

**FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CONFERENCE CALL
MEETING MINUTES
Innovation, Science & Technology Building
4700 Research Way
Room 1047
Lakeland, Florida 33805-8531
April 28, 2015**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Bostick called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. after experiencing telephone difficulties. Trustees Robert Scaringe and Tom O'Malley voiced disapproval of how the technical difficulties were handled, requesting in the future communication be sent informing the Board of the situation.

Jackye Maxey called the roll: Chair Mark Bostick, Trustee Frank T. Martin, Trustee Sandra Featherman, Trustee Dick Hallion, Trustee Scott Hammack, Trustee Robert MacCuspie, Trustee Thomas O'Malley, Trustee Robert P. Scaringe, Trustee Bob Stork, and Trustee Don Wilson were present (Quorum).

Staff: President Avent, Ava Parker, Dr. Ghazi Darkazalli, Gina DeJulio Dr. Elhami Nasr, Kevin Calkins, Crystal Lauderdale, and Jackye Maxey.

2. Public Comment

There were no requests received for public comment.

3. Chair Remarks

Chair Bostick welcomed Dr. Robert P. Scaringe to the Board. Dr. Scaringe is the President of Mainstream Engineering Corporation which is located on the East Coast in Rockledge, Florida. He was appointed by Governor Scott to a term that expires on June 30, 2017. Dr. Scaringe will serve on the Academic & Student Affairs and Strategic Planning Committees. We are pleased to have him join our team.

Chair Bostick also made the following announcements:

- The students selected the Phoenix as the mascot for the University.
- This is the last meeting for Dr. Robert MacCuspie as the faculty representative on the Board of Trustees. Dr. MacCuspie was the first faculty member hired at the University and his vision and leadership with the faculty, students and Board is appreciated. He will be invited back for a more formal thank you and recognition for his service.
- Congratulations to Ava Parker on being appointed as Palm Beach State College's fifth President and the college's first female President. He thanked Ava on behalf of the Board for all she has done while with the University and wished her much success in her new endeavors.

4. Approval of Amendment – December 10, 2014 Minutes

Trustee Hallion made a motion to amend the minutes to add Trustee Stork's name to those in attendance at the December 10, 2014, Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee O'Malley seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of Fall 2015 Off-Campus Housing Rate

Ava Parker presented the proposal to set the monthly rental rate of no more than \$625.00 per student/occupant at the Big Oaks Apartment Complex.

This rate is for double occupancy in a bedroom in a two or three bedroom apartment. The apartments will be fully furnished including a twin bed, desk, chair and chest of drawers for each student and a sofa, coffee table, lamp, bar stools and washer and dryer in each apartment. Utilities, cable, an internet connection, parking and bus transportation to and from campus are included. The University will also provide Resident Assistants, student services and is considering an escort service or security for the off-site parking.

The base rent that Big Oaks is charging the University for the two-bedroom apartment is \$979.00 per month. The recommended monthly rental rate charged to the residents will not cover all of the projected cost of providing the off-campus housing for the students. However, \$625.00 is recommended because it is the projected rate for double occupancy in the second residence hall that will open in 2016. Additionally we are looking to provide a service to the students to encourage them to return to campus after the new residence hall is available and matching the rate will encourage a smooth transition back to campus. The University will subsidize any cost not covered by the rental payments through revenues other than the operating budget.

Trustee Scaringe asked if the off-campus apartments would be occupied for a full 12 months or only the 9 months that school is in session. Ava Parker stated that in order for Big Oaks to hold the units for an August 1 occupancy date, the lease would need to begin June 1, 2015. Trustee Scaringe indicated he does not feel the extra money expended to hold the units throughout the summer is money well spent.

President Avent indicated transportation is also figured into the cost. Additionally, at the end of the lease, the University will be selling the furniture to recover some of the incurred expense. Dr. Avent also stated the University does not want to penalize the students for the University's inability to build a dorm.

Trustee Featherman made a motion to approve the monthly rental rate of no more than \$625.00 per student or occupant for University off-campus housing at Big Oaks Apartment Complex. Trustee Martin seconded the motion; Trustee Scaringe opposed, all others approved and the motion passed.

6. Approval of the 2015 University Work Plan

Kevin Calkins presented the 2015 University Work Plan. Board of Governors Regulation 1.001 requires each Board of Trustees to prepare a multi-year Work Plan that outlines the University's priorities, strategic directions, enrollment, and financial plans for achieving the University's

mission. The Work Plan must be approved by the Board of Trustees prior to submission to the Board of Governors on May 4, 2015.

Trustee Scaringe voiced concern regarding the growth rate of 5 projected graduates in 2015-16 to 307 graduates in 2017-18. Trustee Scaringe indicated the nation's top-tier polytechnic universities, like MIT or Cal Tech, became excellent because they kept enrollment small and only hired above-average professors. In response, Trustee Featherman stated she feels the University is in a good place.

President Avent noted that Florida Poly can grow and keep offering high-level STEM education to students. He also stated that there is a statutory requirement for Florida Poly to have 1,244 FTE's by December 31, 2016.

The University Work Plan also reflects in-coming students may be struggling to keep up with the math requirements of an aggressive STEM program. The Plan shows student retention as a critical measure of success, and calls for continued development of the Academic Success Center which provides learning support and tutoring. The Plan also includes a summer Math Boot Camp and other innovative teaching methods such as assigning engineers to co-teach with math faculty.

Trustee Scaringe again stated, questioned the aggressiveness of the growth plan. Trustee Featherman indicated she is not in agreement with Trustee Scaringe. Trustee Hallion stated that he agreed with Trustee Featherman.

Trustee Stork made a motion to approve the 2015 University Work Plan. Trustee Martin seconded the motion; Trustee Scaringe opposed, all others approved and the motion passed.

7. Approval to Repeal Regulation FPU-3.010 On-Campus Residency Requirement

Gina DeIulio noted that the University is repealing regulation FPU-3.010 On-Campus Residency Requirement as it is no longer necessary.

Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the repeal of Regulation FPU-3.010 On-Campus Residency Requirement. Trustee Stork seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously approved.

8. Approval to Amend Regulation FPU-6.004 Annual Leave Regulation

Gina DeIulio stated that this agenda item will be addressed at a future Board meeting.

9. Approval of FPU-3.0062P Antihazing Policy

Gina DeIulio provided an overview of policy FPU-3.0062P Antihazing. She noted that BOG Regulations 1.001() (a) (8), and section 1006.63 of Florida statutes requires each Board of Trustees to adopt policies or regulations prohibiting hazing.

Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the FPU-3.0062P Antihazing Policy. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

10. Upcoming Board of Trustees Meetings

Chair Bostick stated the Board meeting previously scheduled for May 12, 2015, has been cancelled. He encouraged committee chairs to schedule committee meetings if needed. He also reminded board members about the retreat that will be held on June 3-4, 2015.

On June 3rd we will be meeting at the Terrace Hotel in Lakeland. Dr. Terry MacTaggart (Consultant with the Association of Governing Boards) will serve as our meeting facilitator.

Dr. MacTaggart has requested 30-minute individual conference calls be conducted between himself and each Board member during the week of May 4 to find out our expectations for the retreat. Based on these conversations he will draft a schedule of topics to be discussed at the retreat. Kim Kennedy will contact you to schedule these conference calls.

On June 4th, we will wrap up our retreat on campus. Dr. Belle Wheelan, President of SACS, is coming to visit Florida Poly and address the Board. Chair Bostick expects the Retreat to wrap up no later than 1:00 p.m. on June 4th.

11. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Chair Bostick thanked everyone for participating in the conference call.

With no further business to discuss, the Board of Trustees meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.