



**COMMITTEE ON GOVERNANCE, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS  
AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**Pre-Meeting Minutes**

**Virtual Meeting**

**March 1, 2021**

**University of Florida, Gainesville, FL**

**Time Convened: 10:01 a.m.**

**Time Adjourned: 10:29 a.m.**

**Committee and Board members present:**

Morteza “Mori” Hosseini (Board and Committee Chair), David L. Brandon, Richard P. Cole, Sylvain Doré, James W. Heavener, Thomas G. Kuntz (Board Vice Chair), Daniel T. O’Keefe, Rahul Patel, Marsha D. Powers, Fred S. Ridley, and Anita G. Zucker.

**Others present:**

W. Kent Fuchs, President; Amy Hass, Vice President and General Counsel; Mark Kaplan, Vice President for Government and Community Relations and University Secretary; David Norton, Vice President for Research; and members of the University of Florida community.

**1.0 Call to Order and Welcome**

Board and Committee Chair Hosseini welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

**2.0 Roll Call**

Vice President and University Secretary Kaplan conducted a roll call of all Committee and Board members present.

**3.0 Review Action Items**

**GGRIA1 DSO Appointments**

Vice President and General Counsel Amy Hass presented the proposed DSO board appointments. Chair Hosseini asked if all due diligence has been done on the list of appointments. Hass confirmed that all appointments have gone through each DSO’s leadership, the general counsel’s office where a background check is completed, and to the board team. Trustee Kuntz asked to have all UF DSOs that appointees serve on to be listed in future approval materials, if applicable. Chair Hosseini agreed it should be added going forward. Hass agreed to provide.

## **GGRIA2 Collective Bargaining Amendment**

Hass reviewed the amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the United Faculty of Florida to tentatively agree to adopt the University's furlough policy. Trustee Kuntz asked if there were any changes to the furlough policy as approved by the Board. Hass confirmed that there were no changes.

## **GGRIA3 Facility Security Clearance**

Vice President for Research David Norton indicated he will seek for the Board to vote to continue to designate President Fuchs and Vice President Norton for security clearance so that the new trustees do not need to go through the process to comply with federal security clearance requirements.

## **4.0 Review Discussion Item**

### **4.1 Legislative Update**

Vice President for Government and Community Relations and University Secretary Mark Kaplan gave a brief legislative update noting the legislative session starts tomorrow. There will be more information provided at the March meeting. VP Kaplan thanked the Chair and Trustees for the work they have been doing so far in support of UF. Chair Hosseini provided additional comments and thanks. Trustee Kuntz indicated that our carryforward balances are much lower than in previous years.

## **5.0 New Business**

Chair Hosseini asked Trustee Patel about the review of Governance Standards since implemented. Trustee Patel indicated he and Hass are reviewing the implementation of the standards and will be sending out a memo to DSOs to provide information including key projects and approval protocols to see if any changes need to be made. Hosseini gave some examples that emphasize the importance of governance standards.

## **6.0 Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, Board and Committee Chair Hosseini adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m.