to Dr. Wilcox, the recurring \$475,000 funds are needed to shore up state investment to support the activities of the State University to train K-12 teachers who teach marine science and STEM. Another example of instruction provided is a summer course in which students from most SUS institutions come together and study marine science under one roof, with one of the stops being at the Keys Marine Lab. Dr. Wilcox reported that there

is a need to update and strengthen the research facilities and scientific technical equipment as well as to ensure the Keys Marine Lab fleet meets the new technical and safety standards of the US Coast Guard.

Dr. Wilcox reported the nonrecurring component is needed to purchase advanced satellite communications for ship-to-shore classroom initiatives for Keys Marine Lab to SUS institutions, research, and education, and to upgrade scientific instrumentation at the Keys Marine Lab.

Dr. Wilcox reported that the Keys Marine Lab, in addition to serving the 12 universities in the SUS, serves the needs of 16 other members of the Florida Institute of Oceanography.

Governor Beard moved to recommend the Florida Keys Marine Laboratory Legislative Budget Request to the Budget and Finance Committee for consideration. Governor Carter seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

d. FAMU-FSU College of Engineering

Chair Tripp introduced the request for \$6.6 million for the FAMU-FSU Joint College of Engineering and recognized Chancellor Criser who presented this legislative budget request. The request will allow the Joint College of Engineering to hire new faculty and provide start-up costs.

Governor Carter moved to recommend the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering Legislative Budget Request to the Budget and Finance Committee for consideration. Governor Link seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

6. Academic and Student Affairs Updates

a. SUS Council of Academic Vice Presidents (CAVP)

Chair Tripp introduced FGCU Provost Dr. Ron Toll, representing the Council of Academic Vice Presidents (CAVP).

Provost Toll reported on the following CAVP activities:

- Reviewed potential LBRs to help ensure that the LBRs are system-wide.
- Met to review academic program review and proposals for new programs.
- Assisted with documentation to move forward with the Unizon project.

b. SUS Council for Student Affairs (CSA)

Chair Tripp introduced Dr. Kevin Bailey, UWF Vice President for Student Affairs, to provide a brief update on activities of the SUS Council for Student Affairs. Dr. Bailey shared two items:

- This year, the Council will not host an anti-hazing summit. However, at a NASPA student affairs conference on October 16 at FAU, there will be sessions dedicated to the topic.
- A report will be prepared related to campuses and food pantries.

c. Florida Student Association

Chair Tripp recognized student Board member, Governor Tonnette Graham, to provide a brief update on activities and issues of interest to the Florida Student Association and State University System students.

Governor Graham shared the following:

- A goal for FSA is to provide students with a system-wide opportunity to access a food pantry at their universities by the end of this academic year.
- FSA universities have been divided into districts for lobbying and policy workshops to serve as resources for each institutions that are close in proximity.
- FSA is in negotiation to host a polython, a policy making workshop to educate Florida students on issues that are going on at local, state, and national levels.
- FSA has been extended the opportunity to host a forum with the 2016 Presidential candidates in the state of Florida.

7. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Having no further business, Chair Tripp adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

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Norman Tripp, Chair

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Richard P. Stevens,  
Assistant Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs