

**Minutes  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
University of Central Florida  
May 16, 2002**

Chairman Nunis called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the Key West Ballroom of the Student Union at 1:15 p.m. The following members attended the meeting:

The Honorable Judith Albertson  
The Honorable Geraldine Ferris  
The Honorable Phyllis Klock  
The Honorable Richard Lee  
The Honorable Richard Nunis

The Honorable Ava L. Parker  
The Honorable Marco Peña  
The Honorable Harris Rosen  
The Honorable Richard Walsh  
The Honorable Thomas Yochum

**BUSINESS MEETING**

Chairman Nunis welcomed the board members and called for the approval of the minutes of the March 29, 2002, meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

Chairman Nunis called upon President Hitt for opening comments.

**REMARKS**

President Hitt began his comments by announcing that Summer 2002 registration was at 21,726 students. He also indicated that Fall 2002 registration is up 12.97% over this same time last year. Dr. Hitt announced that 3,900 degrees were awarded during the May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> commencement ceremonies. Forty-seven doctorate degrees were awarded, bringing our total to 123 for the year. He also announced that sometime next year, we would graduate our 1,000<sup>th</sup> doctoral student and 20,000<sup>th</sup> master's student. In addition, he announced that Governor Jeb Bush was the commencement speaker for the UCF College of Education and that an honorary doctorate was awarded Rich DeVos, Sr., who, along with his wife, Helen, provided funds to create the DeVos Sports Business Management Program in UCF's College of Business Administration.

President Hitt discussed the success of research and partnerships at UCF by announcing that UCF Associate Professor of Molecular Biology Saleh Naser has been awarded a \$1.2 million grant from the National Institute of Health to conduct a four-year study in the College of Health and Public Affairs to unlock the mystery behind Crohn's Disease and that the Florida Solar Energy Center has been awarded a hydrogen research grant of \$5.425 million from NASA Glenn Research Center. This hydrogen research program was developed to support NASA's Space Launch Initiative and Kennedy Space Center's Spaceport of the Future plans.

In other news, President Hitt announced that Athletics Director Steve Sloan was leaving UCF after a successful nine-year tenure to take a similar post at the University of

Tennessee-Chattanooga. A search committee to choose a new athletics director has narrowed the search to five candidates who will come to campus for interviews: Lawrence "Bubba" Cunningham, associate AD at Notre Dame; Dave Martin, senior associate AD at Oklahoma State; Steve Orsini, senior associate AD at Georgia Tech; Dave Roach, AD at Brown; and John Shafer, former AD at Mississippi.

In addition, he announced that UCF broke ground on the new \$6 million, 40,000 sq. ft. Wayne Densch Sports Center, that the Golden Knights begin playing football in the Mid-American Conference this fall, that UCF was the first university in Florida to use the on-line class schedule, and, that the UCF Trial Team ranks among the top teams in America, taking third place and edging out Yale University at the American Mock Trail Association's national championship.

President Hitt congratulated Bob Taft, College of Business Administration, on his work with the Constituency for Africa and announced that over a dozen commercial attaches from various African embassies spent a weekend at UCF learning how to attract American trade and investment opportunities to their countries.

As a final note, President Hitt announced that Section 240 in the School Code Rewrite Bill greatly expands the rights, privileges, and authority of UCF's Board of Trustees. A list of highlights of major university issues was distributed and is also attached (see Attachment A).

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

President Hitt introduced UCF award winners seated in the audience: **DeLaine Priest** - winner of the Outstanding Institutional Advising Program Award from the National Academic Advising Association; **Dr. Timothy Kotnour** - winner of the NASA Public Service Medal "for continuing leadership in orchestrating strategic management initiatives and techniques to assist Kennedy Space Center in reaching its future vision;" **Dr. Sudipta Seal** - winner of the prestigious Naval Research Young Investigator Award (\$100,000 per year for 3 years) established to support young scientists with exceptional promise to conduct the research of the future; **Dr. Thomas Brewer** - winner of the 2002 National Higher Education Art Educator Award; **Dr. Llewellyn Ehrhart** – recipient of a UCF Pegasus Professor award for consistently providing an extraordinary level of excellence in teaching, research, and service; and **Dr. Lesia Crumpton-Young** – newly appointed chair of Industrial Engineering.

President Hitt introduced Sterling Van Wagenen, Film Department chair, who reported on UCF's partnership with national and international affiliates in the Dynamic Media Initiative, which focuses on the intersection of emerging digital media technology, live performance, and novel forms of story-telling and content creation. Dr. Hitt also introduced Dean Abe Pizam, who, together with the architect, Mike Chatham, gave a presentation on the planned 150,000-sq. ft. Rosen School of Hospitality Management to be built as a stand-alone campus in the heart of the I-4 corridor. When the campus opens, 850 undergraduate and 150 graduate students are expected to be enrolled in the program.

President Hitt added his thanks to Trustee Harris Rosen for his remarkable generosity and vision in making this facility and program possible.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Chairman Nunis introduced three members of the community who had formally requested to address the board regarding the UCF Master Plan: 1) **Karina Veaudry**, chair of the UCF Arboretum Board of Directors and president of the Friends of the Arboretum, requested the proposed master plan be amended to include the botanical collections portion of the UCF Arboretum, 2) **Susan Eberle**, Central Florida Sierra Club Conservation chair and UCF Neighborhood liaison, supported the need for a small area study in the surrounding community, 3) **Dana Jones**, president of the Riversbend Home Owner's Association, addressed the need for a small area study, review of the master plan by government officials, full disclosure of detailed proposals, and public participation during consideration of the plan by the Board of Trustees.

### **REPORTS**

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

#### **Advancement**

 **Legislative Update** - Dr. Daniel Holsenbeck, Vice President for University Relations, reported to the Advancement Committee on the State University System of Florida's 2002-2003 Legislative Budget Request Summary and UCF highlights from the Conference Report on the HB 27E General Appropriations Act. In addition, Dr. Holsenbeck discussed highlights of major university issues in the School Code Rewrite Bill, making special reference to the issue of legal entity status that removes universities from state agency status and designates them as "public corporations." Dr. Holsenbeck pointed out that UCF allocated funding for 2002-2003 has increased by 18.79% from 2001. Handouts of all reports were provided to the board.

#### **Education**

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

 **UCF Online Learning Initiative** - Vice Provost Joel Hartman provided a brief overview of the focus, scope, and outcomes of UCF's award-winning online learning initiative. The presentation included courses and programs currently available online, a look inside a typical online course, what research

has shown about online learning at UCF, and the future direction of new online program development.

**Program Reviews** - Concurrence was unanimously given for the program reviews presented by Dr. Lin Huff-Corzine, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, that included the Visual and Performing Arts 2001-2002 program reviews, in particular, Art, Music, and Theatre, Applied Professions 2001-2002 program reviews, including Public Affairs and Social Work, and UCF's Five-Year Program Review Plan.

**EP-1: Performance-Based Funding Model** - A motion passed approving the recommended UCF Performance-Based Funding measures for submission to the Division of Colleges and Universities for its consideration.

An overview of the UCF CARD Center will be presented to the Educational Programs Committee at the next official meeting.

## Finance

Because Trustee Conrad Santiago, chair of the Finance Committee, was unable to attend the afternoon session, Chairman Nunis called upon Trustee Richard Lee to report on the following committee items:

**FIN-1: 2002-2003 Operating Budget and Releases** - A motion passed adopting the 2002-2003 operating budget and associated release requests as amended by the legislature for amounts carried forward from 2001-2002.

**FIN-2: Matriculation Fees for Graduate Students, Non-Resident Tuition for Undergraduate and Graduate Students** - A motion carried with 6 for, 3 opposed, and 1 abstention, passing discretionary increases for matriculation and tuition fees, subject to the guidelines approved by the legislature. Fee increases are as follows (revised scenario #4):

Undergraduate matriculation	5% increase
Graduate matriculation	10% increase
Non-resident undergraduate tuition	20% increase
Non-resident graduate tuition	20% increase

In addition, tuition waiver support will be considered for part-time graduate students in future scholarship proposals.

**FIN-3: Board Resolution for Proof of Authorization** - A motion carried approving the resolution to designate individuals within the university who are authorized to sign all banking documents and banking agreements.

~~FIN-4:~~ **FIN-4: Parking and Traffic Rules** - A motion carried approving the rules pertaining to the UCF parking and traffic regulations as presented.

~~FIN-5:~~ **FIN-5: Property Easement to the City of Orlando** - A motion carried approving a property easement to allow the City of Orlando to install and maintain a reclaimed water transmission line along the northern edge of the UCF campus.

~~FIN-6:~~ **FIN-6: UCF Campus Master Plan** - A motion carried approving the UCF campus master plan five-year update as presented. A group that includes qualified outside sources will be convened to perform a high quality assessment of the botanical collections, to assess what is being planted in the Arboretum, and to determine how each serves the academic purpose of the university. A tentative target for completion of this study is the end of this calendar year.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

William Merck, Vice President for Administration and Finance, indicated that, initially, Bright Futures Scholarships were not being funded this summer due to state budget cuts. Because \$1.3 million was later restored to the budget, Chancellor Blackwell indicated discretionary funds should be set aside from that appropriation for UCF financial aid for graduating seniors with need. With a portion of those funds, UCF will be funding Bright Futures Scholarships for graduating seniors, regardless of need.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 25 at the UCF campus in Cocoa. Trustees were asked to notify Nancy Marshall in the Office of the President if they required transportation from the UCF Orlando campus to the Brevard campus.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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

John C. Hitt  
Corporate Secretary