



Item: VI.a.

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

**SUBJECT: SACSCOC REQUIRED BOARD EVALUATION DISCUSSION**

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

N/A – Discussion only.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Principles of Accreditation of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), the University’s current accreditor, require governing boards to define and regularly evaluate their responsibilities and expectations as a Board. To facilitate SUS institutions’ compliance with this requirement, the Board of Governors (BOG) developed and conducted upon itself a self-evaluation survey. This Board previously reviewed and adopted the BOG’s survey questions and format for its own self-evaluation, and at the Board’s 2022 retreat the Board members completed the survey. The results have been tabulated and will be presented and discussed by the Board.

**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE**

N/A – Discussion only.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

N/A – Discussion only.

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<b>Supporting Documentation:</b>	Tabulated results of Board self-survey
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## Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees Biannual Self Evaluation

Every even year, each member of the Board will complete a survey to evaluate the Board's performance and understanding of its roles and responsibilities. The outcome of the survey will be shared at the board meeting immediately following survey completion.

1. Board member responsibilities are clear.

7 Strongly agree

Disagree

5 Agree

Strongly disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

2. The Board is knowledgeable about state higher education needs.

5 Strongly agree

4 Agree

3 Somewhat agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Somewhat disagree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

3. The Board has protocols for responding to citizens and the media.

7 Strongly agree

Disagree

4 Agree

Strongly disagree

1 Neither agree nor disagree

4. The Board is knowledgeable about the mission and purposes of the institution.

10 Strongly agree

Disagree

2 Agree

Strongly disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

5. The Board ensures that its mission and goals are sufficiently responsive to current and future state higher education and workforce needs.

5 Strongly agree

Disagree

7 Agree

Strongly disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

6. The Board is familiar with the strategic and accountability plans of the institution.

7 Strongly agree

1 Disagree

3 Agree

Strongly disagree

1 Neither agree nor disagree

7. Board members make decisions after thorough discussion and exploration of many perspectives.

9 Strongly agree

1 Disagree

2 Agree

Strongly disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

8. The Board Chair regularly evaluates the President.

8 Strongly agree

Disagree

4 Agree

Strongly disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

9. The Board understands the fiscal conditions of the University.

10 Strongly agree

Disagree

2 Agree

Strongly disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

10. Through the accountability and strategic plans, the Board monitors the effectiveness of the institution in fulfilling its mission.

6 Strongly agree

Disagree

6 Agree

Strongly disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

11. The Board adheres to a code of ethics.

11 Strongly agree

Disagree

1 Agree

Strongly disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

12. Board members avoid conflicts of interest and the perception of conflicts of interest.

11 Strongly agree

Disagree

1 Agree

Strongly disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

13. The Board recognizes positive accomplishments of the institution.

12 Strongly agree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

14. The Board advocates FAU interests to state agencies and legislators.

12 Strongly agree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

15. New members receive an orientation to the Board and the institution.

7 Strongly agree

Disagree

5 Agree

Strongly disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

16. The Board promotes an environment where Board members feel engaged, respected, and empowered to raise issues for discussion.

10 Strongly agree

1 Disagree

Agree

Strongly disagree

1 Neither agree nor disagree

17. What would you like to see the Board accomplish in the next two years?

- Make progress on FAU Health (x4)
- Conduct Presidential Search (x3)
- Approve College of Dentistry
- Set up new President for success
- Make progress on FAU100
- Develop additional residence halls
- Market the University better
- Define role as governance body
- Put in place new strategic plan

18. What change or action would most improve the Board's performance?

- Greater transparency and communication (x2)
- Embark on a capital campaign
- More clarity on legislative and BOG changes
- Empower committees
- Track "gives" to the University, financial or otherwise

19. What do you think the Board does well?

- Advocacy, strategic guidance, and goal setting (x2)
- Financial governance (x2)
- Debate and open discussion (to a point)
- Meetings run well, though a bit longer than agenda
- Communication with BOG and Governor
- Asks questions

20. What are the areas in which the Board could improve?

- Improve communications on sensitive matters, allowing more trustees to speak
- Continued transparency
- More summary info, less details
- Standardized metrics
- More trust in the faculty
- Provide strategic guidance consistent with resources