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1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Chair Norman Tripp convened the meeting on March 16, 2016 at 2:31 p.m. with the following members present and answering roll call: Governors Link, Beard, Frost, Graham, Robinson, and Stewart. A quorum was established.

2. Meeting Minutes

Chair Tripp asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2016 committee meeting. Governor Frost moved to approve the minutes. Governor Link 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:

- Board staff has been conducting bill analyses and responding to requests from legislative staff for data and information.
- The Academic Coordination Project Workgroup met on February 16 in Orlando to review new program proposals and to discuss issues pertaining to Board regulations.
- ASA staff met with representatives from the Department of Economic Opportunity to provide suggestions for SOC codes that do not have a crosswalk with a CIP code.
- ASA staff are reviewing Ph.D. proposals for the June meeting.
- Board and Florida College System staffs met to discuss additions to the general education core curriculum that was implemented due to HB 1735 in 2012. Letters have been sent to the universities regarding requests for additions.
- Vice Chancellor Ignash attended a meeting of the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering Management Council on February 17 and a second meeting on

February 24 with the Chancellor and FAMU's and FSU's top leadership to discuss academic topics.

- ASA staff has been working with other Board staff on the distance learning goals for the Innovation and Online Committee. A researcher in the ASA unit will participate in one of the sub-committees of the online taskforce that deals with data issues.
- ASA staff met via teleconference call with the 12 Vice Presidents for Research to get their input on the two-year work plan for research.
- With Governor Link and Chancellor Criser, Vice Chancellor Ignash met with Florida Polytechnic University's Board Chair, President Avent, and top leadership.
- Along with Dr. Christy England-Siegerdt and Mr. Jason Jones, Vice Chancellor Ignash was invited to participate in the Vertex Conference in Austin, Texas, April 18 and 19, sponsored by the University of Texas System to investigate the intersection of higher education and workforce and to better understand federal and state level workforce data and policies.

4. Academic Program Items

A. Limited Access Status for the Bachelor of Fine Arts, (50.0702) at Florida International University

Chair Tripp presented the request for seeking limited access status for the Bachelor of Fine Arts, in Art, CIP 50.0702. The reason for seeking limited access admission is due to limited availability of faculty and space resources. The FIU Board of Trustees approved the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art with Limited Access Status on December 9, 2015. President Rosenberg stated that this modification to the program will allow for better student retention and success and provide sufficient faculty support to better prepare students for the BFA program through portfolio review prior to admission to the program. Chair Tripp requested a report one year from the start of the program regarding the number of students that applied, the number of students having to go to the BA program, and information about the demand for jobs when students complete the program.

Governor Frost moved to approve limited access status for the Bachelor of Fine Arts, CIP 50.0702, at Florida International University. Governor Link seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

B. Limited Access Status, Bachelor of Public Health, (51.2201) at University of Florida

The University of Florida requested Limited Access Status for the Bachelor of Public Health, CIP 51.2201, because of limited faculty resources and space. The program

includes small hands-on interactive labs, field experiences, internships, and the faculty resources available to supervise these experiences are limited. The University of Florida, Board of Trustees approved the Bachelor of Public Health with Limited Access Status on December 4, 2015. Governor Link moved to approve limited access status for the Bachelor of Public Health, CIP 51.2201, at University of Florida. Governor Frost seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

5. Board of Governors Regulations

A. Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 6.009 Admission of International Students to SUS Institutions

Chair Tripp introduced public notice of intent to amend Board of Governors Regulation 6.009, Admission of International Students to SUS Institutions. The regulation was reviewed by university general counsels, the Council of Academic Vice Presidents, the Council of Student Affairs, and other state university staff. Governor Robinson moved to approve public notice of intent to amend Board of Governors Regulation 6.009 Admission of International Students to SUS Institutions. Governor Beard seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

6. Raising the Research Profile of the State University System

Dr. Jan Ignash presented a draft committee work plan to facilitate raising the research profile of the State University System. Dr. Ignash reported the following:

- The Vice Presidents of Research have identified four major key research areas for the Florida SUS: advanced manufacturing; cybersecurity; health, especially neuroscience and aging; and marine/coastal studies.
- The past three federal workshops in Washington D.C. in October provided an opportunity for the SUS to hold conversations with the directors of large funding agencies in the federal government and have included Homeland Security, Cybersecurity, NIH, and NSF.
- The SUS now has a common/reciprocal IRB, which will expedite collaborative SUS research. Federal agency directors in Washington D.C. were impressed with this accomplishment. Research questions today are interdisciplinary and it is important to work across institutions and across departments within institutions.
- A draft outline of topics that focus on faculty and facilities has been provided. The Vice Presidents of Research reported that it is critical to recruit and retain star faculty. It is also critical to have state-of-the-art labs and computer facilities for faculty.
- A legislative budget request (LBR) for a big data computing infrastructure for the System has been developed by the Board office for the past two years but has not been funded. The SUS research community still needs such a facility.

- An outline of the topics for each of the Board meetings for the next two years has been provided. In June, the Vice Presidents of Research will have a panel discussion that drills down to some of these topics in greater detail.

Chair Kuntz questioned how we know we are making progress toward critical goals, which include significant increases in research funding and hiring star faculty. Dr. Ignash responded that the accountability report and the strategic plan provide indicators, and noted that there has been a \$96 million increase in research expenditures this year. The pre-eminent universities have kept good track of new hires they have made; every university does that. The Board's current data systems can track some of these indicators.

Chair Kuntz considered having a spotlight report with updates at each of the Board's six yearly meetings. He asked if we know how many faculty we think we should be hiring. Dr. Ignash commented that hiring faculty is seasonal and the process can take many months, with most new hires being made in the fall. Chair Kuntz suggested creating a dashboard that includes grant applications by universities, the results of grant applications, areas of application, and major grants lost.

President Kent Fuchs stated that UF produces quarterly internal reports of metrics including:

- 1) the dollar amount of proposals up to that point in the quarter, as well as cumulative,
- 2) the number of proposals submitted,
- 3) the dollar amount of any award, and
- 4) the actual expenditures.

Governor Frost suggested that, in the future, the Board take 20 minutes to have each president talk about his or her research strengths so everyone is educated in this area.

Governor Frost moved to approve the Academic and Student Affairs Committee work plan titled Raising the Research Profile of the State University System. Governor Beard seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

7. National Academy of Inventors (NAI), USF

President Genshaft introduced Dr. Paul Sandberg, the NAI's founder and President, who provided a history of NAI and its performance. Dr. Sandberg showed two videos highlighting inventions: Merry Lynn Morris at USF, the inventor of the Rolling Dance Chair, and Nan-Yao Su at UF, the inventor of the Sentricon System. Dr. Su spoke of his research and expressed the importance of academia's involvement in invention efforts.

Richard Mosby of the U.S. Department of Commerce was introduced and reported that an MOU had been signed with the NAI that will foster and expand their relationship.

When asked by Chair Tripp how to encourage more innovation activity in the SUS, Dr. Sandberg noted the need for state metrics, universities working together, and collaboration with private industry. Dr. Genshaft commented that productivity in innovation and invention should be included in university promotion and tenure guidelines.

8. Discussion on Civics Education

Chair Tripp recognized Board member Alan Levine to share an item of concern. Governor Levine shared statistics on students' knowledge of American civics. He noted that there is no general education requirement for U. S. History and American Civics. Governor Levine asked the committee for the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor to collaborate with Provosts at state universities to determine what inventory of data exists on Florida graduates and their knowledge of American government and its institutions, the Bill of Rights and liberties which flow from them, American history, America's role in major world events, and the American economic system. He asked the Provosts to come up with suggestions. Chair Tripp said that he expressed the concern with the Chair of the CAVP and the CAVP would discuss these issues. Governor Frost agreed that the Board needs to be concerned about college students' knowledge of American history and civics.

9. Academic and Student Affairs Updates

A. SUS Council of Academic Vice Presidents (CAVP)

Provost Ron Toll, Chair of the CAVP, reported on the following CAVP activities:

- Along with the SUS Vice Presidents for Finance, the Provosts will meet on March 29 with the Board's Chair and Vice Chair and the Chancellor and other Board staff to provide input on performance-based funding metric #3. A meeting has been scheduled to discuss implementation of the online strategic plan, the learning management system CANVAS for the state of Florida, and civic education.
- The SUS needs to continue to discuss clinical placements as bottlenecks for producing healthcare (nursing, PT, and OT students and others) professionals.

B. SUS Council for Student Affairs (CSA)

Dr. Kevin Bailey, Chair of the Council for Student Affairs, reported on the following CSA activities:

- The next anti-hazing summit will be in Fall 2016 at FIU in conjunction with another student affairs meeting. Three areas will be presented at a retreat in June prior to the BOG meeting at UCF and include: mental health, career services, and health center directors.

C. Florida Student Association (FSA)

Governor Tonnelle Graham reported on the following activities:

- The February 10 “Rally in Tally” was successful, followed by Governor Scott’s reception on education.
- The student leaders are currently in the process of transitioning out of their terms and transitioning the new student leaders into theirs. Plans are underway for the FSA transition retreat scheduled for early next month.

Governor Graham introduced host student body president Daniel McBurney for the presentation on mental health, which is FSA’s new initiative, unanimously approved by vote in December. Each of the 12 student governments have been putting on events to promote awareness of mental health issues on campus and helping connect students with campus resources.

Having no further business, Chair Tripp adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Norman Tripp, Chair

Richard P. Stevens,
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