

Minutes
Special Board of Trustees Meeting
University of Central Florida
April 14, 2005

Chairman Nunis called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the Cape Florida Ballroom of the UCF Student Union at 2:00 p.m. The following members attended the meeting:

The Honorable Judith Albertson	The Honorable Hector "Tico" Perez
The Honorable Olga Calvet	The Honorable Kevin Peters
The Honorable Arlen Chase	The Honorable Conrad Santiago
The Honorable Patrick Christiansen	The Honorable Richard Walsh
The Honorable Phyllis Klock	The Honorable Al Weiss

The Honorable Thomas Yochum attended the meeting via telephone conference call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Chairman Nunis welcomed the board members and called the meeting to order.

REMARKS

President Hitt thanked the board and the public for being present at this special board meeting to discuss the proposed UCF football stadium. He acknowledged the UCF Student Government Association for being recognized in *Florida Leader* magazine as the outstanding student government association among state universities for the second year in a row. He offered his sincere congratulations and appreciation for the fine work student government had done under the leadership of Trustee Kevin Peters.

INTRODUCTIONS

Steve Orsini, Director of Athletics, introduced George O'Leary, head football coach. Coach O'Leary told the board, "We have an opportunity to let the country know what UCF is all about. Everyone benefits from a football stadium. One thing this school is missing is a place where the alumni, fans, and visitors can rally on a Saturday. All areas of the school benefit from a stadium. It's time to make a decision to get the exposure this university deserves." In closing, O'Leary said he came to UCF because of its leaders' commitment to having a top athletics program to complement its academic success. He stated that many of the components needed for a successful football program have been put in place and that a stadium would be the final piece.

REPORTS

UCF Football Stadium – William Merck II, Vice President Administration and Finance

A football stadium update was presented by Vice President Merck. He revealed that community comments from various open forums over the past several weeks had been incorporated into the plans, including the elimination of parking along McCulloch Road that the consultants had originally recommended. Merck reported that the university was working on plans to manage game-day traffic. In addition, he reported that UCF was adding 2,500 to 3,000 more parking spaces and that recycling would be incorporated into the stadium's design. President Hitt assured the audience that no alcohol would be sold in the stands. In addition, an alcohol task force would be developed under the direction of Student Development and Enrollment Services to determine alcohol-free areas on game day and to establish tailgating restrictions. "We are very serious about enforcing good behavior and a family-friendly atmosphere," said Hitt.

If approved, the 45,000-seat stadium would be located in the north end of campus in the athletics complex that contains the arena and the new 2,000-bed student housing project currently under construction. A new alumni center is also under construction nearby and an additional parking garage is planned for the area, which already contains one garage.

If the stadium is approved, construction could begin this summer and be completed by Fall 2006 at an estimated cost of \$43 million. The stadium would be built and supported by ticket and concessions sales, donations, corporate sponsorships, and advertising. No taxpayer money or tuition would be used.

A draft Wayne Densch Athletic's Sports Complex traffic and parking study report prepared by PBSJ was distributed to the board members for their review.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Trustees invited nearly two hours of community comments during the open forum. A majority of the public speakers supported the idea of a UCF football stadium, saying it would add tradition and a more collegiate atmosphere on game days and provide a venue for family entertainment in East Orlando. Several supporters also noted that a stadium would benefit Oviedo and East Orlando businesses. Other speakers expressed concerns about the proposed location and additional traffic.

President Hitt thanked the board members for their participation, attendance, and dedication to the process and to each of the open forum meetings. He then presented a draft policy on the use of the campus football stadium that outlines the type of events that would be allowed in the proposed stadium. He mentioned that consideration might be made, for example, for a homecoming concert or perhaps a national presidential campaign rally, in addition to the expected five to seven football games per season. Under this draft policy, a supermajority vote of the Board of Trustees would be required to add events.

Hitt announced that an anonymous donor had given the university \$1 million to pursue building the stadium.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **BOT-1 – Endorsement and Authorization** – A motion passed endorsing the concept of the stadium and directing Steve Orsini, Director of Athletics, to work with the university general counsel and the vice president for Administration and Finance to draft and negotiate those agreements necessary and desirable to finance and construct the stadium and to present those agreements for final approval, along with any necessary resolutions or other board action items, to the board and to the board of the UCF Athletics Association, Inc. In addition, the passing of this motion authorized the collection and expenditure of up to \$1 million in privately donated funds to pursue these objectives.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: _____ Date: _____
John C. Hitt
Corporate Secretary