



USF Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, April 23, 2025
Microsoft Teams Meeting

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Vice Chair Mike Griffin welcomed everyone and called the Board of Trustees meeting to order.

Vice Chair Griffin announced that the meeting today is to consider the Accountability Plan that is due to the Board of Governors by May 1st. He thanked Provost Mohapatra and his team as well as President Law, Chair Oscar Horton and the ACE Committee, for their incredible work and discussions held at the Accountability Workshop just prior to the Board meeting.

Vice Chair Griffin asked Kiara Gayle to call the roll.

Kiara Gayle called the roll.

Trustee Charbel Barakat
Trustee Sandy Callahan
Trustee Michael Carrere - Did not participate.
Trustee Rogan Donelly - Did not participate
Trustee Suryakanth Gottipati
Trustee Mike Griffin
Trustee Oscar Horton
Trustee Luran Monbarren
Trustee Shilen Patel – Did not participate.
Trustee Fredrick Piccolo
Trustee Melissa Seixas - Did not participate.
Trustee David Simmons
Trustee Will Weatherford - Did not participate.

New Business - 2025 SUS Accountability Plan

Provost Prasant Mohapatra provided a summary of the 2025 USF Accountability Plan.

As a part of the Board of Governors planning and accountability framework for the State University System (SUS), institutions are required to complete an Annual Accountability Plan that provides an institutional overview as measured by specific performance metrics within the context of BOG System Strategic Plan, and regional and statewide needs.

The SUS Accountability Plan contains the following key initiatives and achievements; Narrative sections outlining progress on indicators related to the BOG Strategic Plan and aligned with the institution-level strategic priorities; and detailed institution-level data.

The Provost highlighted the following:

One of the key components of the academic planning process is the continued emphasis on initiatives that define the university's core purpose—providing an exceptional learning experience that drives student success. The importance of measurable outcomes was noted as essential for tracking progress and ensuring alignment with institutional goals. It was highlighted that student success and faculty excellence are interdependent and must be addressed in an integrated manner. The Student Success and Faculty Excellence Plan reflects this integration and aligns with the broader mission of delivering high-quality, impactful education. Given the evolving landscape of higher education nationally, the need for adaptability was acknowledged, alongside a reaffirmation of the university's commitment to its mission and long-term vision. Strategic investments and resource realignment will be necessary to maintain focus and effectiveness in the face of these changes. The alignment of the leadership team with these priorities was noted, and appreciation was expressed for the Board of Trustees' ongoing support of these efforts.

Vice Chair Griffin called on ACE Committee Chair Oscar Horton for the committee's recommendation.

Chair Horton reported on behalf of the ACE Committee. The ACE Committee convened immediately prior to this Special Board Meeting and held a robust discussion on the Accountability Plan, voting unanimously to recommend its approval.

Vice Chair Griffin requested a motion to approve. The motion was given by Trustee Piccolo seconded by Trustee Horton and the USF 2025 Accountability Work Plan was approved.

Having no further business Vice Chair Griffin thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the meeting.