



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

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MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday, April 28, 2022
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

Florida Polytechnic University WEBEX TELECONFERENCE MEETING

I. Call to Order

Chair Cliff Otto called the meeting to order at 3:27 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Kris Wharton called the roll: Chair Cliff Otto, Vice Chair Mark Bostick, Trustee Ala' J. Alnaser, Trustee Laine Powell, Trustee Melia Rodriguez, Trustee Earl Sasser, Trustee Bob Stork, Trustee Narendra Kini, and Trustee Gary Wendt were present (Quorum).

Board members not present: Trustee Beth Kigel, Trustee Lyn Stanfield

Staff present: President Randy Avent, Provost Terry Parker, Allen Bottorff, Gina DeIulio, Kathy Bowman, David Blanton, Dr. Tom Dvorske, Dr. Ben Matthew Corpus, Dr. Kathryn Miller, Kevin Calkins, Kristen Wharton, Alex Landback, and Melaine Schmitz were present.

III. Public Comment

There were no requests received for public comment.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Trustee Earl Sasser motioned to approve the Board of Trustees meeting minutes of February 16, 2022. Trustee Melia Rodriguez seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. Recognition of Service: Trustee Samantha Ashby and Trustee Ala' J. Alnaser

Chair Otto recognized two trustees whose terms are ending: Trustee Samantha Ashby and Trustee Ala' J. Alnaser. Kristen Wharton read the resolutions, which are attached to these minutes, honoring Trustees Ashby's and Alnaser's service. On behalf of the trustees, Chair Otto expressed his appreciation for their many contributions to the Board and the University.

Chair Otto also welcomed new student trustee Melia Rodriguez to the Board.

VI. Florida Polytechnic University Accountability Plan FY22

As the Academic & Student Affairs Committee meeting just concluded, Committee Chair Earl Sasser decided to open the floor for questions regarding the Accountability Plan. He began by inquiring about the percentage reduction from 56% to 49% for the six-year graduation rate. Provost Parker reminded trustees that this reduction is for the coming year, and the

requirement is attaining graduation "within" six years. President Randy Avent commented this rate is comparable to other engineering programs. Provost Parker confirmed that approximately half of the students who started as FTIC in 2016 will graduate in 2022. The percentage rate increases in subsequent years.

Trustee Gary Wendt inquired if there is data on six-year graduation rates from similar schools. President Avent responded he will send trustees a chart that depicts this comparison to our peer institutions. Trustee Wendt also asked to see this comparison among the other universities in the State University System (SUS). President Avent assured trustees the six-year graduation rate is comparable to our peer institutions; the Academic Progress Rate (APR) is where the University needs to focus. Chair Otto asked administration to update the comparison charts with both peer and aspirational peers and share it at the May board meeting. Trustee Sasser asked for demographics to be included.

The committee unanimously recommends the Board approve the Florida Polytechnic University Accountability Plan FY22. This plan includes the amendment which changes the goal for Pell Retention rate for 2021-22 to 75%. As this recommendation comes before the Board with unanimous approval from the Academic & Student Affairs Committee, there is no need for a second. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

VII. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.