

**New College of Florida Board of Trustees
Sudakoff Conference Center
Minutes for October 18, 2022**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm and a quorum was established.

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

Acknowledgment of Notice of Meeting

AVP Christie Fitz-Patrick confirmed the meeting had been duly noticed.

Call for Public Comment

No request for public comment was received.

Announcements

Chair Ruiz informed the board that Christie Fitz-Patrick is now the Associate Vice President of Government Relations and Board of Trustees Liaison.

Chair Ruiz then announced that David Smolker will serve as the Interim General Counsel until New College can find a permanent replacement for former General Counsel David Fugett.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was 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.

Consent agenda action items approved were as follows:

- Action item: Approve Minutes of the August 27, 2022, BOT meeting
- Action item: Approve the New College of Florida Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability Annual Report for Academic Year 2021-22

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

- Reports from the President's Council, NCSA, and Faculty

President's Report

President Okker provided the latest enrollment numbers for the Fall. The official enrollment is 689 which was above the projected 630 amount provided in the accountability plan. She further noted:

- Enrollment of 78% of First Time In College (FTIC) the Set Sail program;
- Expansion of our group offerings for Independent Study Period (ISP) in January; and
- Reopening of B Dorm.

President Okker stated she is grateful to the Board of Governors for approving the Student Success Plan which provided an initial \$907,494 to New College.

President Okker let the Board know that Marjorie Thomas, Vice President of Student Affairs, resigned effective immediately on September 22 and now Dr. Brad Thiessen is Acting Interim Vice President of Student Affairs.

President Okker shared that the campus only suffered minimal damage from Hurricane Ian. As a result of Ian, New College will be reviewing all of our emergency planning efforts to ensure they are ready as needed for future use.

Performance Based Funding Metrics Changes and Student Success Plan Updates Presentation

Chief of Staff Thiessen presented the updates to the Student Success Plan (SSP) and proposed Performance Based Funding Metrics changes. Dr. Thiessen explained that New College was on track to meet the initiatives in the SSP approved by the Board of Governors on September 14, 2022. New College has to submit the final report on the SSP by March 28, 2023 to receive the second part of the state investment of \$907,494. Four of the ten initiatives have been completed to date. The remaining six are in process and will be completed by March.

Chief of Staff Thiessen then explained the proposed changes to the Performance based Funding Metrics by the Board of Governors. Overall, the changes to the three metrics would make it more difficult for New College to achieve the requested 70 points to receive the full funding for FY 24-25.

Finance and Administration Committee

Approve Revised Operating Budget for FY 2022-23

Vice Chair (and Finance and Administration Committee Chair) Christaldi provided some opening remarks regarding the updates to the budget and work of his committee. VP Kinsley proceeded to explain the proposed changes to the Revised Operating Budget. The Board of Trustees previously approved the 2022 Operating Budget on August 27, 2022. The Operating Budget was based on the 2022-23 approved budget for all budget entities of the College plus any adjustments made by the College or state allocations appropriated by the 2022 Legislature. The Operating Budget has been revised to incorporate the following recently funded items.

1. \$907,494 state investment performance-based funding recently released by the BOG after approval of the Student Success Plan.
2. \$1,842,737 deferred maintenance funding recently approved by the Legislative Budget Commission.

A motion was made to: 1. Approve the College's Revised Operating Budget for FY 2022-23 as proposed and 2. Authorize the President to make necessary adjustments to these budgets during the operating year. Motion, second and approved by unanimous vote.

Approve Carryforward & FCO Budget for FY 2022-23

Vice Chair Christaldi requested VP Kinsley to explain the Carryforward and Fixed Capital Outlay (FCO) Budget to the Board of Trustees (BOT). VP Kinsley explained this item requires BOT review and approval for consideration by the Board of Governors. The College anticipates using available funds from the Carry Forward Reserve to address important operational as well as critical capital needs.

A motion was made to: 1. Approve the Carryforward & FCO Budget for FY 2022-23 as proposed and 2. Authorize the President to make necessary adjustments to these budgets during the operating year. Motion, second and approved by unanimous vote.

Additionally, VP Kinsley explained that the Board of Governors has authorized state universities to draw down the required 7% reserve to cover the unanticipated expenses from Hurricane Ian of \$717,038. Upon receipt of reimbursement to be provided by FEMA, the funds utilized in the 7% reserve will be replaced.

A motion was made to approve the use of \$717,038 of the 7% required reserve to cover the recovery efforts cost of Hurricane Ian until the FEMA funding is available. Motion, second and approved by unanimous vote.

Resolution in Recognition of David Harvey

Chair Ruiz presented former Trustee David Harvey with a resolution for his service to the Board of Trustees.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adopt a resolution honoring the accomplishments of Dr. Harvey during his service as a trustee.

First Quarter Education & General (E&G) Report

Vice Chair Christaldi requested VP Kinsley to explain the first quarter E & G report to the Board. VP Kinsley stated that New College was on track and had expenditures around 20% as of September 30, 2022.

Civil Discourse

Chair Ruiz requested Yoleidy Rosario-Hernandez, Dean of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, to explain the Plan for Implementing Civil Discourse.

Dean Rosario-Hernandez explained at the January 2022 Board of Governors meeting, the Board approved recommendations from the Strategic Planning Committee relative to civil discourse. These recommendations are designed to ensure a climate of free expression and civil discourse on each university campus according to the principles set forth in the State University System Free Expression Statement and the Board of Governor's Civil Discourse Final Report. For each recommendation from the Board of Governors, New College is to describe how the college plans to implement the recommendation. Plans must identify the key groups/individuals involved, critical milestones, and expected timeline for accomplishing each milestone. When implementing recommendations regarding the Board's Statement of Free Expression, the statement as it appears in Appendix A of the Board's report on civil discourse should be used at all times. All plans must be approved by university boards of trustees (BOT) prior to submission.

A motion was made to approve the plan for implementing civil discourse recommendations. Motion, second, and approved by unanimous vote.

Board of Trustees Committee Assignments 2022-23

Chair Ruiz explained the New College Regulation 2-1006: Committees, annually requires the standing committees be nominated by the Chair of the BOT and appointed by the BOT.

Trustee Keenan and Trustee Lepinski requested to be added to the Presidential Evaluation Committee.

A motion was made to 1. Add Trustee Keenan and Trustee Lepinski to the Presidential Evaluation Committee for the Board of Trustees Committee Assignments for 2022-23 2. Approve the amended Board of Trustees Committee Assignments for 2022-23. Motion, second and approved by unanimous vote.

New College Challenge Presentation

Marcia Crawley, Co-Chair New College Challenge, David Brain, Co-Chair New College Challenge, Bill Dudley, President's Advisory Council and Marty Hylton, New College Challenge Advisor engaged with the Board of Trustees on a presentation regarding the New College Challenge.

Vice Chair Christaldi departed the meeting. Quorum was still sustained.

Other Business

Chair Ruiz reminded the trustees of the following upcoming events:

- New College Challenge Launch: October 25, 2022, 10:00am, Bayfront Tent
- New College Challenge New Topics: October 26, 2022, 5:30pm-6:30pm, Sainer Pavilion Featuring Harvard's Chris Reed
- New College Challenge Designing for Resilience Symposium: October 28, 2022, 8:30am-4:30pm, Bayfront Tent
- Trustee Summit: November 9, 2022, from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, at USF Health – Morsani College of Medicine, downtown Tampa.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christie Fitz-Patrick
AVP Government Relations and BOT Liaison