

**Minutes**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**University of Central Florida**  
**September 26, 2001**

Chairman Richard Nunis called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the Key West Ballroom of the Student Union at 8:50 a.m. The following members attended the meeting:

The Honorable Judith Albertson	The Honorable Richard Nunis
The Honorable Olga Calvet	The Honorable Ava Parker
The Honorable Patrick Christiansen	The Honorable Marco Peña
The Honorable Geraldine Ferris	The Honorable Harris Rosen
The Honorable Phyllis Klock	The Honorable Conrad Santiago
The Honorable Richard Lee	The Honorable Richard Walsh

Nunis welcomed the Board members and asked that President John Hitt discuss the university's response to the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMENTS**

Hitt discussed the many measures put in place to assist students, faculty, and staff in the wake of the recent terrorist attacks. These measures included havens for personal safety, opportunities for personal expression, counseling, support groups, educational programs, volunteer opportunities, and a well-attended National Day of Prayer and Remembrance service. Hitt assured the Board that UCF's core value is the respect and dignity of every individual. He stated that UCF is being vigilant and responsive to the needs of its students.

Nunis called for a moment of silence in observance of the September 11th tragedy, and Trustee Geraldine Ferris expressed thanks from the Arab-American community for UCF's response to the tragedy.

Hitt announced that parking space #8 has been reserved for Board of Trustee members on campus and Millican Hall, Room 392, will be ready for use as a Trustee office and lounge in about one month.

Hitt reported that UCF rose from fifth place in the SUS in total enrollment in 1994 to third this fall. The 41% jump from 25,363 to 35,780 students far outstripped the growth of UCF's closest competitor, FSU, which recorded a 21% total enrollment increase. UCF's undergraduate enrollment grew by 42%, compared to 25% for its closest SUS competitor, FSU. UCF now is the second largest state university in undergraduate enrollment, behind the University of Florida.

Hitt also provided data showing that UCF would suffer a deficit in academic space in the 2005-2006 academic year amounting to twice the average for Florida's state universities and far exceeding any other university in the system. The projected deficit totals more than one million square feet of classroom, laboratory, library, study, office, conference, and support services space.

## **REPORTS**

The following reports were presented to the Board:

✍️ *UCF Master Plan*, presented by William Merck II, Vice President for Administration and Finance. The plan enables the main campus to develop, assuming student demand and funding permit, to the maximum enrollment that the campus acreage can support—48,000 students. Proposed features of the next five-year planning phase included two additional parking garages, a 12,000-seat arena, additional on-campus housing, and an expansion of Greek Park into property bordered by McCulloch Road, Alafaya Trail, Lake Claire, and Gemini Boulevard North.

✍️ *Student Safety and Campus Security*, presented by William Merck.

UCF is among the safest of 1,497 campuses examined nationwide.

✍️ *Campus Technology*, presented by Joel L. Hartman, Vice Provost for Information Technologies and Resources. UCF has received national recognition four years in a row for being one of *Yahoo Internet Life's* "100 Most Wired Campuses." UCF is ranked 57th, ahead of Harvard, in the 1,300 U.S. universities and colleges evaluated for their innovative use of technology. EDUCAUSE has recognized UCF for its "Best Practice in On-line Technology," and we received the 2000 Excellence in Distance Learning Programming—Higher Education award from the U.S. Distance Learning Association. UCF continues to be positioned as a leader in distance learning by facilitating access to degree programs and expanding options through Web-based course offerings. More than half of all UCF faculty are using the Web in their courses, and one-third of all UCF students enroll in at least one distance learning course each year.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

The Board unanimously approved the bylaws with the following changes:

✍️ Article IV Section 4.3 should include "and fulfilling other duties as prescribed by the Board."

✍️ Article VI Section 6.1 should include a provision allowing members to participate in regular meetings via teleconference.

The Board unanimously approved the Conflict of Interest Policy with the following provision: an additional sentence should be added outlining the procedures to follow when a conflict of interest is discovered.

The Board adopted the Protection of Classified Information resolution as written. The resolution delegates the authority of the Board of Trustees for current and future federal contracts to the following managerial group at the university: President John C. Hitt, Provost Gary Whitehouse, Vice President Daniel Holsenbeck, and Vice President M. J. Soileau.

The Board approved an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters for Oprah Winfrey for her numerous humanitarian efforts, her contribution to television, and her remarkable work in promoting reading.

## **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

The Board unanimously approved tenure with hire for the faculty members who were recommended:

### College of Arts and Sciences

Graham Worthy  
Ivonne Lamazares  
Min Chen  
David Kaup  
Jian-Jian Ren  
Jie Shen  
Peter Hancock  
Leslie Lieberman  
James Wright

### College of Business Administration

Richard Lapchick  
Mark T. Dickie  
Shelby Gerking  
Stephen Hamilton  
James J. Jiang  
Carol S. Saunders

### College of Education

Robert Spina

### College of Engineering & Computer Science

Dan C. Marinescu

### School of Optics/CREOL

Shin-Tson Wu

The Board also unanimously approved the following new programs:

Early Childhood Education, M.A. and M.Ed.  
Modeling and Simulation, M.S. and Ph.D.

After a discussion about distance learning, Chairman Nunis referred the question of its funding to the Advancement Committee and its academic issues to the Educational Programs Committee.

The Board requested the following reports for future discussion:

- ~~///~~ a chart indicating the organization of UCF's colleges
- ~~///~~ a chart indicating space projections for 2001-2006
- ~~///~~ a report on UCF's conservation program
- ~~///~~ statistics on the number of students using our advocacy programs
- ~~///~~ a report on our recruitment of minority faculty

Chairman Nunis adjourned the business meeting at 2:50 p.m. so that BOT committees could meet.

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
John C. Hitt, Corporate Secretary