



USF Board of Trustees Governance Committee

Friday, October 21, 2022
Microsoft Teams Meeting

Trustees: Will Weatherford, Chair; Sandra Callahan, Michael Carrere, Mike Griffin, Melissa Seixas

A G E N D A

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Chair Will Weatherford

Chair Will Weatherford welcomed everyone and convened the Special Board of Trustees Governance Committee meeting to consider two proposals being submitted to the Board of Governors for additional funding as part of the Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Program that was established by the Florida legislature during the 2022 session.

Chair Weatherford commented that pursuant to the Board of Trustees Operating procedures (Article III A.), the Governance Committee is authorized to act on behalf of the board for these types of matters, which helps our board operate effectively and efficiently.¹

Kiara Guzzo called the roll.

Trustee Sandy Callahan
Trustee Mike Carrere – Did not participate
Trustee Mike Griffin
Trustee Melissa Seixas
Trustee Will Weatherford

¹ The Governance Committee shall have authority to act for the Board of Trustees on all matters except for the following, which shall be reserved for the full Board: appointing and removing the President; approving or discontinuing programs; board officer selection; Campus Board membership; changes in institutional mission and purposes; changes to the operating procedures; incurring of corporate indebtedness; and adoption of the annual budget. Board Operating Procedures, Article III. A.

II. New Business – Action Items

FL 101 – Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund Proposals

The USF College of Nursing Dean Usha Menon presented.

The Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) fund provides an opportunity for each state university to receive dollar-for-dollar matching funds to match contributions from a healthcare partner. Gift funds and matching funds may be used for any of the following priorities: student scholarships, recruitment of additional faculty, purchasing or repairing equipment to support the delivery of nursing education, and/or updating nursing simulation centers. Two LINE proposals have been awarded this year by the Board of Governors for a match with healthcare partners for a total amount of \$915, 911. The two LINE proposals from USF below will request the remaining funding in the LINE Project from the Board of Governors. The proposals are described below:

1. Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital will partner with USF College of Nursing to provide scholarship support for our nursing students. With a scholarship gift to support Bull Nurses matched by Florida’s LINE fund, the college will create a cohort of Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital Scholars. As part of a cohort program, Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital could host recipients at special events, meet with scholars around focused topics, and give special tours of Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital facilities. These types of interactions help foster a collegial, mutually beneficial relationship for students with one another and with Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital. Additionally, Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital would like to award the scholarships to those from underserved communities who would be dedicated to pediatric nursing careers long-term. (\$200,000 total)
2. HCA Healthcare West Florida Division will partner with USF College of Nursing to provide scholarship support for our nursing students. With a scholarship gift to support Bull Nurses matched by Florida’s LINE fund, the college will create a cohort of HCA Healthcare West Florida Division Scholars. As part of a cohort program, HCA Healthcare West Florida Division will host recipients at special events, meet with scholars around focused topics, and give special tours of HCA Healthcare West Florida Division Hospital facilities. These types of interactions help foster a collegial, mutually beneficial relationship for students with one another and with HCA Healthcare West Florida Division. Additionally, HCA Healthcare West Florida Division has partnered with USF College of Nursing to help support tutoring and student success. In response to student feedback and national surveys, counseling, career transition support services, and rapid response tutoring and mentoring are the most effective ways to empower the next generation of nurses to pursue their degree with confidence. (\$310,000 total)

Chair Weatherford requested a motion for approval which was given by Trustee Callahan and seconded by Trustee Seixas. The two LINE proposals were approved.

Chair Weatherford thanked Dean Menon for her presentation. Having no further business, Chair Weatherford adjourned the Special Governance Committee meeting.