

# Advancement | UCF Foundation, Inc.

## UCF FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 11, 2021  
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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**LOCATION:** Virtual Meeting

**ATTENDEES:** Matt Assenmacher, Sara Bernard, Jessica Blume, Clint Bullock, Brian Butler, Roslyn Burttram, Carrie Callahan, Alexander Cartwright, Cathy Engelman, John Euliano, *Chair*, Barry Forbes, Debbie Komanski\*, Gideon Lewis, Diane Mahony, Chris Marlin, Marc McMurrin, Tom McNamara, Kevin Miller, Tony Moreno, Mary Beth Morgan, Mike Morsberger, Dana Patton, Mark Plaumann, Beverly Seay, Eva Tukdarian, Kevin Wydra,

*\*Denotes Emeritus Director*

**ABSENT:** Loretta Corey, Alan Florez, Dianne Owen, Chris Tomasso, Joyce Virga

**STAFF:** Sheila Amin Guterrez de Pineres, Julie Benson, Theodora Berry, Patrick Burt, Jeff Coates, Karen Cochran, Patrick Crowley, Carol Davella, Glen Dawes, William Dean, Char Eberly, Sean Farrell, Lauren Ferguson, Deb German, Susan Glenn, Timothy Hawthorne, Gerald Hector, Danielle Honaker, Michelle Iseman, Margaret Jarrell-Cole, Michael Johnson, Heather Junod, Robin Knight, Matt Kommer, Tim Letzring, Victoria Martin-Nammour, Renzo Martorella, Tykazia McCoy, Chris Meister, Joseph Mera, Karen Monteleone, Danielle Orchard, Garrett Preisser, Jacey Poppell, Chip Roberts, Nikki Sanguiliano, Azela Santana, Rachel Schaefer, Angela Shaw, Lori Shuff, Michael Sink, Mary Lou Sole, Jane Stump, Darla Talley, Carlee Thomas, Erin Turner, Youcheng Wang, Jennifer Wolf, Ross Wolf

**GUESTS:** Stuart Heaton, Christine Wydra

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Chair John Euliano H'18 called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. and noted that the meeting was covered by the Florida Sunshine Law, and the public and press were invited to attend.

Chair Euliano called on Lauren Ferguson, Director of Foundation Board Relations and Development, to call the roll. The roll was called, and a quorum was confirmed. Chair Euliano inquired if there were any items on the agenda that required the disclosure of a conflict of interest by one or more members. No conflicts of interest were disclosed.

### Review of the Minutes

**A motion was made by Carrie Callahan and seconded by Sara Bernard to approve the minutes from October 8, 2020, meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.**

### Committee Reports

Reports detailing items of business that appeared before each of the UCF Foundation Board's standing committees since the last convening of the Board was presented by each respective committee chair or their chosen designee.

## **President's Report**

Dr. Alexander Cartwright, UCF President, updated the Board about recent UCF Leadership updates.

- Terry Mohajir, Athletic Director.
- Gerald Hector, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance
- Matt Hall, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer
- Two search committees for Senior Vice President of Student Success and Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Mohajir was available to greet the Board and inform them that his first job was to hire a football coach.

Dr. Cartwright reiterated his goals for the University – academic, operational, and inclusive excellence.

Dr. Cartwright noted that an external review of UCF's research and commercialization efforts was being conducted. It was shared that the results of this review would help UCF in the areas of strategic growth, commercialization, faculty incentives (motivation) and faculty retirement and recruitment.

## **Alumni Engagement and Annual Giving Report**

Matt Assenmacher, Alumni Board Chair, provided an update on upcoming Alumni Engagement & Annual Giving initiatives.

## **Board of Trustees Update**

Beverly Seay, Chair of the UCF Board of Trustees Provided the Board of Trustees (BOT) update. Seay informed the Board that there are three new Trustees: Jeff Condello, Bill Christy, and Tiffany Altizer. All new members were currently serving in their new roles. Seay explained that the BOT is focused on the future and that UCF's future potential has never been stronger. Seay said that the hiring of Athletic Director Terry Mohajir is an example of being able to attract top talent. She also noted that Peter Delfyett, a Pegasus Professor in the College of Optics and Photonics was named to the National Academy of Engineering for his work at UCF.

Seay stressed that the BOT supports President Cartwright and his goal to become a Top 50 public metropolitan research institution. Chair Seay shared insights regarding ways to enhance the alignment between the university and UCF Advancement's activities.

## **Advancement Report**

Karen Cochran, Acting Vice President of UCF Advancement and CEO of the Foundation provided the Board with UCF Advancement's progress toward FY21 goals, information on the upcoming UCF Donor and Alumni Survey, and information on specific ways volunteer leaders can assist in moving the mission of the UCF Foundation forward.

## **Endowments and Planned Giving Presentation**

Kathleen Hagerty, Assistant Vice President for Advancement, Gift Planning provided a presentation on blended and planned gifts.

## **Student Spotlight**

Alexis Brewer, UCF College of Medicine student, shared why she chose to pursue medicine and her appreciation for the scholarship she receives from UCF.

## **Closing Remarks**

Chair Euliano thanked everyone for attending the meeting. As there were no requests from the public or press for comment, Chair Euliano adjourned the meeting at 2:56 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*



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Sara Bernard '00  
Secretary  
UCF Foundation, Inc., Board of Directors

*Approved by Board on June 10, 2021.*

*Prepared by Chris Meister, Coordinator, Executive Services*