Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Board of Trustees



Governance Committee Minutes June 7, 2017

Trustee Gary McCoy called the meeting to order. The roll was called and a quorum was established. The first item of business was the selection of Trustee Harold Mills as the vice chair of the Governance Committee.

Next, Trustee Moore updated the committee on her involvement with the Board of Governor's presidential delegation work group, which included chairs and vice chairs of the State University System Boards of Trustees.

Attorney Thomas then reviewed suggested revisions to the "Presidential Delegation of Authority", which included suggested changes supported by the Board of Governors. FAMU's presidential delegation of authority is included in FAMU Regulation 1.021, Authority of the President. The substantive changes in the delegation of authority include:

- Requiring the President to consult with the BOT chair on hiring, dismissal or compensation of any person serving in a vice president capacity, as the athletic director, or head coach, or other executive direct report position to the president or BOT.
- 2. Allowing the President to take action after consultation with BOT chair and the CFO, for settlement of claims greater than 100K, but less than 250K.
- 3. Requiring the President or designee to get BOT approval for settlements at or in excess of 250K.
- 4. Adding language to state that all settlements shall be consistent with Florida Statutes.

Attorney Thomas explained that the other changes included a full reorganization of the regulation, aligning it with the BOG regulation and including current powers that were located in other policies, regulations or laws. Trustee Moore moved approval of the presidential delegation of authority, with the noted changes. It was seconded by Trustee Perry and the motion carried.

The committee also agreed to perform a review of presidential authority biennially. That requirement will be included in the committee's annual "Action Plan Matrix." It was moved for approval by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Perry and the motion carried.

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The final item was an update on the Boards' performance survey. Trustee McCoy shared that some trustees had not completed the survey and that a final report would be provided at the Board's retreat in August.