Minutes
Board of Trustees Special Teleconference Meeting
University of Central Florida
June 19, 2019

Chairman Robert Garvy called the special teleconference meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 10:42 a.m.

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

WELCOME

Garvy welcomed the board members and called on Laura Stylianou, Senior Manager for Board Relations, to call the roll. Stylianou determined that a quorum was present.

The following board members attended the meeting in person: Trustees Joseph Conte, Kyler Gray, John Lord, Alex Martins, Beverly Seay, William Self, and David Walsh.

Chairman Robert Garvy and Trustee Kenneth Bradley attended via teleconference.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests for public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Martins discussed the background for each Finance and Facilities Committee agenda item, as provided in the meeting materials. Any significant committee discussion highlighted by Martins is noted below.

FF-1 2018 – 19 Increase Budget Authority for Auxiliary Enterprises

Martins noted that the committee discussed that this was a cash flow issue and the transfer of budget authority is necessary for the payments of these projects to continue. Martins made a motion to approve the 2018 – 19 Increase for Budget Authority for Auxiliary Enterprises, which passed unanimously.

FF-2 2019 – 20 Direct Support Organizations’ Budgets

Martins said agenda items discussed at the committee meeting included several increases in the UCF Athletics Association (UCFAA) budget and the projected increase in debt service due to new loans for the Roth Athletics Center and videoboard improvements for various sports venues. The committee also discussed the Central Florida Clinical Practice Organization (CFCPO) budget and the committee’s continuing concern about deficits in that budget, although they are projected to improve. He said there are now several processes in place to ensure that the financial
condition of CFCPO continues to improve. Martins made a motion to approve the 2019-20 budgets for the UCF Direct Support Organizations, which passed unanimously.

FF-3 Release of Unrestricted UCF Stadium Corporation Revenues

Martins said that after committee discussion, the Repair and Renovation (R&R) account budget item will be increased to $250,000 in this budget year and the Release of Unrestricted UCF Stadium Corporation Revenues will reflect that change. Martins made a motion to approve the release of unrestricted UCF Stadium Corporation revenues, which passed unanimously.

FF-4 2019 – 20 University Operating Budget

Martins said it was important to note that board members on the line and in attendance for the full board meeting participated in the committee discussion for the approval of the 2019 - 20 University Operating Budget. He said there was a robust discussion regarding significant variances within the budget as compared to a year ago. The committee was provided with detailed explanations about the variances as well as information on how the budget was comprised and created with a focus on the university’s strategic plan, goals of achieving preeminence status, and the goals of Interim President Seymour.

He also noted that Interim Chief Financial Officer Dennis Crudele committed to continuing to provide the board with this level of detailed information, and that he suggested a budget workshop be held later this year. Martins made a motion to approve the 2019 – 20 University Operating Budget, which passed with one opposition from Walsh, who withheld support on his belief that more budget resources should be shifted to the university’s teaching mission. Self commented that it is important that the Provost, as Chief Academic Officer, be allowed to work with the Deans to determine strategies for addressing instruction needs and to bring this relevant data to the board.

FF-5 Subway at Knights Plaza Lease Amendment

Martins made a motion to approve this item, which was seconded. Conte asked if Subway was popular with the students based on sales. Ronnie Lamkin, Manager for UCF Convocation Corporation, confirmed that it was. Martins stated upon board approval, this lease now must go to the State Division of Land for approval, which is a new requirement.

Martins made a motion to approve the Subway at Knights Plaza Lease Amendment, noting the new requirement for the State Division of Land’s approval prior to the university signing the lease amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

FF-6 Center for Emerging Media Name Change
Martins indicated a name change from the Center for Emerging Media to Communication and Media Building is requested to better identify the new mix of programs and units located in the building at UCF Downtown.

Martins made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which was approved unanimously.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Garvy had two items of new business:

- Garvy charged the Audit and Compliance Committee to compile all recommendations related to the improper transfer and spending of Education and General (E&G) funds that was initiated with the Trevor Colburn Hall (TCH) audit. These should include recommendations from the BOG, the House Public Integrity and Ethics Commission, Association of Governing Boards, and our own board, with each recommendation to have a status notation (i.e. completed, in progress, to be initiated) and for all changes already made, to be tracked.

- Garvy referenced an email dated June 15, 2019 sent by Walsh to Interim Chief Financial Officer Dennis Crudele, which Walsh asked to be shared with the BOT Chairman.

In the email, Walsh claimed that information, including the Capital Projects Certification of Funding forms, presented at the October 5, 2018 Board of Trustees meeting was falsified by senior university officials. Garvy said he believed Walsh’s email was based on a misunderstanding of the interim Bryan Cave report, presented by Joseph Burby in last week’s Board of Governors meeting. Garvy asked Walsh if he would like to withdraw those charges. After discussion and clarification, Walsh withdrew his comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Garvy adjourned the board meeting at 11:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:  

[Signature]  
Date: 8.15.19

Grant J. Heston  
Associate Corporate Secretary