



USF Board of Trustees

Friday, January 19, 2024
Special Microsoft Teams Meeting

MINUTES

Call to Order

Chair Will Weatherford welcomed everyone and called the special meeting to order.

The Chair asked Kiara Gyle to call the roll.

Trustee Sandy Callahan

Trustee Mike Carrere

Trustee Rogan Donnelly – Did not participate.

Trustee Cesar Esmerald – Did not participate.

Trustee Mike Griffin

Trustee Oscar Horton

Trustee Melissa Seixas

Trustee Will Weatherford

New Business

Action Items

Linking Industry to Nursing Education

Chair Weatherford wished everyone a Happy New Year and moved on to the first Action item LINE Fund Proposal. He asked Dean Usha Menon to present.

Dean Usha Menon provided an update on the LINE Fund Proposal.

The Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) program was created by the Florida Legislature and Gov. DeSantis in Section 1009.8962, Florida Statutes, in 2022. The LINE program is intended to incentivize collaboration between nursing education programs and healthcare partners and to meet local, regional, and state workforce demand by recruiting faculty and clinical preceptors, increasing the capacity of high-quality nursing education programs, and increasing the number of nursing education program graduates who are prepared to enter Florida's workforce.

Chair Weatherford thanked Hilary Black for the overview. He had a question concerning having full transparencies to the financials. The Chair also had a question concerning the interest level for students and the number of slots that will be available for them.

Hilary Black confirmed that USF will have full transparency as well as the ability to sit in and have input at all board meetings. The building is heavily populated by the University of Tampa students which isn't a surprise given the proximity. They opened 100% leasing and are currently at 92% as of yesterday. We're marketing to USF Health and believe that this will be of interest to students.

Trustee Jasinski Schneider asked if USF students will have leasing priority at the Henry Black commented that USF students do not have priority as leasing is on a first come first serve basis in order to maximize profits.

Trustee Sandy Callahan asked how does the owner recover property costs. Hilary Black had comments concerning the recovery costs being built into the business model. She plans to research the calculations and follow up with Trustee Callahan

Trustee Monbarren had a question concerning the net revenue. Do we only get 50% of USF students? Hilary Black replied that we get 50% of the total.

Trustee Carrere had a question concerning USF students who lease at the Henry. Would USF have a financial obligation if our students can't fulfill their lease agreement? Hilary Black replied that we have no financial liability. It's a private transaction between the owner and the student.

Vice Chair Mike Griffin commented that he toured the Henry building and was highly impressed with the facility. The amenities and options provided to students are unique and like no other that he has seen in student housing. Vice Chair Griffin supports the affiliation agreement.

The Vice Chair made a motion to approve, it was seconded by Trustee Seixas and approved.

Chair Weatherford asked Vice President Condon to present the last item.

Expenditure Authorization Request

The Vice President for Business and Finance Jennifer Condon provided a review. She reported that this expenditure authorization would normally go to the Finance Committee

This is to request approval of a contract for the following expenditure over \$3,000,000 for the development of a Cyber Attack and Simulation Range of \$1,864,000.

In the 2022 Florida Legislative Session funds were appropriated to establish a cyber attack range at the Florida Center for Cyber Security. The range will provide a virtual training environment that meet the needs of county and local governments, law enforcement and other agencies.

Trustee Seixas asked if there were other similar ranges in the country? Mr. Bruce Caulkins of Cyber Florida Cyber Range replied that there are several. An extensive study was conducted last year.

Having no other questions or concerns from the Board, Chair Weatherford requested a motion to approve. The motion was given by Trustee Horton and seconded by Trustee Callahan. The item was approved.

The Chair opened the floor for announcements or discussion. President Law replied that everything is going well with all our wins. Go Bulls!

Having no other business to discuss Chair Weatherford wished everyone a great weekend and adjourned the meeting.