# Attendance

## Trustees Present

Nik Patel (Vice Chair), James Beasley, Jack Boyle, Jay Demetree, John Gol, Christopher Lazzara, Paul McElroy

## Absent

Jason Barrett, Jill Davis, Amelia Dyal, Kevin Hyde (ex officio), Allison Korman Shelton, Steve Moore

# Minutes

## Call to Order

Vice Chair Patel called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM and confirmed quorum.

## Public Comment

Vice Chair Patel confirmed that there were no requests for public comment.

## Approval Items

### BOT-1: LINE Proposal / Mayo Clinic Florida and UNF

Dr. Kantner, Senior Associate Provost for Faculty Success, Associate VP for Research, reviewed Florida's Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE), which was established by state statute in 2022 to address Florida’s nursing shortage. The program operates through annual state appropriations that provide one-for-one matching funds with healthcare providers. Over the past three years, local healthcare partners in Jacksonville invested over $1 million in UNF nursing programs, matched by the state for a total investment exceeding $2 million. This funding supported infrastructure, staffing, and student scholarships, contributing to a 26% increase in nursing graduates from UNF over two years.

For the current funding cycle, Mayo Clinic and UNF submitted a joint proposal totaling $771,600, with equal contributions from both parties. The proposal aimed to increase the number of certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA) graduating from UNF. Approximately $581,000 would fund three years of salary and benefits for a half-time clinical education coordinator, who would serve as a single point of contact for students, assisting with clinical placements, mentorship, scheduling, recruitment, and support. The remaining $191,000 would enhance the MedNexus Deerwood Simulation Center to accommodate more nurse anesthetist students. Dr. Kantner noted that simulation is an approved substitute for clinical hours by accrediting boards and the state, allowing up to 50% of required hours to be completed through simulation.

Dr. Kantner concluded by stating that the proposal aligns with Priority 1 of the strategic plan by supporting student success through experiential learning and accelerated employment. He also emphasized its alignment with Priority 3, which focuses on strengthening community partnerships, particularly with Mayo Clinic, to meet regional and statewide healthcare needs. Dr. Kantner invited questions and noted that Dr. Mei Zhao, Dean of Brooks College of Health, was available for further discussion.

Trustee Patel asked how the Deerwood Center would be enhanced to accommodate more students. Dr. Kantner stated that investments would be directed toward specialized equipment for the nurse anesthetist program, including anesthesia machines, digital charting stations, and procedure stations.

Trustee Lazzara asked whether the $581,000 cost over three years for the clinical education coordinator represented a half-time or full-time position. Dr. Kantner clarified that it covered a half-time role, noting the position must be filled by a certified registered nurse anesthetist, which is compensated with a much higher salary rather than a typical program coordinator.

Vice Chair Patel asked for a MOTION to APPROVE the LINE Proposal for Mayo Clinic. Trustee Demetree made a MOTION to APPROVE, and Trustee Lazzara SECONDED. Vice Chair Patel offered the opportunity for questions or discussion. There being none, the Board unanimously approved the LINE Proposal for Mayo Clinic.

## Adjournment

Vice Chair Patel adjourned the meeting at 11:37 AM.