

MINUTES
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
SELECT COMMITTEE ON FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY
NEW COLLEGE OF FLORIDA
SARASOTA, FLORIDA
September 21, 2016

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1. Call to Order

Governor Wendy Link called the meeting to order on September 21, 2016. Committee members in attendance were Governors Doyle, Jordan, Morton, and Valverde. Other Board members present were Governors Beard, Colson, Frost, Herbert, Huizenga, Kuntz, Lautenbach, Levine, Tripp, and Tyson

2. Approval of Minutes: June 21, 2016, and June 22, 2016

Governor Link asked for a motion to approve the Committee's minutes from its June 21st and June 22nd, 2016 meetings. A motion was made by Governor Jordan, seconded by Governor Doyle, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Florida Polytechnic University Update

President Avent began by saying that of the six legislative mandates, two remained to be met. With respect to enrollment, he said that the 1,244 enrollment mandate had been met and that the University had 1,316 students and 1,279 FTE. He said that Poly was looking for ways to improve its under-represented, out-of-state, and international enrollments, and that currently 3.6% students were out-of-state and 2% were international. President Avent said that 274 classes were being offered and that the average class size was 24 students. He said that the second dormitory had been opened on time and that 630 students were now living on campus

With regard to accreditation, President Avent said that the University was on-schedule, had submitted a first draft of its Compliance Certification to its SACS liaison on August 22nd, and that he hoped to get comments back by the end of September.

President Avent said that key leadership positions had been filled including a new provost, a vice president for advancement, and a senior faculty member to oversee the University's new program in health informatics. He said that Poly had added 25 new full-time faculty that would keep the student-to-faculty ratio at 25 to 1. President Avent indicated that new success coaches had been hired to advise students and to assist them to move through troublesome courses. He said that 70 interns had been placed at 54 companies.

Governor Link queried as to the subsidizing of tuition and whether the University might be concerned after subsidizing was no longer in effect. President Avent indicated that Poly's third class had been given financial aid for its first year only.

Governor Link asked President Avent whether he was satisfied with the academic quality of the student population. President Avent indicated that he wanted it be higher and that Poly was working to increase it. Governor Morton noted that Poly was currently at an enrollment of 1,300 students and queried as to whether the University envisioned increasing that number. President Avent said that the original charter was for the University to have 5,000 students. He said that with the University's current capacity and infrastructure, Poly would remain below 5,000 for the next five years.

3. Closing Remarks and Adjournment and adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Wendy Link, Chair

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