

**Minutes
Special Board of Trustees' Meeting
Telephone Conference Call
University of Central Florida
June 13, 2003**

Vice Chairman Thomas Yochum called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the President's Board Room located in Millican Hall on the University of Central Florida campus at 2:05 p.m. The following members attended the meeting in person:

The Honorable Brian Battles
The Honorable Arlen Chase

The Honorable Thomas Yochum

The following members attended the meeting via telephone conference call:

The Honorable Olga Calvet
The Honorable Geraldine Ferris
The Honorable Phyllis Klock

The Honorable Richard Nunis
The Honorable Conrad Santiago
The Honorable Richard Walsh

Vice Chairman Yochum welcomed the board members and guests and called upon Assistant Chief of Staff Nancy Marshall to call roll. He then announced that a quorum was present and informed the attendees that the meeting was being tape-recorded. Following his remarks, Vice Chairman Yochum called upon President John Hitt for his opening comments.

COMMENTS

President Hitt thanked the board members for participating in the special conference call. He remarked that the Florida legislature cut the state universities' budget by \$40 million and mandated an 8.5% increase in tuition and fees for all students beginning with the fall term of 2003. He further stated that the legislature had given the university boards of trustees the discretion to impose an additional 6.5% increase in tuition and fees for non-resident undergraduates and all graduate students.

President Hitt reminded the board that UCF is not getting enrollment growth money this year. The proposed senate budget had included \$14.25 million in enrollment growth money for UCF, which was not included in the final budget bill. He remarked that UCF still has more than 2,000 students from last year who were unfunded for educational services and that an additional 1,500+ unfunded students are expected for this coming year. Therefore, he added, this 6.5% discretionary increase is not a recommendation arrived at lightly.

BUSINESS MEETING

Vice Chairman Yochum opened the floor for discussion of the proposal to increase non-resident undergraduate and all graduate student tuition and fees by an additional 6.5%. Trustee Santiago asked what impact the increase would have on graduate enrollment and Trustee Phyllis Klock wanted to know what position the graduate school took on this proposal. Dr. Patricia Bishop, Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies, assured the board members that over the years graduate enrollment continues to

increase despite the increase in tuition and fees and assured the board that UCF is charging less than comparative institutions for the same quality education. Trustee Brian Battles wanted to know how the \$1 million net funding generated by the 6.5% increase would be used. William Merck, Vice President for Administration and Finance, assured Trustee Battles that the money would be used according to committee recommendations for projects or resources or a mix of the two. And, he suggested that the money could be put into the revenue stream that would serve the university well as it goes forward in the event of further mandated budget cuts. In addition, Vice President Merck assured Trustee Battles that every effort continues to be made to assure that financial assistance is made available to all students with need. Vice Chairman Yochum pointed out that as a board, the trustees have the option, at any given time, to review tuition and fees for the university.

Finance Committee

- **FIN-1: Tuition and non-resident fee increase-** A motion was made and seconded to approve a discretionary increase of 6.5% in tuition and fees for non-resident undergraduates and all graduate students. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Chairman Richard Nunis – Yes
Vice Chair Thomas Yochum – Yes
Trustee Brian Battles – No
Trustee Olga Calvet – Yes
Trustee Arlen Chase – Yes
Trustee Geraldine Ferris – Yes
Trustee Phyllis Klock – Yes
Trustee Conrad Santiago – Yes
Trustee Richard Walsh – Yes

The motion passed with one dissention.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Yochum adjourned the special conference call meeting at 2:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: _____ Date: _____
John C. Hitt
Corporate Secretary