I. INTRODUCTION

As the governing board of Florida State University, the Board of Trustees is responsible for ensuring the institution’s well-being. As a result, it is important for the Board to assess its own performance in meeting its policymaking and governance responsibilities. The Board has been conducting self-evaluations for a number of years and finds them to be instructive.

The Board establishes this policy in order to affirm the benefits of regular and comprehensive self-assessment to evaluate its progress toward achieving its stated goals and to formalize its self-evaluation process.

The FSU Board of Trustees is committed to excellence in performing its duties and furthering the University’s mission. Self-evaluation provides an opportunity to identify priorities, celebrate accomplishments, and bridge the gap between expectations and performance. The results have and will continue to provide a clear vision for the Board’s continued success.

II. POLICY

Every two (2) years, the Board of Trustees will conduct a comprehensive self-evaluation, including an assessment of progress in meeting its stated goals. The process will typically begin in the Fall Semester, with a discussion of the results in the following Spring Semester. The Board’s Governance Committee and appropriate University staff will coordinate the evaluation in consultation with the President and Board Chair. University staff will administer the assessment, collect and analyze the results, and facilitate further discussion. The Board will use the results to identify its priorities and the work of its Committees for the next two (2) years. The Committees and University staff will continue to revise and improve the process based on the needs of the Board and the University.

The Board’s self-evaluation should include the following: (1) Defining and reinforcing the Board’s role, responsibilities, and expectations; (2) Establishing the Board’s goals in light of the University’s mission; (3) Assessing achievements and identifying areas for improvement; and (4) Strengthening relationships among Board members, and between the Board and the University community.
III. LEGAL SUPPORT, JUSTIFICATION, AND REVIEW OF THIS POLICY

Article IX, Section 7 Florida Constitution; BOG Regulation 1.001

This Policy should be reviewed and, as appropriate, revised by the Board of Trustees every seven years.

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