



## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**August 16, 2022**

**University of Florida, Gainesville, FL**

**Time Convened: 2:00 p.m.**

**Time Adjourned: 3:07 p.m.**

### **Board members present:**

Morteza “Mori” Hosseini (Board Chair), David L. Brandon, Richard P. Cole, Christopher T. Corr, James W. Heavener, Thomas G. Kuntz (Board Vice Chair), Lauren D. Lemasters, Daniel T. O’Keefe, Rahul Patel, Amanda J. Phalin, Marsha D. Powers, Fred S. Ridley, and Anita G. Zucker.

### **Others present:**

W. Kent Fuchs, President; Joe Glover, Provost and Senior Vice President; Scott Angle, Senior Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources; Chris Cowen, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Melissa Curry, Interim Vice President for Human Resources; Elias Eldayrie, Vice President and Chief Information Officer; Amy Hass, Vice President and General Counsel; Mark Kaplan, Vice President for Government and Community Relations and University Secretary; Charlie Lane, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; Marsha McGriff, Chief Diversity Officer and Senior Advisor to the President; Tom Mitchell, Vice President for Advancement; D’Andra Mull, Vice President for Student Affairs; David Nelson, Senior Vice President for Health Affairs; David Norton, Vice President for Research; Steve Orlando, Interim Vice President for Strategic Communications and Marketing; Mary Parker, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Associate Provost; Curtis Reynolds, Vice President for Business Affairs; members of the University of Florida community, and the public.

### **1.0 Call to Order and Welcome**

Board Chair Hosseini welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

### **2.0 Verification of Quorum**

Vice President and University Secretary Mark Kaplan verified a quorum with all members present.

### **3.0 Public Comment**

Vice President and General Counsel Amy Hass informed the Board there was one member of the public who registered to speak, Mikhail Mikhaylov. Chair Hosseini recognized Mr. Mikhaylov for his comments. Board Chair Hosseini asked Trustee Cole, who served on the AFSSPRSC Subcommittee on Mental Health, to put together a team working with administration, to review the topic of mental health by looking at the big picture and bringing recommendations back to the board.

#### **4.0 Action Items (Consent)**

##### **Committee on Academic, Faculty, Student Success, Public Relations and Strategic Communications (AFSSPRSC)**

###### **AFSSPRSC1 Tenure Upon Hire**

Chair Hosseini asked Joe Glover, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, to review the six Tenure Upon Hire cases. Provost Glover noted that all Tenure Upon Hire cases have met the criteria for tenure and have been recommended to receive tenure. He then reviewed each case individually as follows:

- Dr. Zongliang Jiang – IFAS College of Agriculture and Life Sciences/Associate Professor, Department of Animal Sciences
- Dr. Cheryl McNeil – College of Medicine Professor, Department of Psychiatry
- Dr. Seungahn Nah – College of Journalism and Communications Professor, Department of Journalism
- Dr. Pinaki Sardi – College of Medicine Associate Professor, Department of Medicine
- Dr. Francois Modave - College of Medicine Professor, Department of Anesthesiology
- Ms. Emily McElroy – George A. Smathers, Libraries Associate Dean for Research and Health Sciences and University Librarian

The Board Chair asked for a motion to approve Action Item AFSSPRSC1 which was made by Trustee Zucker and seconded by Trustee Bill Heavener. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, after which he asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

###### **AFSSPRSC2 University Press of Florida Annual Report**

Chair Hosseini asked Provost Glover to present the University Press of Florida Annual Report., which is an annual report due to the Board of Governors (BOG).

The Board Chair asked for a motion to approve Action Item AFSSPRSC2 which was made by Trustee Brandon and seconded by Trustee Powers. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, after which he asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

###### **AFSSPRSC3 Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability Report**

Chair Hosseini asked Provost Glover to review the Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability Report which is an annual report due to the Board of Governors. The purpose is to lower the costs of textbooks and instructional materials.

The Board Chair asked for a motion to approve Action Item AFSSPRSC3 which was made by Trustee Phalin and seconded by Trustee O'Keefe. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, after which he asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

### **AFSSPRSC4 Specialized Admissions Approval**

Chair Hosseini asked Provost Glover to review the Specialized Admissions Approval action item which requires regular review of specialized admission programs and reporting to the Board of Governors. Dr. Glover noted the former title was Limited Access Programs.

The Board Chair asked for a motion to approve Action Item AFSSPRSC4 which was made by Trustee Cole and seconded by Trustee Phalin. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, after which he asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

### **Committee on Facilities and Capital Investments (FCI)**

#### **FCI1 Fixed Capital Outlay Budget Fiscal Year 2022-23**

Chair Hosseini asked Curtis Reynolds, Vice President for Business Affairs, to review this action item discussed at the pre-meeting earlier this month. A discussion ensued regarding donor gift review protocols, specific questions about funding elements for Malachowsky Hall for Date Science and Information Technology, and the rules regarding 1% or 2% set asides for building maintenance. SVP Cowen and Tom Mitchell, Vice President for Advancement, agreed they would provide additional information at a future meeting.

The Board Chair asked for a motion to approve Action Item FCI1 which was made by Trustee Powers and seconded by Trustee Zucker. The Board Chair asked for further discussion, after which he asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

#### **FCI2 Campus District Energy Efficiency Contracts**

Chair Hosseini asked Curtis Reynolds, Vice President for Business Affairs, to review this action item discussed at the pre-meeting earlier this month. VP Reynolds advised the action item had been updated to remove the Dental District from the summary. Trustee Phalin asked VP Reynolds to clarify the Performance Contract Agreement (PCA) for the Central Energy Project and he advised the PCA was not associated with the Central Energy Project and only pertained to the Holland District.

The Board Chair asked for a motion to approve Action Item FCI2 which was made by Trustee Brandon and seconded by Trustee Zucker. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, after which he asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

### **Committee on Finance, Strategic Planning and Performance Funding (FSPPM)**

#### **FSPPM1 FY2022-2023 Operating Budget**

Chair Hosseini asked Chris Cowen, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, to review the 2022-2023 Operating Budget which provides a breakdown of revenues, expenses, and overhead. SVP Cowen noted this has been reviewed extensively with the committee at the workshop. In reviewing the action item, he noted the annual action item is submitted to the BOG upon approval of the Board. Committee Chair Kuntz advised additional information would be forthcoming but that this process is not a quick one. He noted that UF Health is not included

currently but they will have an all-encompassing One UF report. There will be follow-up sent to the Committee Chair regarding research expenditures and DSO budgets. Chair Hosseini thanked Committee Chair Kuntz, CFO Cowen, and the committee for all their great work.

The Board Chair asked for a motion to approve Action Item FSPPM1 which was made by Trustee Kuntz and seconded by Trustee O'Keefe. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, after which he asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

#### **FSPPM2 Carryforward Spending Plan FY2022-23**

Chair Hosseini asked SVP Cowen to review Carryforward Spending Plan for fiscal year 2022-23. SVP Cowen reported these funds maintain a 7% statutory reserve with a focus on strategic priorities. The report is submitted annually to the Board of Governors after the Board of Trustees approval.

The Board Chair asked for a motion to approve Action Item FSPPM2 which was made by Trustee Kuntz and seconded by Trustee Brandon. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, after which he asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

#### **Committee on Governance, Government Relations, and Internal Affairs (GGRIA)**

##### **GGRIA1 Direct Support Organizations Appointments**

The Board Chair asked Vice President and General Counsel Amy Hass to review the action item discussed at the pre-meeting earlier this month.

The Board Chair for a motion to approve Action Item GGRIA1 which was made by Trustee Zucker and seconded by Trustee Brandon. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, after which he asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

##### **GGRIA2 Legislative Budget Request FY2022-23**

The Board Chair asked Vice President and University Secretary Mark Kaplan to review the Legislative Budget Requests for fiscal year 2022-2023 that are due to BOG. Chair Hosseini reminded the Board there will be a lot of work to do this legislative session, but UF is on its way. Forbes magazine just ranked UF #2 for return on investment among public schools. Provost Glover added the university has been receiving many recognitions with more to come.

The Board Chair asked for a motion to approve Action Item GGRIA2 which was made by Trustee Phalin and seconded by Trustee Heavener. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, after which he asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

### **GGRIA3 Governance Standards**

The Board Chair asked VP Amy Hass to review the governance standard action item.

The Board Chair asked for a motion to approve Action Item GGRIA3 which was made by Trustee Brandon and seconded by Trustee Kuntz. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, after which he asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

### **GGRIA4 Facility Security Clearance**

The Board Chair asked David Norton, Vice President for Research, to review the facility clearance action item.

The Board Chair asked for a motion to approve Action Item GGRIA4 which was made by Trustee Powers and seconded by Trustee Phalin. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, after which he asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

## **5.0 Action Items (Non-Consent)**

Board Chair Hosseini advised there were five non-consent agenda items that were reviewed previously in the FCI Committee pre-meeting. Chair Hosseini noted a couple of the namings brought forward were not complete and binding which was discussed at the committee pre-meeting. He has requested VP Mitchell send this information which is a part of the naming protocol. Chair Hosseini amended the motion to ask for the Boards approval on all naming action items contingent upon the Board Chair receiving the information and approval.

### **Committee on Facilities and Capital Investments (FCI)**

#### **FCI3 Naming: Walter Beinecke, Jr. Center for the Preservation of Nantucket at Sherbune**

The Board Chair asked for a motion to approve Action Item FCI3 subject to Board Chair approval which was made by Trustee Cole and seconded by Trustee Brandon. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, after which he asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

#### **FCI4 Naming: Gator Dugout Club Concession Stand**

The Board Chair asked for a motion to approve Action Item FCI4 subject to Board Chair approval which was made by Trustee Powers and seconded by Trustee Zucker. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, after which he asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

#### **FCI5 Naming: Bruno and Maritza Ramos Hall**

The Board Chair asked for a motion to approve Action Item FCI5 subject to Board Chair approval which was made by Trustee Brandon and seconded by Trustee Lemasters. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, after which he asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

### **FCI6 Naming: Scott Family Chemistry Building**

The Board Chair asked for a motion to approve Action Item FCI6 subject to Board Chair approval which was made by Trustee Zucker and seconded by Trustee Brandon. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, after which he asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

### **FCI7 Naming: Herbert Wertheim UF Scripps Institute for Biomedical Innovation**

The Board Chair asked for a motion to approve Action Item FCI7 subject to Board Chair approval which was made by Trustee Cole and seconded by Trustee O'Keefe. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, after which he asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

A discussion regarding the namings ensued as to their approval process. Trustee Kuntz advised he was amenable to delegating authority to the Board Chair to confirm compliance with UF policy. Committee Chair Brandon added the protocols around namings need to be reviewed to confirm protocols are met. Trustee Patel clarified the naming protocols broken down into two types; classified which pertain to significant spaces which require Board approval and those approved by the President which require Chair review but not Board approval. Trustee Patel added they will look at the process and standards again to ensure there is no confusion in the language.

### **6.0 New Business**

There was no new business to come before the Board.

### **7.0 Comments by the Chair of the Board**

Board Chair Hosseini talked about the progress of the university. He advised the Board to watch out for the noises they hear as some are untrue and do not benefit the university. The Board's focus, especially in the legislature, has been on supporting the faculty but should also be on the staff, students, and administration as these go hand in hand. Going forward he wants to address what the trustees can do to improve the life of faculty, staff, students, and leadership which give life to the university. He said that he would like to review the university's mission statement at a future meeting. He also said we need to work with the legislature and BOG on improving staff and faculty pay.

### **8.0 Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, Board Chair Hosseini adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.