



Board of Trustees
Minutes
Monday, March 18, 2024
Marshall Student Center

Call to Order and Comments

Chair Will Weatherford welcomed everyone and convened the full Board of Trustees meeting. The Chair

The Chair commented that these funds are important to our state, community and to our students. The budget is still pending signature from the Governor.

Chair Weatherford recognized Trustee Cesar Esmeraldi and a student and today

his last year as

President Law provided an update on the following:

- Significant growth in Research Enterprise USF reached an all-time high of \$692 million for Fiscal year 2023 , as well as Moffitt hospital.
- For the 11th consecutive year USF is in the top 15 for American Public Research Universities.
-We were 14th among public research universities.

-USF was 34th among universities across the world and we continue to make an impact. We outshine the University of Texas and North Carolina with a total of 287 patents last year.
- We recently learned last year that our application to be designated as a Purple Star Campus has been approved. We are one of the first in the State University System of Florida to receive the designation because of the many things that we do with our veterans and our Office of Veterans Success.
- We received \$10 million to support our

President Law gave special thanks to Mark Walsh, Casey Welch, Lauren Hartman and Jaida Abbas for their dedication and hard work with the Florida Legislature.

- Federal Funding - The package approved by Congress and signed in to law by President Biden had \$5 million for USF. That includes \$3 million for the Trafficking In Person Risk to Resilience Research Lab in St. Pete, a human dynamics research project collaboration that involves our Global and National Security Institute.
- College of Arts and Sciences - \$1.6 million
- The College of Marine Science will receive 1,000,000 to create a state of the art data visualization laboratory in its existing space.

President Law gave special thanks to US Representatives Scott Franklin, Cathy Castor, Gus Bilirakis and our own representative in Washington Monica McClanahan for all of their efforts.

USF Athletics

- President Law was happy to report on the team. She congratulated them on winning the conference championship for the regular season. She encouraged everyone to support by viewing or attending the upcoming game.
- Head Coach for the USF Basketball team Abdur-Rahim was recognized as the AAC Coach of the Year and nominated as the National Coach of the Year. USF Athletes have worked very hard and have earned many achievements.

Trustee Esmeraldi expressed his gratitude to the Board members and to USF. He plans to continue to be an advocate for the University of South Florida.

Trustee Jasinski Schneider comments concerned the DEI prohibited expenses and the foreign influence are impacting faculty members and students. She also commented on the fact that the NAACP is warning African American athletes not to choose Florida public schools to attend. This will affect students as well as faculty recruitment.

Trustee Jasinski Schneider thanked General Counsel Gerard Solis and his team for their support and legal guidance.

He said that there was an awesome display of diversity during

Chair Weatherford commented that we can only control what we can control. He commented on the commitment to having a diverse population at USF and that we will continue to abide by the laws and statutes that we must follow.

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