

## **USF Board of Trustees Governance Committee**

Thursday, May 14, 2020  
Microsoft Teams Meeting

### **Call to Order and Comments**

Chair Les Muma called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. He then asked Dr. Cindy Visot to call roll with the following members present: Les Muma, Sandra Callahan, Stephanie Goforth, John Ramil, Nancy Watkins, Jordan Zimmerman.

Chair Muma stated that there were no requests for public comments.

### **New Business – Action Items**

- a. FL 101 – Approval of March 3, 2020 Minutes

Chair Muma asked if there were any changes to the minutes, there were none. Trustee Ramil moved for approval with a second from Trustee Callahan. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

- b. FL 102 – Approve USF Institute of Applied Engineering (IAE) Bylaws Revisions

Chair Muma then called on Executive Director Eric Forsyth to present the item. Mr. Forsyth presented the two changes to the IAE Bylaws. Firstly, the number of board members. He stated that they recommend establishing a cap of 13 members, which was the number of directors dictated by the need at the time. The second change was requesting to strike earlier language that all employees are not necessarily USF employees. All employees are by default USF employees.

Trustee Callahan moved to approve the changes, seconded by Trustee Ramil. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

- c. FL 103 – Approval of USF Health (HSSO) Bylaws Revisions &  
Approval of Board of Directors

Chair Muma called on Rich Sobrieray to present the item.

Mr. Sobrieray stated that the article files were outdated and needed to be updated to the current laws. The Board of Directors must include members that are approved by the USF Board of Trustees. He also stated that Hillary Black of USF's General Counsel had approved all changes.

Trustee Watkins moved to approve the changes, seconded by Trustee Ramil. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

- d. FL 104 - Approval of Alumni Association Board of Directors

Chair Muma called on Bill McCausland to present the item to the Board.

Mr. McCausland stated that there would be new board members starting on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. He stated that they would have a 26-member Board of Directors with 7 new directors proposed, 2 reappointed directors, and 2 reappointed officers.

Trustee Ramil moved to approve the changes, seconded by Trustee Watkins. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

e. FL 105 – Approval of Reappointments of Current Campus Board Members

Chair Muma called on General Counsel Gerard Solis to present the item.

Counsel Solis stated that the Campus Boards are established by 2 different statutes and both set to expire July 31 this year. He stated that legislature provides reestablishment with consolidation. He stated that this item was requesting boards reappointing all members on July 2nd so that there will be no disruption in operations, as they do not want gaps between statutes.

Trustee Watkins moved to approve the item. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

f. FL 106 – Approval of Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities  
Grant Application located on the St. Petersburg Campus

Trustee Muma called on Dr. Lyman Dukes to present the item to the committee.

Dr. Dukes introduced himself and Dr. Dani Roberts-Dong, co-director. He shared a presentation that detailed the program hosted at the St. Petersburg campus for students with intellectual disabilities. He stated that the program was created for an inclusive college experience for students with disabilities and that over 270 colleges all over the country have these programs. He also gave information regarding funding sources and sustainability. He stated that their ask from the Trustees was to receive approval of grant operation.

Trustee Muma asked if the program has graduates. Dr. Roberts-Dong stated that they call them “exiters” and they currently have 8-9 with a goal of 12 as their natural capacity.

Trustee Zimmerman inquired about how students qualify for the program. Dr. Roberts-Dong stated that there are admissions requirements, including a commitment to perusing higher education, employment goals, and independent work with their family. They are considered non-degree seeking students and follow a path for their classes.

Trustee Deanna Michael stated that the current program at USFSP has been very successful and impacts lives in a very positive way that she has seen first-hand.

Trustee Ramil called for a motion, seconded by Trustee Gorforth. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business – Information Items**

a. Governance Structure

Chair Muma

Chair Muma reviewed the structure of the Governance Committee in comparison to other similar-caliber school's programs. He stated that he liked that USF's structure is succinct and gives flexibility.

Trustee Ramil stated that it should include overseeing DSO's. The committee agreed and noted that it should be added. General Counsel Solis stated that changes would need to be made through changes to the operating procedures that could be voted on at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> full board meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.