

**New College of Florida Board of Trustees
Sudakoff Conference Center
Approved Minutes for April 19, 2022**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order and at 3:03 pm and a quorum was established.

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

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

President Okker stated she completed the Boston Marathon and received a nice welcome at mile marker 20 by alumni with a New College flag. President Okker then introduced the recently elected President and Vice-President of the New College Student Association – Grace Keenan (President) and Xabier Rezola (Vice-President). Ms. Keenan and Mr. Rezola provided some brief remarks to the full board. Finally, President Okker introduced Dr. Matt Lepinski who was recently elected to chair the faculty. Dr. Lepinski gave a few remarks expressing his enthusiasm to begin his work as faculty chair and trustee of the college.

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 Action Items approved as part of the consent agenda are:

- Approval of the Amended Minutes of the January 11, 2022, meeting
- Approval of the Minutes of the March 15, 2022, meeting
- Approval of the New Members to the NCF Foundation Board of Directors

Finance and Administration Committee

- Approve Amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Police Benevolent Association
- Approve Amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between New College of Florida and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees

Informational Items provided to the Board for their review as part of the Consent Agenda included:

- Reports from the President’s Council

President's Report

President Okker was excited to present to the board the 'New College Challenge.' She recalled a profile of New College that was prepared in 1964 which stated "New College was named for a purpose. It is not, and never will be *another* college. It is, and will always remain, the *new* college, seeking new solutions to new educational needs."

The hope is that the New College Challenge will put the college on a path to a stronger, more resilient New College. President Okker then walked the board through the process of the 'Charrette Model' that the college will be using for the challenge. A charrette is an intensive planning session where citizens, designers and others collaborate on a vision. This will include a meeting in which all stakeholders in a project attempt to resolve conflicts and map solutions.

Resilience in the New College context should include:

- Intellectual Resilience
- Social Resilience
- Environmental Resilience
- Economic Resilience

Chair Ruiz commented that this is a great opportunity to build on our foundation and move forward.

Finance and Administration Committee

Chris Kinsley, Vice President of Finance and Administration, introduced an action item to approve an update to the board approved 2021-22 carry forward spending plan for fixed capital outlay projects. VP Kinsley explained that on August 21, 2021, the Board approved the College's 2021-22 Carry Forward Spending Plan, and authorized the President to make necessary adjustments during the fiscal year. He provided the board with the updated Fixed Capital Outlay Projects list that was reviewed by the Finance and Administration Committee on April 4, 2022, and was approved for consideration by the full board of trustees.

Trustee Hoover led a discussion on deferred maintenance at the college and what the full picture of needed maintenance at the college looks like. Trustee Hoover suggested that the college look at the current amount of money available for scholarships and, if possible, use some of those funds for deferred maintenance. VP Kinsley stated that he would look into it and provide a report addressing this at a future board meeting.

A motion was made through the Finance and Administration Committee to consider approval of the update to the Board approved 2021-22 Carry Forward Spending Plan for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects. Motion approved unanimously.

Amendments to Regulation Chapter 2 – The Board of Trustees

Chair Ruiz introduced an action item to approve proposed amendments to certain New College Regulations involving the Board of Trustees. A summary of the proposed regulation amendments is as follows:

2-1003(2), (4), and (8): This proposed regulation amendment 1) conforms the regulation to the current practice of the Board of Trustees with regard to operating without an Executive Committee and having the Secretary's designee provide the agenda and other matters to the Board of Trustees in advance of the full board meeting, and 2) clarifies that the Chair of the Board of Trustees, in consultation with the

President of the college, shall prepare the agenda for Board of Trustees meetings comprising such matters as are referred for consideration by the Board of Governors, Board of Trustees, and others as designated in the proposed regulation amendment.

2-1004(4)(f): This proposed regulation amendment clarifies that a Presidential Search Committee makes recommendations to the full Board of Trustees subject to Regulation 1.002 of the Board of Governors.

2-1005(4)(g), (6), and (8): This proposed regulation amendment 1) clarifies that the Presidential Search Committee performs its responsibilities in conformance with Board of Governors Regulation 1.002, 2) clarifies that the Chair of the Board of Trustees, in consultation with the President of the college, shall prepare the agenda for Board of Trustees meetings, and 3) removes language that appears to be in conflict with Board of Governors Regulation 1.002.

2-1006 (1)-(8) Committees: This proposed regulation amendment 1) conforms the regulation to the current practice regarding the lack of an Executive Committee, 2) clarifies notice requirements for committee meetings, 3) combines the Academic Affairs Committee and Student/External Affairs Committee into the Academic, Student and External Affairs Committee, 4) adds language confirming that the Audit and Compliance Committee is responsible for financial reporting and internal controls of any direct support organization, and 4) deletes some superfluous acronyms that are non-substantive.

A motion was made to approve proposed Amendments to Regulations 2-1003(2),(4), and (8) Meetings; 2-1004(4)(f) Powers and Duties of the Board of Trustees; 2-1005(4)(g), (6), and (8) Officers of the BOT; and 2-1006(1)-(8) Committees. Motion, second and approved unanimously.

Amendments to the Statutes of the New College Student Alliance (the Great Book)

Trustee Sofia Lombardi, President of the New College Student Alliance (NCSA), introduced an action item on proposed changes to the NCSA Statutes (the Great Book).

The proposed amendments to the New College Student Alliance Statutes, commonly referred to as The Great Book, were approved through majority vote of the New College student body on March 30, 2022. The proposed changes are generally self-explanatory and are reflected in the full text of the proposed regulations which were provided to the full board for review in advance of this meeting.

Possibly the most significant change involves the date certain NCSA officers officially start their term of office (see Chapter 205 Installation of Officers). NCSA officers (with some possible exceptions) elected in the spring elections will now take office on May 1st, instead of July 1st. This change will allow a smoother transfer of power while the spring semester is still in session and will allow the new NCSA President to be brought up to speed by the current President before the summer break. This also brings NCSA practice in line with many of the other SUS institutions whose student government presidents take office towards the end of the spring semester, and not during the summer.

This matter is before the Board of Trustees pursuant to New College Regulation 2-1004 (3)(d) which states that the Board of Trustees “shall approve the internal procedures of student government associations.”

A motion was made to approve proposed changes to the New College Student Alliance Statutes (The Great Book). Motion, second, and approved unanimously.

2022 Accountability Plan for New College of Florida

Bradley Thiessen, Chief of Staff, introduced New College of Florida's 2022 Accountability Plan that needs to be presented to the Board of Governors by May 2, 2022.

Dr. Thiessen explained that, in accordance with Florida Statute 1001.706 and Board Regulation 2.002, New College of Florida's 2022 Accountability Plan outlines the College's top priorities and strategic directions, and reports performance on previously approved institutional and system goals. The Plan also includes a specific endorsement of the BOG's Statement on Free Expression (as recommended by the BOG Strategic Planning Committee in March).

The full accountability plan was provided to the board for review in advance of the meeting, and shows that New College surpassed its goals and improved its performance on six of the Performance-Based Funding metrics. These outcomes, once normalized for changes made to the metrics and benchmarks, earn New College a Performance-Based Funding score of 66 (and a non-normalized score of 60). While this is +2 points greater than our score in 2021, any school earning fewer than 70 points must submit a student success plan to the BOG for consideration at its September meeting. If the student success plan is approved in September and a monitoring report is approved in March, New College will earn 50% of the state's investment in Performance-Based Funding.

Further, the plan provides new institution-specific metrics related to career readiness, achievement gaps, and outcome gaps. Goals for total headcount enrollment align with goals approved within last year's Accountability Plan. The Academic Program Coordination page expresses our intention to develop a new Master's program in Biology.

A motion was made to consider approval of New College of Florida's 2022 Accountability Plan to be submitted to the Board of Governors by May 2, 2022. The Accountability Plan will be presented at the June meeting of the Board of Governors. Motion, second and approved unanimously.

As part of the discussion on the accountability plan, Trustee Hoover suggested that he would like to make a motion to change the name of New College to New University of Florida. After a short discussion, it was agreed that General Counsel Fugett will report at the next board meeting on the process/procedure should the board desire to change the name of the college

Other Business

- MaryAnne Young, Vice President of Advancement, reported on the 24 Hour Giving Challenge for non-profits (including New College).
- Resolution honoring the service of Trustee (and NCSA President) Sofia Lombardi. The full resolution is attached to these minutes.
- The next New College Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at 3:00 pm in the Music Room of College Hall.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David A. Fugett
General Counsel

**RESOLUTION OF THE NEW COLLEGE OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECOGNIZING TRUSTEE
SOFIA LOMBARDI'S EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE**

Whereas New College of Florida serves a distinctive mission as Florida's residential honors college for the liberal arts and sciences, educating intellectually curious students for lives of great achievement; and

Whereas Sofia Lombardi came to New College from northern Virginia, just outside of Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas Sofia is a current New College student pursuing a bachelor's degree with a double major in Political Science and Sociology; and

Whereas before her election to the Presidency of the New College Student Association (NCSA) she served as a Student Program Coordinator and Peer Coach for the New College of Florida Student Success Office; and

Whereas her experience before becoming a New College Trustee includes interning on two separate congressional campaigns; and

Whereas she has served as a staff writer, then Online Editor and then Copy Editor for The Catalyst student newspaper; and

Whereas Sofia has served as a People & Culture Summer Intern at the District Alliance for Safe Housing (DASH) in Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas just after her first year as a student Sofia was elected to a one year term as NCSA President in 2020 and then re-elected NCSA President for a second term in 2021; and

Whereas Sofia currently serves on the Executive Board of the Florida Student Association (FSA) as the External Vice-Chair; and

Whereas the FSA is comprised of the student body presidents from the 12 public universities in the State of Florida and represents over 350,000 students at the university, local, state and federal level; and

Whereas Sofia is responsible for the pre-planning and execution of the FSA's lobbying efforts (including lobbying efforts in the state capitol and Washington, D.C.), coordinates the legislative agenda for the FSA, drafts legislation and seeks out sponsorship from state legislators, maintains communication with university and statewide lobbyists from all 12 State University System institutions and student government associations from across the nation; and

Whereas Sofia is the primary organizer of newly established statewide town halls, a statewide conference, an internship data base, legislative “report cards” and a civic engagement campaign, all on behalf of students; and

Whereas Sofia has served honorably and well as a valued voting member of the New College Board of Trustees for the last two years; and

Whereas during her two years as a Trustee of New College she served on the External Affairs/Student Affairs Committee, the Academic Affairs Committee and the 2022 Presidential Evaluation Committee; and

Whereas Sofia served as the only student member of the New College of Florida Presidential Search Committee which resulted in the successful confirmation of Dr. Patricia Okker as the first woman to be permanently appointed as President of New College of Florida; and

Whereas Sofia has provided wise counsel to two different New College Presidents and the entire New College leadership team; and

Whereas, Sofia enjoys cooking, writing, spending time with friends and (of course) tirelessly advocating for New College students,

Be it therefore resolved, that this Board of Trustees offers its deepest and most profound gratitude in addition to its best wishes for continued good health, happiness and success to Sofia Lombardi on this 19th day of April, 2022.

New College of Florida
Board of Trustees

Attested by

By: _____
Patricia Okker

By: _____
Mary Ruiz