

**Minutes  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
University of Central Florida  
May 22, 2014**

**Chair Olga Calvet** called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 1:05 p.m. in the Live Oak Center on the UCF Orlando campus.

The following board members attended the meeting: **Trustees Jim Atchison, Weston Bayes, Clarence Brown, Richard Crotty, Robert Garvy, Marcos Marchena, Alex Martins, Reid Oetjen, and Beverly Seay.**

**WELCOME**

Calvet reminded the board that the meeting was covered by the Florida Sunshine Law and that the public and press were invited to attend.

She welcomed the board members and called on **Rick Schell**, Associate Corporate Secretary, to call the roll. Schell noted that a quorum was present.

Calvet welcomed public comment from **Jonathan Sebastian Blount**. Blount is founder of *Essence Magazine*.

Calvet called for approval of the March 27, 2014, meeting minutes, which were approved.

Calvet called on **John C. Hitt** for remarks and introductions.

**REMARKS**

Hitt welcomed and congratulated new board member, **Weston Bayes**, the newly-elected president of the UCF Student Government Association.

Hitt announced that **Reid Oetjen** was elected to a second, one-year term as chair of the Faculty Senate and retains his seat on the board of trustees.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Hitt recognized the following members of the UCF community, congratulating them for their accomplishments.

**A. Students**

**Dan Holsenbeck**, Vice President for University Relations, introduced this year's legislative scholars and thanked them for their service: **Jon Bielby, Alysha Burgess, Jarrett Davis, Kevin Deo, Mikaela Duffy, Kurt McDavid, Elisabeth Mendes, Allysia Mompoin, Christina Nguyen, and Jessica Sirianni.**

Hitt announced that the **UCF Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition Team** placed first in the 2014 Raytheon National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition. Members of the team present for recognition were **Carlos Beltran**, team captain, **Jason Cooper**, team co-captain, **Alex Davis**, **Dale Driggs**, **Mark Ignacio**, **Heather Lawrence**, **Cody McMahon**, **Troy Micka**, and **Dr. Thomas Nedorost**, faculty sponsor.

Hitt congratulated women's golfer **Ashley Holder** and head coach, **Emily Marron**. Holder was named this year's American Athletic Conference Player of the Year and Freshman Golfer of the Year.

Hitt noted that UCF's softball team won the American Athletic Conference regular-season championship. Junior **Farrah Sullivan** was named the AAC Player of the Year and head coach **Renee Luers-Gillispie's** coaching staff was named Coaching Staff of the Year.

## **B. Faculty**

**Zenghu Chang**, a distinguished professor of physics and optics, was recognized for holding the world's record for the shortest laser pulse. He was awarded more than \$9 million dollars, and his research can lead to faster, more efficient computers and electronic devices.

**Timothy Coombs**, professor in the Nicholson School of Communication, was recognized for his winning the 2013 Pathfinder Award from the Institute for Public Relations. This lifetime achievement award recognizes a body of scholarly research that has made a significant contribution to the theory and practice of public relations.

## **C. 2014 Pegasus Professors Awards**

Hitt referred the board members to their FYI materials for a summary of the meritorious achievements of each of the 2014 Pegasus Professors and Reach for the Stars recipients.

The Pegasus Professor Award is UCF's most prestigious faculty honor, distinguishing extraordinary contributions to the UCF community through teaching, research, and service. This year, four faculty members were presented with this award. Hitt recognized and congratulated the following recipients who were in attendance.

**Aristide Dogariu**, Florida Photonics Center of Excellence  
**Jeffrey Rupert**, School of Performing Arts

## **D. Reach for the Stars Awards**

The UCF Reach for the Stars award honors highly successful research and creative activity accomplished by early-career university professionals. There were eight recipients for this year's inaugural UCF Reach for the Stars awards. Hitt recognized and congratulated the following recipients who were in attendance.

**Ayman Abouraddy**, Center for Research and Education in Optics and Lasers  
**Thomas Bryer**, School of Public Administration  
**Stephen Fiore**, Department of Philosophy

**Joseph LaViola II** and **Dr. Kenneth Stanley**, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and  
**Eleazar Vasquez III**, Department of Child, Family, and Community Sciences

#### **E. Employee of the Month**

The Employee of the Month for May was **Jim Sullivan**, a maintenance specialist at the Recreation and Wellness Center.

Hitt asked the audience to join him in congratulating these members of the UCF family.

#### **F. Diligent Boardbooks**

Schell provided an update on Diligent Boardbooks, an electronic format for handling board and committee documentation. Schell announced that the first paperless meeting will be on September 25, 2014. One-on-one training will be provided for trustees in September.

### **REPORTS**

**Deborah German**, Vice President for Medical Affairs and Dean of the College of Medicine, gave an update on the UCF College of Medicine.

### **INFORMATION**

Calvet noted the following informational item.

- **INFO-1 – New Committee Assignments**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made to accept the consent agenda, and members of the board unanimously approved the following actions.

- **EP-1 2014 Tenure Recommendations**—Approval of tenure for faculty members whose names are recommended.
- **EP-2 UCF 2014-15 Work Plan**—Approval of the UCF 2014-15 Work Plan.
- **FF-1 Amend UCFAA Bylaws**—Approval to amend the UCF Athletics Association Bylaws to combine the standing Audit Committee and Finance Committee to create a new single Audit and Finance Committee.
- **FF-2 Refinancing of the UCF Convocation Corporation Series 2004A Certificates of Participation**—Approval to refinance the UCF Convocation Corporation Series 2004A Certificates of Participation.

- **FF-3 Revisions to Amendments to Regulation UCF-6.008 Vehicle Registration Fees and Parking Violation Fines**—Approval of the attached amendments to existing university regulation UCF-6.008 Vehicle Registration Fees and Parking Violation Fines, effective at the start of the Fall 2014 semester, pending approval by the Florida Board of Governors.

### **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Robert Garvy**, Chair of the Educational Programs Committee, noted the items approved in the consent agenda and reported the highlights from the committee meeting earlier in the day.

- **Diane Z. Chase**, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, reported on the 2014 Tenure Recommendations.
- Chase and **Paige Borden**, Assistant Vice President for Institutional Knowledge Management, provided an overview of the UCF 2014-15 Work Plan.
- **Dean Bahaa Saleh**, College of Optics and Photonics, **Interim Vice Provost and Dean Elliot Vittes**, Office of Undergraduate Studies, and **Dean Ross Hinkle**, College of Graduate Studies, reported on the 2012-13 Academic Program Review Recommendation Implementation Status.
- **Maribeth Ehasz**, Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services, reported on enrollment and housing trends.
- Chase provided the provost's update and noted that the Global Achievement Academy is underway with 70 students expected to enroll in the fall. She reported that the affordability textbook bill did not pass in the current legislative session. However, UCF is working with the bookstore to provide avenues to control textbook costs for the students. Chase stated there is an increase in funding to allow for an increase in hiring of new faculty.

### **ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Rich Crotty**, Chair of the Advancement Committee, reported the highlights from the committee meeting earlier in the day.

- Dan Holsenbeck gave a report on the 2014-15 State University System budget summary.
- Hitt reported on a \$2 million legislative appropriation for UCF's downtown presence. The project is being discussed.
- **Joyce Henckler**, Chief Development Officer of the UCF Foundation, reported on the capital campaign stating that \$130 million had been secured towards the campaign with \$80 million in active requests. She further stated that the Alumni Association had a busy graduation season, hosting senior send-off events within the colleges.
- Crotty reported that the NFL draft sparked enthusiasm from UCF alumni and fans as they gathered across the country to watch **Blake Bortles** drafted by the Jacksonville Jaguars. UCF benefited from the good publicity surrounding this event.

## **FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Marcos Marchena**, Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee, noted the items approved in the consent agenda. He invited **William F. Merck II**, Vice President for Administration and Finance and Chief Financial Officer, and **John C. Pittman**, Associate Vice President for Administration and Finance, Debt Management, to provide a brief summary on the net savings involved with consent agenda item FF-2, Refinancing of the UCF Convocation Corporation Series 2004A Certificates of Participation, approved earlier in the day.

Marchena presented the following items for board approval.

- **FF-4 Colbourn Hall Renovations**—A motion was made and unanimously passed to proceed with the new construction to replace Colbourn Hall.
- **FF-5 Global UCF Facilities Update**—A motion was made and unanimously passed to proceed in the construction of an academic building to support the Global UCF program.
- **FF-6 2014-15 Tuition and Fees, Amendments to University Tuition and Fee Regulation UCF 9.001**—A motion was made and unanimously passed approving the tuition, tuition differential, out-of-state fees, financial aid fees, and technology fees for undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, effective Fall 2014. Also approved were amendments to University Tuition and Fee Regulation UCF-9.001.
- **FF-7 2014-15 University Operating Budget**—A motion was made and unanimously passed approving the university's 2014-15 operating budget.
- **FF-8 2014-15 Capital Outlay Budget**—A motion was made and unanimously passed approving the university's 2014-15 capital outlay budget and authorizing the president to make necessary adjustments to the 2014-15 capital outlay budget.
- **FF-9 Florida Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement**—A motion was made and unanimously passed approving the Florida Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement for the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management.

Marchena reported highlights from the committee meeting held on April 3, 2014. He advised that the committee had reviewed its charter for potential modifications and is recommending no changes.

Hitt announced that **M.J. Soileau** reported that grant and contract funding reached \$131 million, which is an increase of 31 percent from last year.

Calvet announced that all future board meetings will be held at the Fairwinds Alumni Center. She requested trustees to submit to Rick Schell any topics they would like to discuss at the July board retreat.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Calvet announced the following upcoming meetings:

Board of Governors meeting	June 17–19, 2014 (Fairwinds Alumni Center)
Board of Trustees retreat	July 24, 2014 (Fairwinds Alumni Center)

Calvet adjourned the board meeting at 2:24 p.m.

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

John C. Hitt  
Corporate Secretary