

**New College of Florida Board of Trustees
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Approved Minutes for August 10, 2022**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm and a quorum was established.

Trustees Present: Mary Ruiz (Chair), Ron Christaldi (Vice Chair), Charlie Lenger, Felipe Colon, James Stewert, David Harvey, Grace Keenan, Sarah Mackie, Garin Hoover, and Lance Karp. **Trustees Absent:** Mark Aesch.

Acknowledgment of Notice of Meeting

General Counsel Fugett confirmed the meeting had been duly noticed.

Call for Public Comment

No request for public comment was received.

Announcements

Approval of the June 22, 2022, Board of Trustees meeting is deferred until the next meeting on August 27, 2022.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was then presented and a request was made by Chair Ruiz that it be approved.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

The consent agenda action item approved was as follows:

- **Action Item:** Approve Revised Versions of the New College of Florida 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 Undergraduate Academic Calendars

Enrollment Management Report

This informational item was originally part of the consent agenda, but was pulled from the consent agenda by request. President Okker provided some opening remarks about the positive numbers we are seeing for our fall enrollment and then introduced David Boisvert, Interim Vice President for Enrollment Management. VP Boisvert then walked the board through an encouraging report that shows an expected entering class that may be 30% larger than last year's class. At the request of Chair Ruiz, his report also included information on the demographics of prospective students that have provided deposits to date.

The 2022 Equity Report

Brad Thiessen, Chief of Staff, presented on the 2022 New College Equity Report. Board of Governors Regulation 2.003 (Equity and Access) requires the submission of an Annual Equity Report to demonstrate that discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, marital status, veteran status, or any other basis protected by law is prohibited at each State University System institution and that, where appropriate, improvement plans are in place.

The specific requirements are:

(5) Reporting and Monitoring. Each university shall prepare an annual Florida Equity Report in accordance with this regulation and reporting guidelines established by the Board of Governors Office.

(a) At a minimum, the university's equity report must include information on the institution's progress in implementing strategic initiatives and performance related to equity and access as they pertain to academic services, programs, and student enrollment; equity in athletics; and employment.

(b) Each university's equity report shall assess sex equity in athletics, as well as representation by race and sex in student enrollment, senior- level administrative positions and by faculty rank and/or tenure status.

1. Annual goals shall be developed and included in the equity report to address each area of underutilization. For each year in which prior year goals were not achieved, each university shall provide a narrative explanation and a plan for achievement of equity.

(c) Each equity report shall include a web citation of the university's non- discrimination policy adopted by its university board of trustees.

(d) Such reports are to be submitted to the Board of Governors Office by July 1 of each year pursuant to the requirements of this regulation and guidelines distributed by the Board Office for each reporting period.

(e) Each university board of trustees or designee shall approve the annual Florida Equity Report for its institution prior to submission to the Board of Governors Office.

A motion was made to approve New College of Florida's 2022 Equity Report for Submission to the Florida Board of Governors by September 30, 2022. Motion, second and approved by unanimous vote.

New College of Florida's 2022-23 Student Success Plan

Chief of Staff Thiessen then presented the New College 2022-23 Student Success Plan. Dr. Thiessen explained that the Student Success Plan (SSP) outlines action we will take — and targets we will hit — by March 2023 in order to improve our Performance-Based Funding (PBF) score.

He stated that the reason we developed this plan was because any school failing to earn at least 70 PBF points is required to submit a Student Success Plan (SSP) to the Board of Governors for consideration at its September meeting in order to be eligible for 50% of their proportional amount of the state's PBF investment.

New College of Florida earned a normalized PBF score of 66.

He further explained that, if this SSP is approved by the Board of Governors in September, we will receive 25% of the state's investment (\$907k).

In March, we will submit a monitoring report to the Board of Governors to demonstrate that we've implemented the strategies and activities specified in our SSP. If the Board of Governors determines we

are making satisfactory progress on implementing our SSP, we will receive up to the remaining 25% (\$907k).

In total, \$1,814,987 is on the line for New College.

Because we projected this lower-than-desired performance in our 2021 Accountability Plan, Dr. Thiessen explained that we worked throughout 2021-22 to begin implementing targeted strategies to improve our performance. Many of these strategies are already paying-off, as we project a significant increase in our PBF score for 2023.

This Plan builds upon this work by summarizing our recent performance on each targeted metric, explaining our strategy for improvement, and articulating additional actions, goals, and targets we will meet by March 2023. Accomplishing these goals and meeting these targets will improve student success and increase New College of Florida's Performance-Based Funding score.

As he presented the plan, Dr. Thiessen answered some foundational questions from trustees regarding the targeted strategies and how/why they were prioritized in the report.

A motion was made to approve New College of Florida's 2022-23 Student Success Plan for submission to the Florida Board of Governors. Motion, second, and approved by unanimous vote.

Other Business

President Okker provided a brief update on the New College Challenge and the board was reminded that there will be a workshop and working lunch after the board of trustees meeting on August 27, 2022, from noon to 1:30 pm. The agenda will include the New College Challenge. Trustee Keenan stated that, to ensure the success, the New College Challenge plan should be timely communicated with students so they can provide thoughts and input throughout the process.

The board was reminded of the Trustee Summit that is taking place this year on November 9, 2022, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, hosted by the University of South Florida. The summit is being held at USF Health – Morsani College of Medicine, downtown Tampa.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David A. Fugett
General Counsel