



**COMMITTEE ON GOVERNANCE, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

Pre-Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting

May 9, 2023

Time Convened: 10:00 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 10:29 a.m.

Committee and Board members present:

Morteza “Mori” Hosseini (Board and Committee Chair), David L. Brandon, Richard P. Cole, Christopher T. Corr, Oliva E. Green, James W. Heavener, Daniel T. O’Keefe, Rahul Patel, Amanda J. Phalin, Marsha D. Powers, Fred S. Ridley, Patrick O. Zalupski, and Anita G. Zucker.

Others present:

Ben Sasse, President; 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; Joseph Glover, Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs; Amy Hass, Vice President and General Counsel; Mark Kaplan, Vice President for Government and Community Relations and University Secretary; Mary Parker, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Associate Provost; Curtis Reynolds, Vice President for Business Affairs; Heather White, Vice President for Student Life; members of the University of Florida community, and the public.

1.0 Call to Order and Welcome

Board and Committee Chairman Hosseini welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Vice President and University Secretary Mark Kaplan conducted a roll call, and all Committee members were present.

3.0 Review Draft Agenda for June Meeting

3.1 Review Action Items

Chairman Hosseini noted the pre-meeting is for discussion only and no action will come to the committee.

- **GGRIA1 Direct Support Organizations Appointments**

Vice President and General Counsel Amy Hass summarized the 23 direct support organization appointments before the committee for approval, including eighteen for UF Alumni Association, four for UF Historic St. Augustine, and 1 for UF Investment Corporation.

- UF Alumni Association (18): Jennifer Adams, Roger “Beau” Beaubien, Kristin Carter, Ruan Cox, Jessica Costello, Christina Cabrera, Christina Criser Jackson, Carlos del Sol, Alex Hurd, Kim Kaupe, Erica Loewe, Isabella Montoya, Careshia Moore, Glenna Palazzo, Nik Patel, Andrea Pelt-Thornton, Damon Sununtnasuk, Craig Thompson
- UF Historic St. Augustine (4): J. Michael Francis, Elsbeth “Buff” Gordon, Bill Robinson, Herschel Shepard
- UF Investment Corporation (1): Scott Friedman

Trustee Amanda Phalin expressed her full support of UF Alumni Association appointee Isabella Montoya.

- **GGRIA2 UF Regulations**

Vice President and General Counsel Amy Hass reviewed two regulations, 3.0375 and 7.010.

3.0375: The proposed regulation amendment reflects an increase in the repeat course surcharge from \$189.74 to \$204.65, an increase of \$14.91, as set by the BOG.

7.010: In accordance with BOG Regulation 10.003, this proposed regulation amendment replaces UF’s sustained performance evaluation process with a policy requiring tenured faculty to undergo a comprehensive post-tenure review every five years as promulgated by Senate Bill 7044 from the 2022 Legislative Session.

3.2 Discussion Item

- **Government Update**

Vice President for Government and Community Relations and University Secretary Mark Kaplan shared UF had a record year of funding receiving approximately \$130M in new recurring Education & General funding and more than \$250M for fixed capital outlay (PECO). This increased UF’s fixed capital outlay over the last five legislative sessions to an unprecedented \$750M. He noted the 2024 legislative session is set to begin on January 9, 2024 and committee meetings will begin this September. He expressed his immense gratitude to Board Chair Hosseini for his tireless effort as the biggest advocate for UF and without him UF would not have received this record-breaking funding.

Board and Committee Chair Hosseini thanked VP Kaplan for his kind words and added that the funding received by UF this year is unprecedented. He noted that we owe a debt of gratitude to everyone at UF, our faculty, staff, administration, trustees, for their teamwork and diligence. Specifically, he expressed his thanks to President Sasse and Trustee Zalupski for their efforts. He shared he is particularly proud of funding projects for P.K. Yonge and UF Health. He noted that the Dental Science Building is under review from the President, and he will come to the Board with his decision of what direction will be taken for that facility.

Trustee David Brandon echoed VP Kaplan's comments on Chairman Hosseini's dedication and tireless effort for UF.

VP Kaplan remarked on the policy takeaways, noting the Board of Governors will be providing direction to the universities.

Trustee Amanda Phalin inquired what the chances are of the funding for the Music Building will be vetoed. Board and Committee Chair Hosseini said they are pushing for the funding. The President will decide if more money is needed for the project and how funds will be used. He closed his remarks by thanking the Board for coming to Tallahassee for Gator Day and encouraged them to continue to reach out to legislators on behalf of UF.

4.0 New Business

There was no new business to come before the committee.

5.0 Adjourn

There being no further discussion, Board and Committee Chair Hosseini adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m.