



**USF Board of Trustees
Governance Committee**
Tuesday, May 14, 2024
Microsoft Teams Meeting

Minutes

Trustees: Will Weatherford, Chair, Sandra Callahan, Michael Carrere, Mike Griffin, Melissa Seixas

Chair Will Weatherford welcomed everyone to the Governance Committee Meeting. He introduced the new incoming Student Body President and Trustee Suryakanth Gottipati.

The Chair congratulated Suryakanth on his victory and commented on the high quality of Student Body Presidents that we have had at USF in the past few years. Chair Weatherford commented that this is a terrific opportunity to be instrumental in the future and the growth of this institution and assured Suryakanth that his voice will be of importance during discussions in the upcoming coming year.

Trustee Gottipati is grateful for the opportunity and looks forward to working with everyone.

Chair Weatherford asked Kiara Gayle to call the Roll.

Kiara Gayle Called the Roll

Trustee Sandra Callahan
Trustee Michael Carrere
Trustee Mike Griffin – Did not participate.
Trustee Melissa Seixas - Did not participate.
Trustee Will Weatherford

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

New Business – Action Items

a. Approval of February 27, 2024 Minutes.

Chair Weatherford requested a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was given, seconded, and approved unanimously by the committee.

b. USF Research Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors.

Chair Weatherford thanked those who are sacrificing their time to serve on the University's Direct-Support Organizations' Boards. The Chair presented items b. – d. The biographies for each member were included in the meeting materials.

Item b. was to approve an Appointment and a Reappointment of Direct Support Organization Board Members for the USF Research Foundation, Inc.

Per Florida Statute Section 1004.28 and USF System Regulation 13.002, the USF Board of Trustees must approve members of Direct Support Organizations' Boards of Directors. The first request was to approve the appointment of Dr. Giti Javidi as a member of the USF Research Foundation Board of Directors in one of the faculty member positions.

The Second request was to approve the reappointment of Harry Venezia as a non-USF member of the USF Research Foundation Board of Directors.

Chair Weatherford requested a motion to approve. The motion was given, seconded and approved unanimously by the committee.

c. USF Alumni Association Board of Directors

Review and approval of the new or renewed USF Alumni Association Board of Directors for terms starting on July 1, 2024.

The following new and renewed USF Alumni Association Board of Directors have been selected in accordance with the Association's bylaws, and now are being presented for consideration and approval of the USF Board of Trustees' Governance Committee.

New Board of Directors for Fiscal Year 2025:

1. Patricia Brutus
2. Joanna Cheshire
3. Erica Daley
4. Sumit Jadhav
5. Spencer Montgomery
6. Andy Taylor

Renewed Board of Directors for Fiscal Year 2025:

7. Diana Michel
8. Luz Randolph
9. Verlon Salley

Renewed Board of Directors' Officers for Fiscal Year 2025:

10. Sally Dee - Chair
11. Mark Giddarie – Treasurer
12. Balaji Ramadoss – Secretary
13. Juan Soltero – Vice-Chair
14. Christine Turner – Past Chair

Ex-Officio Positions for Fiscal Year 2025:

1. Jay Stroman – Director
2. Bill McCausland – Director (non-voting)

Chair Weatherford requested a motion to approve. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously by the committee.

d. USF St. Petersburg Campus Board members

Approve the reappointment of two St. Petersburg Campus Board Members.
The Board of Trustees shall Re-Appoint members to the Campus Board, from recommendations of the President.

St. Petersburg Campus Board Re-Appointments:

1. Debbie Nye Sembler
2. G. Scott Goyer

Chair Weatherford requested a motion to approve. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously by the committee.

e. USF Intercollegiate Athletics Association Bylaws

Sr. Associate General Counsel, Joel Londrigan presented.

Approval of changes to the bylaws approved by the USFIAA Board of Directors on 4/11/2024.

The USFIAA Bylaws were amended on 4/11/2024 by the Board of Directors to include clarifying language to address certain requirements contained in the University's DSO Regulation (USF Reg. 13.002). In addition, there are three substantive changes in the bylaws surrounding the minimum number of directors, the appointment of the initial chairperson, and the procedure for resolving a voting tie.

Sr. Associate General Counsel Londrigan directed everyone's attention to the changes approved by the Board of Directors in section 3.3, 3.8 and 4.2 of the Bylaws.

Chair Weatherford thanked Associate General Counsel Londrigan for providing the changes on the Bylaws and commented on the importance of periodically updating them so that they reflect the way things work in the real world and are up to date with the best practices.

Having no questions from the Board, Chair Weatherford requested a motion to approve item e. A motion was given and seconded, and the USF Intercollegiate Athletics Association Bylaws were approved unanimously by the committee.

Prior to adjourning the meeting, Chair Weatherford called on President Law for any comments.

President Law reported that we graduated 7028 students at 11 commencement ceremonies. We graduated another 177 students at the College of Medicine commencement ceremony. The energy from students, family and friends was amazing.

Chair Weatherford was pleased to report that the commencement ceremonies and events held at USF were peaceful and celebratory. There were other universities around the country that had to cancel ceremonies due to the disruptions on campus. The Chair was grateful to the President and team for the professionalism displayed on our campus during very tough circumstances.

Having no further business Chair Weatherford adjourned the Governance Committee meeting.