

**New College of Florida Board of Trustees  
Sudakoff Conference Center  
Minutes for April 11, 2024**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. and a quorum was established.

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

Not present: Joe Jacquot

**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: Kathleen Coty, Sara Engels, Alexandra Denner, Colin Boyle, Lilianne Raud, Jens Albiez, Elizabeth Albiez, Andy Trinh, Carol Lerner, Karen Stack, Peter Schelhorn, Caroline Heuermann, Betsy Braden, Frank Alcock, Rodrigo Diaz

**Consent Agenda**

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

- Approve New College Foundation, Inc. 990 and Financial Audit
- Approve New College Development Corp 990 and Financial Audit
- Approve Revised Academic Calendars for 2024-25 and 2025-26
- **Academic, Student and External Affairs Committee**
  - Approval of recommendation to grant tenure for Dr. Rebecca Black, Dr. Lin Jiang, Dr. Nassima Neggaz, Dr. Tania Roy, Dr. Athena Rycyck, Dr. Gerardo Toro-Farmer

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

- Approve Minutes for the February 22, 2024 BOT Meeting
- Approval of recommendation for denial of tenure for Dr. Hugo Viera-Vargas

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

### **Minutes for the February 22, 2024 BOT Meeting**

A motion to approve the Minutes for the February 22, 2024 BOT Meeting was made by Trustee Spalding, and Seconded by Trustee Karp.

Trustee Keenan made a motion to request that the language of the Regulation Amendment – 6-1001 Student Governance amendment be included in the February 22, 2024 minutes, was seconded by Trustee Christaldi, and was approved by voice vote unanimously.

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.

### **Approval of recommendation for denial of tenure for Dr. Hugo Viera-Vargas**

Trustee Keenan raised a discussion regarding the recommendation for denial of tenure. A discussion ensued.

A motion to approve the recommendation for denial of tenure for Dr. Hugo Viera-Vargas was made by Trustee Spalding, seconded by Trustee Bauerlein, and approved by roll call vote with Debra A. Jenks (Chair), Ron Christaldi (Vice Chair), Ryan Anderson, Mark Bauerlein, Lance Karp, Charles Kesler, Sarah Mackie, Don Patterson, Christopher Rufo, and Matthew Spalding voting yes and Grace Keenan and Amy Reid voting no.

### **President's Report**

President Richard Corcoran shared his remarks.

### **Presidential Evaluation Standing Committee**

Chair Jenks requested that Vice Chair Christalid present President Corcoran's Annual Evaluation and Award of Incentive Compensation. In accordance with BOG Regulation 1.001, as Chair of the Board of Trustees, I requested input from Brian Lamb, Chairman of the Board of Governors, regarding President Corcoran's performance and responsiveness to the Board of Governor's strategic goals and priorities and his compliance with systemwide regulations. Chair Lamb did not raise any negative issues. Instead, he said President Corcoran has exceeded expectations for himself and the University and that the Board of Governors is very pleased with his performance.

A motion to approve President Corcoran's Annual Evaluation and Award of Incentive Compensation was made by Trustee Christaldi, seconded by Trustee Karp, and approved by voice vote with Trustee Reid abstaining.

### **Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code Changes**

Chair Jenks requested Brad Thiessen, Vice Provost to present the Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code Changes

A motion to approve the Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code Changes was made by Trustee Reid, seconded by Trustee Spalding and approved unanimously by voice vote.

### **2024 Accountability Plan**

Chair Jenks requested Brad Thiessen, Vice Provost to present the 2024 Accountability Plan

A motion to approve the 2024 Accountability Plan was made by Trustee Karp, seconded by Trustee Christaldi and approved unanimously by voice vote.

### **New Business**

No new business ensued.

### **Adjournment**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Christie Fitz-Patrick  
Chief of Staff/BOT Liaison