

**New College of Florida Board of Trustees  
Sudakoff Conference Center  
Minutes for February 22, 2024**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. and a quorum was established.

**Trustees Present:** Debra A. Jenks (Chair), Ron Christaldi (Vice Chair), Ryan Anderson, Mark Bauerlein, Joe Jacquot, Lance Karp, Grace Keenan, Charles Kesler, Sarah Mackie, Don Patterson, Christopher Rufo, Amy Reid, and Matthew Spalding.

**Acknowledgment of Notice of Meeting**

Chief of Staff Christie Fitz-Patrick confirmed the meeting had been duly noticed.

**Call for Public Comment**

Public comment process ensued. The following members of the public provided comments: Tamara Solum, Betsy Braden, Kathleen Coty, Dr. Sonia Howman, Steven Russell, Rodrigo Diaz, Shanon Ingles, Diana Hagan, Lilianne Raud, Peter Schelhorn, Karen Stack, Tracy Fero, Jono Miller (written comment read aloud).

**Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda was presented and a request was made by Chair Jenks that it be approved.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- Approve Minutes for the December 11, 2023 BOT Meeting
- Approval of Regulation Amendment – 3-1003 Waiver of Tuition and Fees
- Approval of Regulation Amendment – 3-1010 Procurement Services
- Approval of Regulation Amendment – 6-1001 Student Governance
- Approval of Regulation Amendment – 3-5101 Campus Master Plan
- Approve 2023 Performance Based Funding Audit
- Approve Audit and Compliance Committee Charter
- Academic, Student, and External Affairs Committee
  - Approval of New College of Florida’s 2023-24 Student Success Plan Monitoring Report

Trustee Reid requested that the following items be removed from the consent agenda.

- Approval of Regulation Amendment – 6-1001 Student Governance
- Approval of Regulation Amendment – 3-5101 Campus Master Plan

A motion to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda was made by Trustee Christaldi, seconded by Trustee Karp, and was approved by voice vote.

### **Regulation Amendment – 6-1001 Student Governance**

A motion to approve Regulation Amendment – 6-1001 Student Governance was made by Trustee Rufo and seconded by Trustee Karp.

Amendment language:

*Any changes to the Student Government Association Constitution and bylaws shall be subject to the approval of the Vice President for Student Affairs prior to implementation.*

*The Vice President of Student Affairs shall then have ten (10) business days to review the changes. No action within ten (10) business days shall constitute approval of the change.*

A motion to amend Regulation Amendment – 6-1001 was made by Trustee Keenan, seconded by Trustee Reid, and was approved by voice vote.

A motion to approve Regulation Amendment – 6-1001 Student Governance, as amended, was made by Trustee Keenan, seconded by Trustee Christaldi, and was approved by voice vote.

### **Regulation Amendment – 3-5101 Campus Master Plan**

A motion to approve Regulation Amendment – 3-5101 Campus Master Plan was made by Trustee Karp, seconded by Trustee Mackie, discussion ensued, and was approved by voice vote.

### **President's Report**

President Richard Corcoran shared his remarks.

### **Legal Updates**

Bill Galvano, General Counsel, shared information and gave the Board of Trustees notice regarding the mediation and settlement of Jane Doe v. NCF for 1.25 million dollars to be paid through the Florida Department of Financial Services' Division of Risk Management.

### **Sarasota-Manatee Airport Authority Agreement**

Chair Jenks requested Bill Galvano, General Counsel, to present the proposed Sarasota-Manatee Airport Authority Purchase and Sale Agreement. Counsel explained that the agreement is subject to review and approval by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida as well as the Federal Aviation Authority.

A motion to approve the proposed Sarasota-Manatee Airport Authority Purchase and Sale Agreement was made by Trustee Karp, seconded by Trustee Bauerlein, discussion ensued and was approved by voice vote.

### **9 Acre Manatee County Parcel**

Chair Jenks requested Bill Galvano, General Counsel, to present the Manatee County Donation Agreement and Use Agreement approved by Manatee County.

A motion to approve the Donation Agreement and Use Agreement was made by Trustee Christaldi, seconded by Trustee Karp, and was approved by voice vote.

### **New Academic Degree Program at New College: Master's in Marine Mammal Science**

Chair Jenks requested Brad Thiessen, Vice Provost, and Dr. Heidi Harley to present the Master's in Marine Mammal Science Program.

A motion to approve the New Academic Degree Program at New College: Master's in Marine Mammal Science was made by Trustee Karp, seconded by Trustee Bauerlein, a discussion ensued and was approved by voice vote.

### **Approval of New College of Florida 2024-2025 Undergraduate Academic Calendar**

Chair Jenks requested Brad Thiessen, Vice Provost, to present the 2024-2025 Undergraduate Academic Calendar.

A motion to approve the New College of Florida 2024-2025 Undergraduate Academic Calendar was made by Trustee Karp, seconded by Trustee Keenan, and was approved by voice vote.

### **Budget Update**

Chair Jenks requested Ron Christaldi, Vice Chair and Chair of Finance & Administration Committee, to share information on budget updates.

Trustee Christaldi requested that Christie Fitz-Patrick, Chief of Staff and Acting Vice President of Finance & Administration, present the budget.

### **New Business**

No new business ensued.

### **Adjournment**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christie Fitz-Patrick  
Chief of Staff/ BOT Liaison