



Approved October 26, 2021

**August 25, 2021  
9:00 AM (EST)  
Virtual Meeting**

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair, Blake Paul, called the meeting of the Florida Polytechnic University Policy and Governance Committee to order at 9:01 AM.

II. Roll Call

Kim Kennedy called the roll: Committee Chair, Blake Paul, Loretta Sanders and Donna Slyster were present (Quorum). Foundation CEO, Kathy Bowman, was also present. University staff present were: Melaine Schmitz, Associate General Counsel, and Kim Kennedy, Executive Assistant to the Foundation CEO.

III. Public Comment

Kim Kennedy stated there were no requests received for public comment.

IV. Approval of Minutes

***Loretta Sanders motioned to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2021 meeting of the Florida Polytechnic University Foundation Policy and Governance Committee as presented. Donna Slyster seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.***

V. Alumni Association Discussion

Kathy Bowman led a discussion regarding the possible creation of an Alumni Association as a Standing Committee under the Foundation.

Blake Paul inquired if this framework is typical of others within the State University System (SUS). Kathy stated the recommended model is typical for older, established universities; however, atypical for those which are newer. The benefit to our Foundation is we are new and can establish the desired structure at conception rather than creating the need for possible changes as we grow. The proposed structure allows alumni engagement at multiple levels and avoids the possible creation of competing fundraising initiatives.

Loretta Sanders asked about the current method and/or trend used by similarly-sized SUS universities regarding Alumni Associations. Kathy Bowman will research and provide.

Blake Paul mentioned it stands to reason when forming an Alumni Association as an independent entity, those individuals involved take ownership in that entity. If when pulling that entity under the Foundation, there could be resistance. Therefore, for easy and governance, it makes sense to create the Alumni Association under the Foundation. Later, should it be determined the Alumni Association needs to be a separate entity, that could be done.

***Loretta Sanders motioned to approve the recommendation by the Policy and Governance Committee that the Foundation consider establishing an Alumni Association as a Standing Committee of the Florida Polytechnic University Foundation Board and provide direction to staff to provide the necessary Bylaw amendments to allow the creation of Standing Committees in general. Donna Slyster seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.***

VI. Bylaws Updating Discussion

Kathy Bowman stated in order to create a new Standing Committee, amendment of the Bylaws would be necessary as this is not currently addressed.

VII. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

With no further business to discuss the Florida Polytechnic University Policy and Governance Committee meeting adjourned at 9:26 AM.