

**Minutes
Board of Trustees Meeting
University of Central Florida
September 26, 2002**

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

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

The Honorable Ava Parker
The Honorable Marco Peña
The Honorable Harris Rosen
The Honorable Conrad Santiago
The Honorable Richard Walsh
The Honorable Thomas Yochum

BUSINESS MEETING

Chairman Nunis welcomed the board members and called for approval of the minutes of the July 25, 2002, meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

Chairman Nunis called upon President Hitt for opening comments.

REMARKS

President Hitt began his comments by explaining the serious backlog in issuing student financial aid because of the implementation of a new on-line PeopleSoft system. He assured the board that Student Development and Enrollment Services, under the direction of Vice President Tom Huddleston, is doing everything in its power to see that students are given short-term loans until their financial aid can be allocated.

President Hitt announced that fall 2002 headcount reached a total of 39,254 students, 55% of whom are women. He indicated that UCF is welcoming 4,000 first-time-in-college students who have an average SAT of 1167 and an average GPA of 3.7, the highest averages thus far for an entering class. We have 77 enrolled National Merit Scholars, 25 of whom are freshman; 1,500 honors students, 485 of whom are part of the entering class; and 509 LEAD Scholars, 320 in this Fall's entering class. He commended the Student Development and Enrollment staff and UCF faculty on the 82% retention rate of our last year's freshman class.

President Hitt mentioned two memorial services held on campus commemorating the September 11th tragedies and drawing remarkable numbers of student, faculty, and staff. He discussed a UCF conference co-sponsored with the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States (DISCUS) held at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Orlando to address the issues of drug and alcohol abuse. He announced that Laura Riddle has been hired as Director of Alcohol and other Drug Programming to work with a professional staff and

30 *Responsible Education and Action for Campus Health* (REACH) student peer educators. He assured the board that this campus is committed to working toward a campus environment that teaches responsible use of alcohol.

In other news, President Hitt announced that Provost Gary Whitehouse, an unparalleled academic leader who has been responsible for much of the success of UCF, is returning to the faculty at the end of the academic year 2003.

On a final note, President Hitt announced he has been appointed to Chairman Crotty's Transportation Commission and named by Governor Jeb Bush to chair the newly created Select Task Force on Healthcare Professional Liability Insurance, which will address the impact of skyrocketing liability insurance premiums on health care in Florida.

RESEARCH AND PARTNERSHIPS

President Hitt announced that this year UCF brought in \$75 million in research funding, which is an increase of 76% over the previous two years and almost a 100% increase in federal funding. He introduced the members of the *2002 Millionaires Club*--research stars who have contributed to that funding increase:

✍ Sandra Robinson	Dean, College of Education <i>reading, literacy</i> \$5.5 million
✍ David Block	Director, Florida Solar Energy Center <i>hydrogen research</i> \$5.4 million
✍ Carrie Whitcomb	Director, National Center for Forensic Science <i>forensics</i> \$2.5 million
✍ Donna Leinsing	College of Education, UCF Teaching Academy for Teaching, Learning, and Leadership <i>professional development in math, science</i> \$1.15 million
✍ Peter Delfyett	School of Optics/Creol <i>ultra-fast lasers</i> \$1.1 million
✍ Shin-TsonWu (not present)	School of Optics/Creol liquid crystals <i>high energy lasers</i> \$1.1 million

- ✍ Peter Hancock College of Arts & Sciences,
Department of Psychology
ergonomics, simulation
\$1 million

- ✍ Dan Marinescu College of Engineering and Computer Science,
School of Electrical Engineering and
Computer Science
workflow management
\$1 million

- ✍ Mary Little College of Education, Department of Child,
Family, and Community Sciences
instructional practices
\$1 million

- ✍ Vicky Zygoris-Coe
(not present) College of Education, Department of Teaching
and Learning Principles
professional development in reading
\$1 million

- ✍ Henry Daniell College of Health and Public Affairs,
Department of Molecular and Microbiology
chloroplast genetic engineering
\$1 million

In addition, President Hitt mentioned that UCF ranked 2nd in Florida and in the top 25 in the nation in a recent MIT patent effectiveness ranking. And, according to a recent National Business Incubator Association benchmarking survey, UCF's incubator is among the nation's top 10 best-performing technology incubators in terms of the average employment growth achieved by client companies. He announced that we would be included as one of the "best in class" programs to be identified for the Department of Commerce's Office of Technology Policy (OTP). President Hitt commended Tom O'Neil and Dr. M.J. Soileau for their excellent work in establishing the incubator.

INTRODUCTIONS

President Hitt introduced the following guests: **Philip Shibly** - a sophomore majoring in Computer Engineering, chosen for the cover of *Florida Leader* magazine because of his outstanding leadership skills; and members of the **President's Leadership Council**, introduced by Wayne Nguyen, vice chair of the council. These students are selected for their excellence in leadership, scholarship, and service to the university and the Orlando community to serve as ambassadors for the university and the Office of the President.

REPORTS

The University of Central Florida Caracol Archaeological Project: Research and Teaching in the Jungle of Belize presented by Drs. Diane and Arlen Chase, professors of anthropology, who have been directing the UCF Caracol Archaeological Project at the Maya site at Caracol, Belize, since 1985. They explained that UCF graduate and undergraduate students participate in this research every year. According to the Chases, research at Caracol has changed interpretations of Maya civilization by demonstrating evidence of a Maya middle class and of city planning, as well as suggesting that warfare was an important part of the Maya collapse about A.D. 900. Investigations at Caracol have been sponsored by a variety of sources including the National Science Foundation, the Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Study, the Ahau Foundation, the Stans Foundation, the United States Agency for International Development, the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, the Dart Foundation, the Government of Belize, and the Trevor Colbourn Endowment.

The Campus of the (Very Near) Future presented by Vice Provost, Joel Hartman, looked at the ways UCF is harnessing information technology to advance the institution. Mr. Hartman reported that online and video-based delivery systems are meeting student and university needs for access, convenience, and quality. Well-designed online courses foster active student learning and learning communities and can improve student learning outcomes. In addition, technology is having an increasing impact on the content and delivery of the curriculum. State-of-the-art multimedia classroom and online environments provide faculty and students with new tools to enhance teaching and learning: UCF units maintain 190,000 Web pages containing 6 billion bytes of information; the UCF main Web page is visited by more than 430,000 individuals a month; 66% of graduate and 45% of undergraduate applications are submitted via the Web; all area campuses are networked with the main campus; and by 2005, the use of wireless notebook computers will be commonplace.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- ✍ **BOT-1 - Al and Nancy Burnett Honorary Doctorates** - A motion was passed approving individual honorary doctorate degrees to be awarded to Al and Nancy Burnett for their philanthropy and unfailing commitment to the University of Central Florida.

Advancement Committee

Trustee Patrick Christiansen, chair of the Advancement Committee, reported on the following committee items:

- ✍ **ADV-1 - Robert N. Heintzelman Eminent Scholar Endowed Chair, College of Education** - A motion was passed approving the naming of the Robert N. Heintzelman Eminent Scholar Endowed Chair for the *Understanding and Prevention of Greed and to Foster the Development of Altruism*.
- ✍ **ADV-2 - Naming of UCF Intercollegiate Rowing Complex** - A motion was passed approving the naming of the 5.5-acre Lake Pickett site to be purchased by the UCF Foundation for use by the women's intercollegiate rowing team the *John Evans Family Rowing Center*.
- ✍ **ADV-3 - Naming of the Student Support and Welcome Center** - A motion was passed approving the naming of the Student Support and Welcome Center the *Progress Energy University Welcome Center*.
- ✍ **Florida Board of Education Position Paper** - A discussion led by Chairman Nunis resulted in the board's unanimously passing a motion concurring with the Florida Board of Education's position against the Graham Amendment to the state constitution. "This proposed amendment moves governance of universities further away from the people and interrupts the work of boards of trustees who are now up and running and representing their individual universities well," said Nunis. Board members strongly suggested that President John Hitt and Chairman Nunis begin a public campaign to express their concern about the amendment, and they unanimously offered their support.

Education Programs Committee

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

- ✍ **EP-1 - Tenure with Hire** - Provost Gary Whitehouse presented a justification for hiring faculty members with tenure without going through the formal university tenure process. Normally, those faculty hired with tenure have earned tenure at their previous institution and more than meet UCF's requirements for tenure. A motion was passed by the board approving the faculty members presented be given tenure with hire.
- ✍ **EP-2a - K-8 Mathematics and Science Education Master's Degree Proposal** - A motion passed approving the request to implement a new master's program in K-8 Mathematics and Science Education (M.Ed.) for a Fall 2003 start date to respond to the strong demand by area schools.

- ✍ **EP-2b - Nursing Ph.D. Degree Proposal** - A motion was passed approving the request to submit a proposal to the Florida Board of Education for a Ph.D. program in nursing for a Fall 2003 start date. This program will produce nurse scientists who can assume faculty positions in schools of nursing.
- ✍ **EP-2c - Information System Technology A.S. to B.S. Degree Proposal** - A motion passed approving the request for an Information System Technology A.S. to B.S. degree. The program is designed to be available to all community college A.S. degree students who have a degree in information systems. The UCF General Education Program Committee has agreed to accept the courses taken by these A.S. degree students in substitution for UCF requirements. This is the first program of its type, and the common program prerequisites are similar to engineering technology programs already in existence.
- ✍ **EP-2d - Sports and Fitness A.S. to B.S. Degree Proposal** - A motion passed approving the request to implement a Sports and Fitness A.S. to B.S. degree. Lake-Sumter Community College has responded to the statewide need by designing a sports and fitness A.S. degree to be offered at its Clermont campus. UCF is, in turn, proposing a unique B.S. degree to serve students with the Lake-Sumter A.S. degree in Sports and Fitness and other students who complete similar coursework.

Finance Committee

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

- ✍ **FIN-1- Transfer of title for Lake Pickett property** - A motion was passed approving a resolution to transfer the title to the Lake Pickett property from the UCF Foundation to the UCF Board of Trustees upon final payment of the debt incurred for the purchase of the land.
- ✍ **Rosen School of Hospitality Management** - the board unanimously agreed to the concept of the Rosen School of Hospitality Management housing facility. Groundbreaking is scheduled for October 28, 2002.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Nunis encouraged the board's participation in the Tallahassee Fly-in scheduled for March 18 and 19, and the Washington Fly-in scheduled for May 6, 7, and 8.

Trustee Harris Rosen has requested a follow-up report from Vice President William Merck on the issue of night crew turnover by the next regularly scheduled board meeting. Also at Trustee Rosen's request, Mr. Merck gave a brief update on the campus-initiated shuttle service made possible by the board's approval of a transportation access fee increase this year.

Trustee Phyllis Klock asked about the progress being made regarding the UCF Arboretum. Dr. M.J. Soileau, Vice President for Research, reported a committee of conservation biologists has been consulted to assess the academic research value of the property. He stated that a report should be available by the first of the year.

Chairman Nunis announced that the next meeting is scheduled for October 25th on the UCF Orlando campus to discuss devolution of power.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: _____ Date: _____

John C. Hitt
Corporate Secretary