# Minutes

**Trustees Present:** Chair Hyde, Vice Chair Wamble-King, Trustee Egan, Trustee Joost,

Trustee McElroy

The meeting began at 8:00 a.m.

Chair Hyde, Vice Chair Wamble-King (Chair, Governance Committee), Trustee Egan (Chair, Academic and Student Affairs Committee), Trustee Joost (Chair, Finance and Facilities Committee), Trustee McElroy (Chair, Audit and Compliance Committee), President Szymanski and the Executive Staff met to discuss draft agendas for the 3/15/21 Finance and Facilities and Audit and Compliance Committee meetings, the 3/16/21 Governance and Academic and Student Affairs Committee meetings, and the 3/18/21 Board of Trustees meeting.

Trustee Joost and Vice President Bennett spoke of an amended regulation - 4.0080R Background Checks - and reports they would be adding to the financial dashboard – an update on the University’s financial ratios and an overview of stimulus funding.

Trustee McElroy and Associate Vice President and Compliance Officer Campbell relayed that, in addition to the quarterly reports the Office of Internal Auditing and the Compliance Office would provide, Dr. Campbell and Assistant Vice President of Human Resources Guth would report on the Conflict of Interest Workgroup and its progress in updating the University’s Conflict of Interest policies, procedures, and processes.

Vice Chair Wamble-King and Vice President Stone stated that updates would be provided on work that has been completed for the Board’s Action Plan. They also relayed that a draft updated Conflict of Interest Statement and Disclosure Form, for the Trustees, would be shared for the Governance Committee’s consideration and approval.

Trustee Egan and Interim Provost Patterson relayed that a proposed new academic program – a Master of Arts in Teaching (Exceptional Student Education) - would be presented for the Academic and Student Affairs Committee’s consideration and approval. They advised that Dr. Kantner, Interim Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Research and

Dr. Jody Nicholson, Associate Professor of Psychology, would provide overviews of research at the University and a collaborative NIH grant, of which UNF is a part, aimed at investigating cognitive interventions to prevent Alzheimer’s disease.

Chair Hyde reviewed the draft agenda for the 3/18/21 Board of Trustees meeting with the Chairs. He and Vice President Bennett advised that an MOU between UNF-BOT and UFF-UNF, which addressed the hiring of visiting faculty, would be presented to the Board for ratification. Chair Hyde and Vice President Stone spoke of an ethics training, by the Florida Commission on Ethics, that would take place and update the Trustees on changes in ethics laws and regulations. President Szymanski and Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer Meyer relayed that Vice President Meyer would provide an updated on UNF’s Diversity and Inclusion initiatives. Chair Hyde stated that he would lead the Trustees in a discussion on general themes in higher education, which would include their thoughts on the post-COVID direction for UNF and the University’s role in supporting the development of Jacksonville and the NE Florida region. He added that he would share updates from his recent one-on-one meetings with the Trustees.

The meeting concluded at 8:40 a.m.