

MINUTES  
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
SELECT COMMITTEE ON FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY  
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY  
BOCA RATON, FLORIDA  
November 3, 2016

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1. Call to Order

Governor Wendy Link called the meeting to order on 10:46 a.m. at November 3, 2016 with Committee members Doyle, Jordan, Morton, and Valverde present. A quorum was established. Other Board members in attendance were Governors Colson, Hebert, Huizenga, Kuntz, Lautenbach, Levine, Stewart, Tripp, and Tyson.

2. Approval of Select Committee Minutes, September 21, 2016

Governor Link called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Select Committee's September 21, 2016 meeting. A motion was made by Governor Morton, seconded by Governor Doyle, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Florida Polytechnic University Implementation Status Report

As Poly President Avent was not able to attend the meeting, Dr. Terry Parker, Vice President for Academic Affairs, provided the University's status report. Dr. Parker said that his comments would focus on accreditation, the last of the six statutory requirements that the University needs to accomplish by December 31, 2017. He noted that regional accreditation is a long process and that the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) is very firmly in control of the timeline. Relying on his own prior experience, Dr. Parker said that SACS has a reputation for being the most rigorous regional accrediting body. He also noted that initial accreditation requires a significantly greater level of effort than a reaffirmation.

Dr. Parker indicated that the University submitted a draft application to its consultant for review in late August and that she suggested minor revisions. He said that the University planned to submit its application by December 15, 2016 but that it was likely that SACS will request that Fall assessment data be included and that this would move

the submission to early January 2017. He noted that the site visit team's chair indicated that his January 2017 visit may not be necessary. Dr. Parker said that the formal site visit, comprised of a nine-member team, will occur in February 2017. He said that subsequent to the site visit, SACS will formally consider the University's request for accreditation. Dr. Parker said that the University is hoping that the decision will be made in June 2017 but that SACS may not make a decision until December 2017.

Governor Link said that when she spoke earlier with President Avent she emphasized that the Board is hoping for a June 2017 decision. She asked Dr. Parker if he foresaw any obstacles to receiving a decision by June 2017. Dr. Parker said that he did not but that, once again, the University had very limited ability to control the SACS process and timeline. He said that the University had communicated to SACS its strong desire that a decision would be made in June 2017.

#### 4. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

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Wendy Link, Chair

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