

**Minutes**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**University of Central Florida**  
**March 29, 2002**

Chairman Nunis called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the Key West Ballroom of the Student Union at 1:40 p.m. The following members attended the meeting:

The Honorable Judith Albertson  
The Honorable Olga Calvet  
The Honorable Patrick Christiansen  
The Honorable Geraldine Ferris  
The Honorable Phyllis Klock  
The Honorable Richard Lee

The Honorable Richard Nunis  
The Honorable Marco Peña  
The Honorable Harris Rosen  
The Honorable Conrad Santiago  
The Honorable Thomas Yochum

**BUSINESS MEETING**

Chairman Nunis welcomed the board members and congratulated President John Hitt on his decade of service to UCF by presenting him with an endorsed proclamation of appreciation on behalf of the UCF Board of Trustees, the text of which follows:

John C. Hitt, you have been a leader and a visionary in Central Florida. You took over the helm from your predecessors as the University of Central Florida's fourth president and held the university on course to achieving greatness while adding your own vision to shape its future.

During your ten years as president, your insightful leadership guided the unprecedented growth of UCF into a major metropolitan research university delivering a comprehensive program of teaching, research, and service.

Under your firm hand, research flourished, many more of the established programs gained national prominence, and community ties deepened. All of these laid the foundation for the strong partnerships the university enjoys today, exemplified by the successes of the Florida High Tech Corridor.

Through your hard work and courageous leadership, you have been an inspiration to us all, a model of integrity, perseverance, and dedication, and a trusted friend. Without you, this university would not be what it is today. For this and your decade of service, we thank you.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the State of Florida and with the concurrence of the University of Central Florida Board of Trustees, it is with gratitude and admiration that we congratulate you on your tenth anniversary as president of the University of Central Florida.

Chairman Nunis called upon President Hitt for opening comments.

## REMARKS

President Hitt announced that commencement ceremonies will take place on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in the UCF Arena. He referenced the new UCF ID cards that were distributed to each board member. He discussed the “Education and Training Pay” chart published by *Postsecondary Education Opportunity* that indicates how higher education makes students more competitive in the workforce. In addition, he discussed space needs and PECO funding at the state universities. He indicated that SUS disparities in square footage per FTE are enormous and reflect persistent inequities in PECO funding. UCF’s unmet needs projected to 2004-05 will be 29% of our total needs—a huge deficit. He explained that by 2007-08, our unmet needs will be almost 1.1 million square feet and will be 30% of our total needs. He called on the board for its support in remedying this situation.

President Hitt discussed the 9% increase in enrollment for Spring 2002 over this same time last year and referenced the double-digit increase in student enrollment in UCF’s area campuses.

He announced that in response to the legislative statewide mandate to recommend ways of balancing nursing supply with demand and helping to keep nurses in their jobs, the Florida Center for Nursing Board has designated UCF as its home. In addition, he encouraged the members of the board to join UCF on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in the annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life, which last year raised \$200,000 of the \$900,000 raised in the Orlando metro region. The UCF goal this year is \$250,000.

As a final note, President Hitt announced the opening of the Lake Sumter Community College-UCF joint-use facility in Clermont, where we will offer selected baccalaureate and master's degree programs. He added his support to this cost-effective method of meeting the needs of students, while cutting down on traffic and parking problems on our Orlando campus. Trustee Yochum added his congratulations to UCF on this cooperative effort.

## INTRODUCTIONS

President Hitt introduced UCF award winners seated in the audience: **Paul Bergener** – winner of a Florida Physical Therapy Association Student of the Year for 2002 award; **Bounds Huang** – winner of the best student paper award at this year’s Society of Information Displays; **Erica Wells, Jeff Brown, and Patricia Kelley Sharek** – winners of National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship; and **David Diel** and **Clara Rivero** who received honorable mentions; and **Dr. Randall Shumaker** – newly appointed director of the Institute for Simulation and Training. Also introduced were the 2002 recipients of UCF’s Order of Pegasus, the university's most prestigious and significant student award: **Gregory C. Auerbach**, computer engineering; **R. Scott Broadway**, industrial engineering; **Alexcia Cox**, interpersonal communication; **Ti’eshia M. Daniels**, interpersonal communication; **Delia N. Goolsby**, social sciences education; **Carol A. Mancero**, molecular biology and microbiology; **Quang Nguyen**, molecular

biology and microbiology; **Sandra M. Schaal**, doctoral student, molecular biology and microbiology; **Peggy L. Moch**, doctoral student, curriculum and instruction; and **Sergey V. Polyakov**, doctoral student, optics.

President Hitt introduced Denise Young, Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs, who moderated a student panel discussion. Students were given the opportunity to speak openly about their academic experiences at UCF and to express their opinions on what could be done to improve the student experience. Participants on the student panel were: Wiveca Borjesson, Ti' eshia Daniels, Diana Navas, Richard Lepkowitz, Janet Murray, and Chris Pennington. Chairman Nunis reminded the panel that "the future of our country depends on the students of today."

## **REPORTS**

Because Trustee Patrick Christiansen, chair of the Advancement Committee, was unable to attend all of the afternoon session, Chairman Nunis called upon Trustee Richard Lee to give a report on the following committee items:

### **Advancement**

- **ADV-1: Naming of endowed chairs** - A motion was passed to name three eminent scholar chairs in the Rosen School of Hospitality Management: the *Linda Chapin Eminent Scholar Chair in Tourism Management*, the *William Peeper Eminent Scholar Chair in Destination Marketing*, and the *Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association (CFHLA) Eminent Scholar Chair in Hotel Management*.
- **ADV-2: Distribution of license plate revenues** - A motion was passed to accept the revised collegiate license plate revenue expenditure plans. These plans will allow for the redesignation of revenue under Academic Enhancement and Scholarships in order to address academic, leadership, and service programming needs of The Burnett Honors College and the LEAD Scholars Program. This funding will also be available for scholarships, recruitment, and retention of honors students and LEAD Scholars.

### **Finance**

Trustee Conrad Santiago, chair of the Finance Committee, discussed the following committee items:

- **FIN-1: Housing Rental Rates 2002-2003** - A motion was passed approving the proposed increase in UCF housing fees for 2002-2003. On-campus housing rental rates are projected to increase between 6% and 12% depending on the facility, effective July 1, 2002. Such increases will generate revenue to be used for renovation and rebuilding of older housing facilities, as well as allowing for debt service payment.

- **FIN-2: Transportation Access Fee** - A motion was passed to implement a transportation access fee of \$3.90 per credit hour in conjunction with a reduction of the student parking decal fee to \$60.00 per year. Trustee Rosen has requested a cost study comparison of university parking costs with those of the private sector. If the analysis reveals that the university could operate at a reduced amount, the transportation access fee of \$3.90 per credit hour may be revisited by the board for adjustment in future semesters.
- **FIN-3: Revised Budget for Centers & Branch Campuses** - A motion was passed allowing the review and revision of the Branches and Centers Operating Budget for the current fiscal year, the effect of which is to bring the 2002-03 budgets for the Brevard and Daytona branch campuses into compliance with updated information from the chancellor on legislative intent.
- **FIN-4: Transcript Fee** - A motion was passed approving a fee of \$5.00 for each official transcript provided to students and alumni.

## **Education**

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

- **EP-1: Strategic Planning Initiatives** - A motion was passed endorsing the twelve Strategic Planning Initiatives proposed by the Strategic Planning Council to guide the university's efforts for the next five years.
- **EP-2: Conferral of Degrees** - Concurrence was unanimously given for the conferral of degrees at spring 2002 commencement ceremonies.
- **EP-3: Honorary Degrees** - A motion was approving the conferral of an Honorary Doctorate in Commercial Science for Richard DeVos.
- **EP-4: New Degree Programs** - A motion was passed approving the proposed master's program in Hospitality and Tourism Management for Fall 2002, the proposed master's program in Management Information Systems (M.S.) for Fall 2002, the proposed master's program in Sport Business Management (M.BSM.) for Fall 2002, and a B.S. degree program in Actuarial Science.
- **EP-5: National Reading Center** - A motion carried endorsing the University of Central Florida College of Education's pursuit of a national reading center to be located at UCF.

- **EP-6: Excess Hours in College of Education Programs** - A motion passed allowing students in the College of Education to take more than 120 hours in the following fourteen College of Education programs:

Art Education  
Early Childhood  
Elementary Education  
English Language Arts  
Exceptional Student  
Foreign Language (French)  
Foreign Language (Spanish)  
Mathematics  
Physical  
Science – Biology  
Science – Chemistry  
Science – Physics  
Social Sciences  
Vocational and Industry Training

None of these programs exceed the 128-hour upper limit, and the average number of credit hours in these fourteen programs is 126. The board-approved request will be forwarded to the Florida Articulation Coordinating Committee and, ultimately, to the Florida Board of Education.

- **EP-7: Tenure** - A motion was passed approving the tenure nominations of the following thirty faculty members presented by Provost Gary Whitehouse:

**College of Arts and Sciences**

Charles Abraham  
George Bagley  
Mark Brotherton  
James Campbell  
Denise DeLorme  
Michael Dunn  
Stacey Dunn  
Barbara Fritzsche  
Cherie Geiger  
Lani Harris  
Alexander Katsevich  
Lisa Logan  
Kevin Meehan  
JoAnne Stephenson  
Cynthia Young  
Hong Zhang

**College of Education**

Patricia Crawford  
Jeffrey Kaplan

**College of Engineering**

Sherif El-Tawil  
Nebil Misconi  
Sudipta Seal

**College of Health & Public Affairs**

Brandon Applegate  
Karl Chai  
Ratna Chakrabarti  
Eileen Hamby  
Paul Maiden  
Rob Remis  
Timothy Rotarius

**Rosen School of Hospitality Management**

Christopher Muller  
Randall Upchurch

The board-approved UCF tenure recommendations will now be submitted to the Florida Board of Education.

Chairman Nunis called for approval of the minutes of the January 24<sup>th</sup> board meeting. The board approved the minutes as written.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Hitt congratulated Dr. M.J. Soileau, Vice President for Research, on the Florida Solar Energy Center's \$5.25 million contract with NASA for hydrogen research. He announced that President Anthony Catanese will be leaving Florida Atlantic University to assume the presidency of the Florida Institute of Technology.

At 2:30, President Hitt participated in a conference call with Governor Bush and the Florida university presidents to ask for their combined support and the strong support of the board for approval of the Conference Committee Report on the rewrite of Section 240 in the upcoming special session.

Chairman Nunis encouraged the board to participate in the Washington Fly-in on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. In addition, he encouraged the board's participation in the review of the UCF Strategic Plan and asked Trustee Olga Calvet to chair the master plan review committee. The following trustees have volunteered to serve: Dr. Geraldine Ferris, Marco Peña, Thomas Yochum, and Richard Lee.

Chairman Nunis announced that the next meeting will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup> with a construction update highlighting the Rosen School of Hospitality Management. He adjourned the business meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

John C. Hitt  
Corporate Secretary