

1 **FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
2 **CONFERENCE CALL MEETING**

3
4 **Tuesday, May 1, 2018**

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6 **CALL ORIGINATED FROM EDWARDS HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM #309**
7 **FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY**

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10 Meeting Minutes

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12 **Members:**

13 *Present:* Trustee Blake Gable (by phone) – Chair; Trustee Robbie Roepstorff (by
14 phone) – Vice Chair; Trustee Darleen Cors (by phone); Trustee Richard Eide, Jr. (by
15 phone); Trustee Joe Fogg III (by phone); Trustee Mike McDonald (in person); Trustee
16 Kevin Price (by phone); Trustee Russell Priddy (by phone); Trustee Kenneth Smith (by
17 phone); Trustee Stephen Smith (by phone); Trustee Christian Spilker (by phone) and
18 Trustee Jalisa White (by phone).

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20 *Not Present:* Trustee Leo Montgomery (Excused Absence).

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22 **Others:**

23 *Staff:* President Mike Martin; Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs James
24 Llorens; Vice President for Administrative Services and Finance, and Executive Director
25 of FGCU Financing Corporation Steve Magiera; Vice President for Student Affairs Mike
26 Rollo; Vice President for University Advancement, and Executive Director of FGCU
27 Foundation Chris Simoneau; Vice President and Chief of Staff Susan Evans; Vice
28 President and General Counsel Vee Leonard; Vice President for Student Success and
29 Enrollment Management Mitchell Cordova; Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer Stacey
30 Chados; Director of Internal Audit Bill Foster; Director of Operations Tiffany Reynolds;
31 Assistant Director of Board Operations Tiffany Jackson; Project Manager Melissa Pind;
32 and Executive Assistant to the Vice President and Chief of Staff Bruna Ugolotti.

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35 **Item 1: Call to Order, Roll Call, and Opening Remarks**

36 Chair Blake Gable called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and said the meeting had been
37 duly noticed and was originating from Edwards Hall Room 309 on the campus of Florida
38 Gulf Coast University. He requested Vice President and Chief of Staff Susan Evans call
39 the roll and state for the record which trustees and staff members were present. Roll
40 call was taken with 12 of 13 members present, thus meeting quorum requirements.

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42 Chair Gable stated there would be two action items. Also, he commented that after the
43 Board's meeting in April, he had asked President Martin and his staff to put together
44 information to help answer some of the questions that were posed regarding the
45 presentations given by Vice President for Student Success and Enrollment
46 Management Mitch Cordova and the consultant, Dr. Pam Shockley-Zalabak. He said

47 this information would be sent to the Board in an email and discussed at the next FGCU
48 Board of Trustees meeting in June.

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50 Chair Gable called on Academic/Student/ Faculty Affairs Committee Chair Christian
51 Spilker for the agenda items.

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54 **Item 2: Academic/Student/Faculty Affairs Committee (See Tabs #1-2)**

55 Trustee Spilker introduced the two action items. He called on Provost and Vice
56 President for Academic Affairs James Llorens to present the first item.

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58 **FGCU 2018 Accountability Plan for Board of Governors (TAB #1)**

59 Provost Llorens stated the FGCU 2018 Accountability Plan was a requirement of the
60 Board of Governors (BOG) and was required to be submitted by May 23, 2018. He said
61 that the plan built upon the FGCU Strategic Plan and there were three initiatives in the
62 proposal: (1) student success and enrollment management; (2) data analytics; and (3)
63 the establishment of FGCU's Honors College.

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65 Provost Llorens said Student Success was at the core of the mission in the plan, as
66 FGCU continued to become more proactive in encouraging and rewarding educational
67 efficiency, especially in programs of strategic emphasis. He said there were about 40
68 programs of strategic emphasis in the areas of science, technology, engineering and
69 mathematics (STEM) education; health professions; and gap analysis. He said the
70 challenges to look at in these areas would be in the four- and six-year graduation rates.
71 He said the high student attrition and transfer-out rate needed to be addressed. He said
72 another challenge was shortage of teaching labs. He also said they were looking at
73 flexible course scheduling. He said these Academic Affairs issues would be explored to
74 determine how they could be improved and have an impact on the FGCU 2018
75 Accountability Plan.

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77 Provost Llorens stated there would be communication with the FGCU Office of Planning
78 and Institutional Performance to provide information to Student Success and Enrollment
79 Management, and Academic Affairs regarding the impact of certain actions taken to
80 increase performance. This would be done in an effort to increase the ranking to avoid
81 the bottom three of the performance metrics.

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83 Provost Llorens stated there were opportunities through the new initiative of the Vice
84 President on Student Success and Enrollment Management, new Bachelors' Programs
85 that would come online in the next couple of years, greater use of data and analytics to
86 guide advisors, greater emphasis on Honors College, and greater emphasis on
87 graduation rates and academic progress.

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89 Provost Llorens said he believed this Accountability Plan captured the needs of the
90 institution. He said Academic Affairs would be working closely with Student Success
91 and Enrollment Management to insure FGCU was moving in the right direction.

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93 Trustee Spilker called for a motion to approve the Plan.
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95 Trustee Russell Priddy made a motion to approve the FGCU 2018 Accountability Plan
96 for the Board of Governors. Trustee Ken Smith seconded the motion. There was no
97 public comment or Board discussion. The vote was 12-0 in favor of the motion.
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99 **FGCU Plan to Improve Undergraduate Four-Year Graduation Rate for Board of**
100 **Governors (TAB #2)**

101 Trustee Spilker asked Vice President for Student Success & Enrollment Management
102 Mitchell Cordova to present this item.
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104 Dr. Cordova explained the two documents which each member had received. He said
105 the larger document was the University's guiding plan to improve the four-year
106 graduation rates as defined by Senate Bill 4: Florida Access to Higher Education Act of
107 2018, which spoke to the academic, curricular, financial and policy implications for
108 ensuring timely graduation, persistence and retention. He said the second document
109 was the Board of Governors template for FGCU to use for reporting its information. He
110 said this was a streamlined version of the larger document.
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112 Dr. Cordova asked for questions, and there were none.
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114 Trustee Spilker called for a motion to approve the Plan.
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116 Trustee K. Smith made a motion to approve the FGCU Plan to Improve Undergraduate
117 4-Year Graduation Rates for Board of Governors. Trustee Darleen Cors seconded the
118 motion.
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120 Trustee Spilker called for discussion.
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122 Trustee Joe Fogg said there was some new, very important information in this plan, and
123 he suggested there be a voluntary workshop for any trustee to learn and understand the
124 details of the plan.
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126 President Martin stated he was willing to put together this type of event particularly
127 because this would be a focus of attention for the next few years and also would be part
128 of FGCU's next request for legislative funding. He said given that the trustees would
129 need to weigh in on the substance and the politics of this issue, the leadership would be
130 delighted to organize a workshop for trustees who would like to have greater
131 conversation about the details in the Plan.
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133 Trustee Robbie Roepstorff commented this was an excellent idea and that she would
134 like to participate at the voluntary meeting to have a better understanding of the Plan for
135 when it was time to talk to legislators.
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137 President Martin said he would put together an agenda for the workshop and some
138 choices of dates to see what could work.

139 Trustee Spilker stated that he wanted to commend Vice President for Student Success
140 and Enrollment Management Mitch Cordova. Trustee Spilker said it was good to see
141 specific items and goals in the Plan, and not just sweeping statements on how FGCU
142 planned to address improving the graduation rate. He noted that it was well done,
143 particularly given the limited amount of time given to pull together the Plan.
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145 There was no further public comment or Board discussion. The vote was 12-0 in favor
146 of the motion.
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149 **Item 3: Old Business**

150 There was no old business for discussion.
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153 **Item 4: New Business**

154 There was no new business for discussion.
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157 **Item 5: Closing Remarks, and Meeting Adjournment**

158 Chair Gable stated he agreed with Trustee Fogg's workshop idea, and suggested
159 President Martin put forward some dates sometime before the next meeting. He said
160 the next FGCU Board of Trustees meeting was Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.
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162 Chair Gable adjourned the meeting at 9:16 a.m.
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164 Minutes prepared by Transcription Experts, and reviewed by Tiffany Jackson, FGCU
165 Assistant Director of Board Operations.
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169 Agenda Items:

170 A. See Tabs #1 – 2

171 a. [https://www2.fgcu.edu/Trustees/AgendaFile/2018/05-01-
172 2018/FGCUBOTMTG-AGENDAPACKET_05-01-18.pdf](https://www2.fgcu.edu/Trustees/AgendaFile/2018/05-01-2018/FGCUBOTMTG-AGENDAPACKET_05-01-18.pdf)

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175 Attachment:

176 A. Record of Votes

Record of Votes FGCU Board of Trustees DATE: <u>5/1/2018</u>		FGCU 2018 Accountability Plan for Board of Governors (Tab #1) 1- Priddy 2- K. Smith	FGCU Plan to Improve Undergraduate Four-Year Graduation Rate for Board of Governors (Tab #2) 1- K. Smith 2- Cors
	TRUSTEES	Yes/No	Yes/No
1	Trustee Darleen Cors	Yes	Yes
2	Trustee Richard Eide	Yes	Yes
3	Trustee Joseph Fogg	Yes	Yes
4	Trustee Mike McDonald	Yes	Yes
5	Trustee Leo Montgomery (excused absence)		
6	Trustee Kevin Price	Yes	Yes
7	Trustee Russell Priddy	Yes	Yes
8	Trustee Robbie Roepstorff	Yes	Yes
9	Trustee Kenneth Smith	Yes	Yes
10	Trustee Stephen Smith	Yes	Yes
11	Trustee Christian Spilker	Yes	Yes
12	Trustee Jalisa White	Yes	Yes
13	Trustee Blake Gable	Yes	Yes