

**Minutes
Board of Trustees Meeting
University of Central Florida
January 24, 2002**

Chairman Richard Nunis called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the Key West Ballroom of the Student Union at 1:00 p.m. The following members attended the meeting:

The Honorable Judith Albertson	The Honorable Richard Nunis
The Honorable Olga Calvet	The Honorable Marco Peña
The Honorable Patrick Christiansen	The Honorable Harris Rosen
The Honorable Geraldine Ferris	The Honorable Richard Walsh
The Honorable Phyllis Klock	The Honorable Thomas Yochum
The Honorable Richard Lee	

Chairman Nunis welcomed the board members and called upon President John Hitt to introduce the UCF Cheerleading squad, coached by Linda Gooch, which came in second place in the Division I-A College Cheerleading National Championship held at Disney's Wide World of Sports.

BUSINESS MEETING

Because Trustee Patrick Christiansen, chair of the Advancement Committee, had to leave the meeting early, Chairman Nunis began the meeting with his report on the following committee items:

Advancement

- **ADV-1: Naming of the UCF sports complex and the proposed sports center to be built within the sports complex** - A motion was passed to name the area located northeast of the main campus that includes the arena and playing fields the *Wayne Densch Sports Complex* and the field house to be constructed within the sports complex the *Wayne Densch Sports Center*.
- **ADV-2: Revised By-Laws for the UCF Foundation, Inc.** - A motion was passed to accept the revised by-laws for the University of Central Florida Foundation, Inc., as approved and adopted by the Foundation Board of Trustees on October 13, 2001. These revisions include changing the name for the Foundation Board of Trustees to "Board of Directors." Additional revisions include reducing the number of elected members, clarifying the responsibility of members in terms of financial and committee participation, and the addition of a focused development committee.

- **Legislative Fly-In February 12th and 13th** - Chairman Christiansen reported that response has been good for member participation in the legislative fly-in. Of particular interest to the board will be a Senate committee bill for devolution of power.
- **Naming of the Downtown Center** - He announced that the naming of the Downtown Center, the *James and Annie Ying Academic Center*, after Dr. Nelson Ying's parents and in recognition of a significant gift made in 2001 by Dr. Ying, is currently being considered in a bill before the Legislature.

BUSINESS MEETING

Chairman Nunis, after announcing he was "not buying the Magic," thanked those responsible for the tour of the student support services facilities last night. He then called for the approval of the minutes of the November 29th board meeting and the December 27th telephone conference call. The board approved the minutes as written.

Chairman Nunis called upon President Hitt for opening comments.

REMARKS

President Hitt announced that the Board of Trustees lounge, located in Room 392 in Millican Hall, is now available to all members. Susan Laden, the receptionist in the president's suite, has the key to the room. He said that UCF spring enrollment is up 9% over last year at this time and announced the grand success of the opening of the new \$14 MM, 85,000 square foot Recreation and Wellness Center. He indicated that during the first 72 hours it was open, the center had 10,566 visitations, and as of the day before the board meeting, 58,127 visitations. He pointed out that the recreation center was recently used as a site for a news conference about underage and abusive drinking. The effort to combat student alcohol abuse is being funded in part by the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States and several local businesses, including ABC Fine Wine and Spirits. He applauded the work of Dr. Thomas Huddleston, Vice President of Student Development and Enrollment Services, for his ongoing effort to promote responsible drinking both on and off campus.

He introduced UCF outstanding faculty seated in the audience: **Dr. Peter Hancock**, a Provost Distinguished Research Professor awarded the American Psychological Association's Franklin V. Taylor Award and named as a Fellow of the International Ergonomics Association; **Dr. Jane Waterman**, an Assistant Professor of Biology specializing in Behavioral Ecology who has attracted over \$850,000 in grants from such prestigious agencies as the National Science Foundation and the Center for Field Research; **Dr. Graham Worthy**, a Provost Distinguished Research Professor in Biology and the Hubbs-Sea World Professor of Marine Mammalogy, an internationally distinguished expert in the physiological ecology of marine mammals; and **Dr. Richard Lapchick**, the DeVos Eminent Scholar Chair and Director of our Business Sports Management graduate program in the College of Business Administration. He introduced **Mr. Scott Cole**, who will become UCF's General Counsel on February 4th. In addition, President

Hitt recognized the members participating in the Leadership Enhancement Program at UCF administered by our Office of Diversity Initiatives and directed by Dr. Valarie King.

REPORT

A report on the First-Time-in-College Experience was presented by Dr. Thomas Huddleston, Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services. He discussed the transition services, support services and personal growth components that UCF offers to first-time-in-college students. The aim of the program is to help students become successful graduates. Dr. Huddleston's report suggested that freshman success is based on academic progress, relationships, independence, identity, purpose, and wellness. He explained that because advising is a key element of the freshman experience, the Student Advising and Resource Center has identified five targeted advising groups: athletes, students of color, first-year students, undeclared students with majors, and probationary students.

Since the development of the First-Time-in-College Experience program, UCF has enjoyed a 79% retention rate. In response to that report, Trustee Rosen questioned the 21% of students leaving. Dr. Huddleston explained that this is mainly due to academic difficulty and students' expectations that are often unrealistic.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Chairman Nunis addressed the board about the Strategic Planning process at UCF. He explained that with the devolution of power, the board will be charged with the responsibility for strategic planning. He asked for volunteers to convene a focus group to determine the level of involvement appropriate for the board and to discuss the initiatives being proposed by the Strategic Planning Council. Trustee Geraldine Ferris, Trustee Olga Calvet, and Trustee Marco Peña volunteered to serve.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (cont.)

Finance

Trustee Richard Walsh, reporting for Trustee Conrad Santiago, chair of the Advancement Committee, discussed the following committee items:

- **Transportation Access Fee Update** – Preliminary discussions took place regarding the student Transportation Access Fee. A proposal will be submitted to the full board at the March meeting.
- **2001 Financial Statements** – For discussion purposes, representatives from UCF Finance and Accounting and Administration and Finance departments were present to discuss Government Accounting Standards Board requirements and other formatting changes to the Preliminary 2001 UCF Financial Statements.

- **Building Construction Update** – Mr. William Merck, Vice President for Administration and Finance, made a presentation on the construction progress at UCF.
- **FIN-1: Courtelis Challenge Grant List** – Mr. Merck submitted to the board, for discussion only, a status report for the Alec P. Courtelis Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant Program list.
- **FIN-2: Intercollegiate Athletics Financial Audit** – Mr. Merck presented the 2001 financial audit of Intercollegiate Athletics. NCAA regulations require that Intercollegiate Athletics be audited by a CPA firm each year. The materials presented to the board were the result of the most recent audit. It was recommended that the audit be handled as a Finance Committee item from this point forward. The committee will bring any audit exceptions to the full board for its review.

Educational Programs

Dr. Gerri Ferris, chair of the Educational Programs Committee, reported that the following items were discussed in the Educational Programs Committee:

- **Proposed New Programs List for 2003-2008** – Dr. Ferris discussed the overview of a five-year projected program list for 2003-2008 including four proposed Ph.D. programs. The proposed Ph.D. in Modeling and Simulation was sent forward to the Florida Board of Education. Dr. Ferris reported that R.E. LeMon, Vice Chancellor, said it was the best proposal he had seen in fourteen years. The Florida Board of Education unanimously accepted and approved the program.
- **Transfer of Community College Degrees** – A preliminary discussion took place regarding the proposal from community colleges to begin offering a limited number of four year degrees. To date, three community colleges have proposed baccalaureate programs. Provost Gary Whitehouse wrote a letter to the Legislature expressing the many reasons why we believe it would be unwise at this time to approve these programs. Further discussion of this topic was continued to the March meeting.
- **EP-1: Strategic Planning-Mission, Vision, and Values** – The board approved the revisions of the Strategic Planning Mission, Vision, and Values statements as proposed by the Strategic Planning Council. In addition, the board agreed that the five goals of the university be retained as they are currently written and the four strategic directions be deleted. President Hitt commended Essam Radwan for his outstanding service as Chair of the Strategic Planning Council.

- **EP-2: Metropolitan Center for Regional Studies** – The board approved the concept and plan for the University of Central Florida’s Metropolitan Center for Regional Studies as presented by Linda Chapin, Interim Director. Chairman Nunis recognized Linda Chapin for her outstanding collaborative work with WMFE and the Nicholson School of Communication.

Chairman Nunis adjourned the business meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: _____ Date: _____

John C. Hitt
Corporate Secretary