

University of South Florida  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Tuesday, March 10, 2020  
Research Park – Discovery Hall  
Minutes

Chair Jordan Zimmerman convened the regular meeting of the University of South Florida Board of Trustees at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the spring meeting.

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Chair Jordan Zimmerman thanked Senior Vice President Sanberg for hosting the BOT meeting at the beautiful USF Research Park.

The Chair reminded the trustees that immediately following the meeting, there will be a groundbreaking for the new research building.

Chair Zimmerman shared that there will be an update on the Legislative Session and the Coronavirus later during the meeting.

Congratulations to Dr. Paul Dosal and his Student Success team for hosting an unbelievably successful National Student Success Conference. In only its third year this event attracted 450 professionals and researchers from 140 colleges from across the nation.

Congratulations to College of Engineering Dean Robert Bishop and his team. Last year we approved the development of a new DSO, the USF Institute of Applied Engineering. Last week the Institute signed a 5 year contract valued at \$85 million from U.S. Special Operations Command. This c

by metric. This is a tribute to the hard work and discipline shown by talented USF faculty and students and the tireless efforts of our dedicated professional staff.

**Vice President Cynthia Visot called the Roll with the follow Trustees present.**

Trustee Sandra Callahan  
Trustee Michael Carrere  
Trustee Britney Deas  
Trustee Stephanie Goforth – By Phone  
Trustee Michael Griffin  
Trustee Oscar Horton – By Phone  
Trustee Deanna Michael  
Trustee Lesley Muma  
Trustee John Ramil  
Trustee Byron Shinn  
Trustee Charles Tokarz  
Trustee Nancy Watkins – By Phone  
Trustee Jordan Zimmerman

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USF President Steve Currall provided an update on the following:

- ◁ President Currall announced the new Senior Vice President for University Advancement and Alumni Affairs, Mr. Jay Stroman. Mr. Stroman joins USF after serving as Senior Associate Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations at the University of Georgia. He will begin on June 1, 2020.
- ◁ President Currall announced that Cyber Florida has named Vice Admiral Mike McConnell as the new Executive Director. McConnell, is a retired US Navy Vice Admiral and former Director of the National Security Agency (NSA).
- ◁ USF will break ground on the new Research Park Building today.
- ◁ Coronavirus Update:
  - USF College of Public Health Dean Donna Petersen will Chair an advising task force.
  - The President congratulated Provost Ralph Wilcox and Associate Vice President for Innovative Education Cindy DeLuca and their teams on the Tool Kits.
  - There is an active web page for updates on the Coronavirus.
- ◁ Legislative updates – The legislature is in high gear negotiating many topics on higher education. The legislative budget request have been submitted as well as other financial implications.

- < Principles of Community – Dean of the Judy Genshaft Honors College Charles Adams chaired the strategic task force.
- < USF Consolidation Update – March 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to submit the Substantive Change Prospectus to SACSCOC.
- < Learn More – There is a USF Consolidation Website and Blog Series.
- < Dr. John Sinnott, Chair of Internal Medicine, Dr. Jen Fleischman Director of Emergency Procedure, Dr. Joe Puccio Executive and Medical Director of the USF Student Health Center, Dean Donna Petersen of the College of Public Health and Sr. Vice President of USF Health Charles Lockwood were available to answer questions concerning the Coronavirus.

Trustee Oscar Horton asked if testing on campus was available.

Vice Chair Les Muma asked if other universities have switched to online courses.

BOT Chair Jordan Zimmerman had questions concerning the strains of the Coronavirus and asked for advice. He also questioned if students will maintain the graduation rates and on the USF alert syBT/F1 12 W\*nBT1 1450n courses.

Trustee John Ramil congratulated President Currall and everyone involved on the task force for providing knowledgeable updates as it relates surrounding the Coronavirus. Trustee Ramil had questions concerning cash flow scenarios.

Trustee Charles Torkarz had a question pertaining to effective therapies being developed for the Coronavirus.

**New Business Action Items (Minutes and Consent)**

**FL 101 Approval of Minutes**

December 3, 2019

February 3, 2019

February 18, 2019

Having no changes to the minutes Chair Jordan Zimmerman asked for a motion to approve the



TGH President John Couris commended USF President Steve Currall and BOT Vice Chair Les Muma for their leadership. Couris stated that TGH and USF will be unstoppable together as it will benefit the people served in the state of Florida.

Trustee John Ramil made comments concerning the Partnership Agreement being a great path for both USF and TGH to move forward.

Trustee Deanna Michael commented on the thorough work and participation of the committee.

“Move to approve the enhanced affiliation agreement between Tampa General Hospital and the University of South Florida based on the representations of management and materials presented regarding objectives, structure, governance, due diligence and legal considerations. This approval is contingent upon: 1. the finalization of a mutually agreed upon comprehensive affiliation agreement, which materially conforms to the representations of management and is approved as to form and legality by the USF office of the General Counsel; and 2. Consultation with the Florida Board of Governors regarding this affiliation.”

Vice Chair Les Muma made the motion to approve which was seconded by Trustee Oscar Horton. FL 106 was approved unanimously.

**New Business Informational Items**

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