

**Minutes
Board of Trustees Meeting
University of Central Florida
May 22, 2003**

Chairman Nunis called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the Cape Florida Ballroom of the UCF Student Union at 1:30 p.m. The following members attended the meeting:

The Honorable Judith Albertson
The Honorable Brian Battles
The Honorable Olga Calvet
The Honorable Arlen Chase
The Honorable Geraldine Ferris
The Honorable Phyllis Klock

The Honorable Richard Lee
The Honorable Richard Nunis
The Honorable Harris Rosen
The Honorable Conrad Santiago
The Honorable Thomas Yochum

BUSINESS MEETING

Chairman Nunis welcomed the board members and called for approval of the minutes of the March 27th meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

Chairman Nunis also welcomed two new trustees who will be serving by virtue of their office and whose terms began with this meeting—Dr. Arlen Chase, the incoming chair of the Faculty Senate, who replaces Dr. Michael Mullens, and Brian Battles, the incoming president of the UCF Student Government Association, who replaces Marco Peña.

Chairman Nunis called upon President John Hitt for opening comments.

REMARKS

President Hitt called upon Dr. Daniel Holsenbeck, Vice President for University Relations, for the most recent legislative update. Dr. Holsenbeck reported the most current reports from the Legislative Special Session indicated that there would be a mandatory undergraduate in-state tuition increase of 8.5% and a discretionary increase of 6.5% for all universities effective Fall 2003. The discretionary increase would give the board the authority to increase tuition for non-resident undergraduates and all graduate students by an additional 6.5%. In addition, Dr. Holsenbeck reported that the distribution of the \$40 million in lottery funds was currently unresolved. It could go into Challenge Grant programs, operations funding, or a mix of the two. And, finally, he reported that all the UCF PECO projects we requested had been approved as of this date. These projects include infrastructure, education equipment, the completion of the engineering building, and the planning and design of the new psychology building.

President Hitt reminded the board that the current budget does not provide for any enrollment growth. He indicated that UCF is expecting 42,000 students in the fall, which leaves approximately 3,000 students unfunded. He mentioned that UCF conferred 4,240 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees this spring in five commencement ceremonies and that UCF has awarded a total of 127,361 degrees, including 1,058 doctoral degrees, over our 40-year history. In addition, he reported that the 1000th doctoral degree was awarded this spring to a longtime educator, west Volusia County District Area Superintendent, Robert Moll. And, he proudly announced that the doctoral program in Nursing was approved by the Board of Governors.

President Hitt mentioned the inspirational commencement addresses given by Provost Emeritus Gary Whitehouse and Trustee Conrad Santiago and recognized the important donors of the new Rosen School of Hospitality Management: UCF trustee Harris Rosen, alumni Jim Atchison of Sea World Orlando, Al Weiss of Walt Disney World, and UCF trustee Rick Walsh of Darden Restaurants.

President Hitt announced the ground breaking last month for the \$4.4 million Progress Energy Student Welcome Center. The 19,000 sq. ft. center will be built on the site of the former Visitor's Information Booth just southwest of Millican Hall. It is expected to open in the spring of 2004.

In terms of good publicity, President Hitt reported that UCF leads the MAC with four of our players being drafted: Asante Samuel was drafted by the New England Patriots, Doug Gabriel by the Oakland Raiders, Elton Patterson by the Cincinnati Bengals, and Mike Mabry by the Baltimore Ravens. And, another five players from UCF are NFL free agents. He noted that former UCF quarterback, Daunte Culpepper, signed a contract extension with the Minnesota Vikings. His \$101 million dollar contract and \$16 million dollar signing bonus will make him the third highest paid quarterback in NFL history.

On a final note, President Hitt commented that the May 5th issue of *Hispanic Outlook In Higher Education* ranked UCF 28th in the nation in Hispanic student enrollment, but 20th in the nation in the number of bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanics.

RESEARCH AND PARTNERSHIPS

President Hitt reported that as of the end of April, UCF had \$65.5 million in externally funded research, and M.J. Soileau, Vice President for Research, indicated that we stand a reasonable chance of hitting \$90 million in research funding this year.

INTRODUCTIONS

President Hitt recognized the UCF 2003 Pegasus Professors. The Pegasus Professorship was established in 2000 to honor faculty who have made an extraordinary contribution to the university through excellence in teaching, research, and service, particularly to students. The Pegasus Professor is the university's highest faculty honor and comes with a \$5,000 award. This year, the committee selected two honorees: **Dr. Diane Chase**—who has been with UCF for 19 years and has gained renown, respect, and \$1.6 million in grants working with students and her husband and co-researcher, Trustee Arlen Chase, on digs in Caracol, Belize; and **Dr. Eric Van Stryland**—who came to UCF as a professor in 1987, and was named director of the School of Optics and CREOL in 1999. Twice, he revolutionized the measurement of nonlinear optical properties of materials, paving the way for major advancements in understanding how light interacts with matter.

Other introductions included: **George Stegeman**, School of Optics and CREOL, who is soon to receive the 2003 Optical Society of America's prestigious Wood Prize. He is being recognized "for pioneering nonlinear integrated optics through seminal experiments and continuing leadership;" and **Delores Burghard**, founding director of UCF's Creative School for Children, who is known for her leadership, innovative teaching, and strong management. She will be retiring on June 30 after 27 years as a valued member of the university.

And, finally, the following University Support Personnel System staff being honored with the USPS Employee of the Month award were announced by President Hitt: **Ann Valente**—a Technical Assistant Supervisor in the Library Acquisitions Division who has been with the university since 1997; and **Linda Seaman**—the Office Manager for the Florida Inclusion Network, located on our Daytona Beach Campus, who has been employed with the university since 1998.

REPORTS

The UCF and USF Partnership for Medical Education presented by Dr. Robert M. Daugherty, Vice President, USF Health Sciences Center, and Dean, College of Medicine. Dr. Daugherty discussed the UCF-USF Accelerated Medical School Program, a new collaborative agreement signed in June 2002, that was developed to enable students who have been admitted to The Burnett Honors College and who meet the program's eligibility requirements and have a strong interest in becoming physicians, to earn a UCF bachelor's degree and a USF medical degree in seven years. According to Dr. Daugherty, the partnership hopes that this effort will create the opportunity for an additional Florida medical school. Dr. Daugherty believes that over the next three to four years, progress will be made on a facility and a faculty will be created on the UCF campus, with research and teaching labs and teaching space in which students could complete the first two years of medical school.

Sharpening UCF's International Focus presented by John Bersia, Special Assistant to the President for Global Perspectives. The mission of the Office of Global Perspectives is to help advance UCF's goal of providing international emphasis to curricula and research. In addition, it works to expand the university's efforts to enlarge central Florida's awareness and understanding of the interconnectedness of the global community. This office has established an external internationalization advisory committee to continually receive new ideas. A Global Perspectives Distinguished Visitors Series was established, resulting in such distinguished guest speakers as General Wesley K. Clark, U.S.A. (Ret.), who spoke on campus shortly after the war with Iraq. It sponsors or co-sponsors forums on critical international subjects and builds partnerships and communication at all levels, from within the university to the international stage, to expand global awareness. The office also serves as an information resource, particularly through its website: www.ucfglobalperspectives.org. And finally, in partnership with the U.S. State Department, UCF has been designated as one of the few Diplomats in Residence universities in the nation. As of August, UCF will be hosting Ambassador Harriet L. Elam-Thomas, the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, who will be housed at UCF for the 2003-2004 academic year.

The UCF Faculty Senate presented by Dr. John F. Schell, Assistant Vice President and Dean, Undergraduate Studies, and Dr. Lynn Huff-Corzine, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs. The University of Central Florida is committed to the principle of faculty-shared governance. A constituent body, the Faculty Assembly, and its representative body, the Faculty Senate, provide for faculty participation in the governance of UCF. The Faculty Senate addresses academic matters that concern more than one college and general educational policies. The Faculty Senate is the basic legislative body of the University. As the elected body of the Faculty Assembly, comprised of all members of the faculty, the Faculty Senate may formulate its opinion upon any subject of interest to the university and adopt appropriate resolutions. Resolutions addressing those areas of authority legally reserved to the president and the Board of Trustees would be advisory in nature only.

President Hitt mentioned that the Faculty Senate is an extremely valued and constructive influence on this campus. He went on to report that UCF is the only university that ties the faculty and students to the budget process by placing the chair of the Faculty Senate and the president of the Student Government on the university's budget committee.

President Hitt called attention to a handout related to SARS policies and procedures. This summary is a university effort to forestall any problems related to the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome. Contact numbers for questions related to SARS on the UCF campus are located on the handout.

President Hitt mentioned the exceptional effort put forth in producing “Pathways to Prominence,” the UCF Strategic Plan for 2002-2007. He commended the Strategic Planning Council on its skill in developing this comprehensive and focused plan whose aim is to move the university toward the recognition and achievement it deserves in becoming the nation’s leading metropolitan research university.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **BOT-1 – University of Central Florida Board of Trustee Committee Assignments** – To assist the board in carrying out its responsibilities, Chairman Richard Nunis announced the assignment of Trustee Arlen Chase to the Education Programs and Finance committees and Trustee Brian Battles to the Education Programs and Advancement committees.

Advancement Committee

There were no action items to bring before the full board at this meeting.

Education Programs Committee

There being no action items to bring before the full board, Dr. Gerri Ferris, chair of the Educational Programs Committee, reported on the following committee items:

Dr. Ferris welcomed the two new members of the Education Programs Committee, Trustee Arlen Chase and Trustee Brian Battles.

Dr. Denise Young, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, gave an overview of the program review process and the 2002-2003 program review results. She reported that the programs being reviewed this year are:

- **College of Arts and Sciences** – chemistry, mathematics, physics, statistics and actuarial science, and film
- **College of Business Administration** – all programs
- **College of Health and Public Affairs** – health sciences-athletic training, health services, and nursing

Dr. Ferris reported that there would be a special meeting of the Education Programs Committee some time in July, possibly via telephone conference, to discuss the requirements of the programs being reviewed. The committee would then make a final recommendation on these programs to the full board at the next meeting.

M. Ke Francis, Jr., Chair, Art Department, gave a presentation on the Flying Horse Editions which specializes in high quality, limited edition books and prints by contemporary artists. Flying Horse has been actively publishing prints since 1990. Its works reflect UCF's commitment to research and exploration in the arts. Publications are generously supported by the contributions of the Friends of Flying Horse Editions.

Dr. Allyn Stearman, Dean, The Burnett Honors College, presented an overview of the college, which is designed to attract and challenge students who have demonstrated an ability to achieve academic excellence. The mission of the college is to combine the intimacy of a small liberal arts college with the benefits of a large, metropolitan research university.

In closing, Dr. Ferris mentioned that a report on Student Health Services will be given at the July meeting and she thanked Provost Emeritus Gary Whitehouse for his commitment and service to the Education Programs Committee.

Finance Committee

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

- **FIN-1- 2003-2004 Parking Decal Fees** – A motion passed with one opposing vote to increase parking decal fees to help pay for parking services, an expanded shuttle system, and a new parking garage. The board voted 10-1 to increase the permit fees 5% for the 2003-04 academic year. New trustee and Student Body President Brian Battles voted against the increase. Trustees Rick Walsh and Patrick Christiansen were not present for the vote. Annual student parking decals will increase \$3 to \$63. Staff decals will increase \$6 to \$126, while faculty decals will go up \$10 to \$210. The university uses the parking decal fees, along with the transportation access fee, traffic fines, and metered parking fees, to pay for campus parking and transportation services.
- **FIN-2- Matriculation and Non-Resident Fees** – The board postponed voting on discretionary increases for matriculation and non-resident fees for undergraduate and graduate students pending final recommendations from the legislature.
- **FIN-3- Increase in Health Fee and Bonds for Student Health Center** – The board postponed voting on the increase in health fees and bonds for the Student Health Center pending final recommendations from the legislature.

Chairman Santiago reported that action will be taken on FIN-2 and FIN-3 by the board, via a telephone conference meeting, within a couple of weeks following the Legislative Special Session's final budget decisions.

- **FIN-4- 2003-2004 Operating Budget** - A motion was passed approving a preliminary 2003-04 operating budget. The \$621 million budget covers Educational and General, Auxiliary Enterprises, Sponsored Research, Student Financial Aid, Student Activities, and Concessions. The Educational and General budget will be adjusted to reflect the final appropriations and fee increases approved by the legislature, the governor, and the Board of Trustees. The increase in the budgets for areas other than Educational and General are representative of the revenue increases expected for each budget. The operating budget will also be changed throughout the year to reflect the allocation of funds available from the current year and amendments related to property insurance, health insurance, retirement contribution rates, and other areas. The president will have the authority to approve adjustments to the budget as allowed by rule. However, these adjustments will be brought before the full Board of Trustees for final approval.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Nunis congratulated Trustee Harris Rosen for making possible what promises to be the highest quality school of hospitality management in the nation, the University of Central Florida's Rosen School of Hospitality Management. A ceremony was held May 7th at the construction site to thank the donors who have contributed to the facility's construction. Four out of six of the donors, Chairman Nunis noted, are UCF Alumni.

In his final comments, Chairman Nunis mentioned that "we are still in a transition period, and that we are in for some frustrating times." "We are in for an interesting experience," he reported, "as to how the boards will relate to each other." He urged the trustees to remember that the most important of their board activities is "putting the decisions as close to the students as possible."

Chairman Nunis announced the next meeting would be held on July 31st in Daytona Beach.

Trustee Brian Battles thanked the board for its warm welcome.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: _____ Date: _____

John C. Hitt

Corporate Secretary

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