

MINUTES
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
SELECT COMMITTEE ON FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
MIAMI, FLORIDA
NOVEMBER 4, 2015

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1. Call to Order

Governor Tom Kuntz called the meeting to order at 2:27 p.m. on November 4, 2015 with the following members present: Wendy Link and Edward Morton. A quorum was established. Other Board members in attendance were Governors Richard A. Beard III, Matthew Carter, Patricia Frost, Morteza "Mori" Hosseini, H. Wayne Huizenga, Jr., Alan Levine, Katherine Robinson, Pamela Stewart, and Norman D. Tripp.

2. Meeting Minutes

Governor Kuntz asked for a motion to approve minutes of the Committee's September 3, 2015 meeting. A motion was made by Governor Link, seconded by Governor Morton, and the motion carried 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, regional accreditation, and discipline specific accreditation.

President Avent said that the mandate to create the STEM academic programs has been met. With respect to enrollments, President Avent said that most students are first-time-in-college freshmen and sophomores and that approximately 75% of these students are from the central and southern regions of Florida. He said that the University has received out-of-state inquiries and that he expects more out-of-state enrollments once the institution has achieved regional accreditation. With regard to enrollment growth, President Avent indicated that the University expects an entering class of 600 students next year.

President Avent stated that the University's accreditation request is a top priority. He said that since the Committee's last meeting, the President of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has granted Florida Polytechnic permission to bypass an initial step of the process and to move forward with a site visit, scheduled for March 7-10, 2016. President Avent indicated that, subsequent to the site visit, a decision will be made in June 2016 as to whether Florida Polytechnic can become an official candidate. President Avent explained that, as an official candidate, the University will be able to submit a full application in June 2016. He said that the full application is 85% completed at this time. With regard to the accreditation of specific programs, President Avent said that these applications would occur after regional accreditation has been received. He added that the University will continue to work on discipline specific accreditation in conjunction with the regional accreditation process and document preparation.

With regard to the facilities and construction mandate, President Avent said that it has been met. He stated that the University has opened the IST building, the wellness center, the campus control center, the admissions building, and the first residence hall. He said that the first phase of the athletic fields has been completed. He concluded by indicating that 10% of student laboratory space and faculty research space has been completed, and that realizing the remainder will be a high priority for the institution.

4. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Governor Kuntz adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

Tom Kuntz, Chair

R.E. LeMon
Associate Vice Chancellor,
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