Chairman Lutgert convened the meeting of the University Board of Trustees in the Sprint Room of the Whitaker Building on the Florida Gulf Coast University Campus at 8:30 a.m., January 17, 2002 with the following members present:

Brian Cobb
Larry Hart
Renee Lee
Bernard Lester
David Lucas
Scott Lutgert
Gerri Moll
Harry Moon
Edward A. Morton
Jerry Starkey
Linda Taylor
Magali Solimano
Michael Villalobos

Members of the staff present were:

William C. Merwin, President
Thomas Healy, Interim Vice President for Advancement
Susan Evans, Special Assistant to the President
Brad Bartel, Provost
Curtis Bullock, Vice President, Administrative Services

1. Call to Order & Chair’s Remarks

Chairman Lutgert reported on a meeting called by Mr. Phil Handy with the Chairs of each Board of Trustees last week. President Merwin accompanied Mr. Lutgert. This group reviewed the highlights of the Governor’s Budget.

2. Remarks from FGCU Faculty Senate – Dr. Peg Gray-Vickrey, President, and Dr Sally Mayberry, Vice President

Drs. Gray-Vickrey and Mayberry outlined the activities and accomplishments of the Faculty Senate at Florida Gulf Coast University.

3. Remarks from Student Government Association (SGA) – Dan Mitchell, Treasurer
Dan Mitchell, Student Government Treasurer, reviewed the SGA’s purpose, responsibilities and activities on campus.

4. Remarks from FGCU Staff Advisory Council (SAC) – Steven Belcher, President

Steve Belcher, President of the Staff Advisory Council gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the duties and activities performed by the SAC.

5. President’s Report (Appendix A)

President Merwin stated that many things have happened since the October 8th Board meeting. He thanked Chairman Lutgert for his inspirational address at the December 16 Commencement and remarked he had heard many similar comments from students and parents.

President Merwin reviewed the agenda of a recent meeting held with University Presidents and Governor Bush. The plan of devolution of major policy authority was the most important issue addressed in this meeting. President Merwin reported that the Presidents unanimously voted against Senator Grahams’ Constitutional Initiative.

President Merwin reviewed in detail the areas where budget cuts have been made this year, which include freezing vacant positions, the curtailment of purchases, deferred maintenance, reduced operating and capital outlay expenses, and other personal services expenses by 8%. The good news is that the University has had several great months in which we received a $5 million gift from Alico Corporation, and a $1 million dollar gift from the Kleist Foundation for a Health Education Center.

The University has received approval to hire an attorney and we are beginning the search process for that position. The University is also seeking to have our 3,000 FTE number reduced to approximately 2,711, and we hope to have that revision placed into the new enrollment planning process at the Florida Board of Education. Work is also progressing on the Research Park and we will be meeting soon with property owner Mr. O.J. Buigas to develop a plan for this project.

President Merwin was asked by the Council for Education Policy and Research (CEPRI) to review two baccalaureate programs, one in Public Service Management and another in Computer Technology, which Edison Community College has brought before CEPRI for approval.

President Merwin asked Board members to review The Board of Trustees Information System and provide any comments or questions to him.
Chairman Lutgert acknowledged Representative Dudley Goodlette in the audience and invited him to speak. Representative Goodlette told Board members how committed our Governor and Legislature are to the new governance system, and he hopes the Board members and staff will stay in touch with his office if he can be of any assistance.

President Merwin stated that Founding President Roy McTarnaghan has sent him a position paper regarding The Graham Amendment which he will share with Trustees. This item will be placed on the April 4th, Board of Trustee Agenda.

President Merwin introduced Provost Brad Bartel who gave a preliminary analysis regarding two baccalaureate degree programs Edison Community College has submitted to the Council for Education Policy and Research.

6. Charter School Project Presentation /Part I - President Bill Merwin & Others

Chairman Lutgert turned the meeting back to President Merwin who shared the Concept of a Pre-K through 20 Program with Board members. President Merwin introduced Ms. Lynn Strong-Potoroff representing Dr. Sanders of the Lee County School District. She conveyed Dr. Sanders’ opinion that the Charter School Project is an opportunity for a partnership that gives a chance to design and implement a very unique education program that will serve the needs of Lee County’s students as well as FGCU students.

President Merwin introduced Mr. Jack Antaramian who announced that he and his partner have reached a conceptual agreement with FGCU which includes a donation of 75 acres to the FGCU Foundation for the expansion of University facilities as well as a Pre-K Through 20 Charter School Project.

7. Charter School Project Presentation /Part II – Adrian Morgan, Ksixteen LLC

President Merwin introduced Dr. Benno Schmidt, former President of Yale University and Mr. Adrian Morgan of Edison Schools Inc.. Dr. Schmidt and Mr. Morgan provided a Power Point presentation outlining the history and current offerings of Edison Schools.

The meeting recessed until 1:00 p.m.

8. Council for Education Policy and Research Improvement (CEPRI) Presentation – CEPRI Member Bob Taylor

Chairman Lutgert introduced Mr. Bob Taylor, CEPRI Member who provided Board members with an overview of the Council for Education Policy and Research Improvement.

9. Consent Agenda – Chair Scott Lutgert
Motion was made by Trustee Moon, seconded by Gerri Moll, to approve the Minutes of the October 25, 2001 Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Academic/Student Affairs Committee Meeting (Includes Public Input) - Committee

Trustee Lee called the meeting of the Academic/Student Affairs Committee to order.

Action Items

Trustee Lee asked for any discussion from Committee Members related to the K-20 Charter School Project. President Merwin stated that he is seeking approval from the Committee that the Administration is heading in the right direction regarding this project. He will come back to the full Board with a proposal to include a key analysis describing the top three vendors/managers at a later date. A motion was made by Trustee Villalobos to have President Merwin continue to research the K-20 Charter School Project. Motion was seconded by Trustee Solimano. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Lee introduced Provost Bartel to discuss the Southwest Florida Center for Public and Social Policy. Dr. Bartel provided background information regarding centers in Florida and asked Dr. Roberta Walsh, Chair of the Division of Public Affairs in the College of Professional Studies, and Dr. Sandra O’Brien to assist in describing the request before Committee Members. Trustee Cobb requested a business plan for the Center. President Merwin recommended approval of this Center and felt FGCU would lose competitive advantages if we do not have such a Center. President Merwin will come back to the Board with a complete business plan and progress report on the Center. A motion was made by Trustee Hart to endorse the concept of the Policy Center with a three month update and business plan. Motion was seconded by Trustee Solimano. Motion carried unanimously.

Provost Bartel reviewed current and requested Student Orientation fees. Motion was made by Trustee Villalobos that we accept the recommendation to increase the Student Orientation fee by $10.00. Seconded by Trustee Moll. Motion carried unanimously.

Provost Bartel reported on the following information only items:

- Long Range Planning Committee
- Identification of Peer Institutions
- Enrollment by Degree
- Future New Degree Programs
- Faculty Awards
Provost Bartel plans to come back to the Board of Trustees at the April meeting with examples of potential changes to the Mission and Vision Statements.

Chairman Lutgert requested the peer group comparisons include the other public universities in the system. He would also like any output measures included in the next report. Chairman Lutgert requested a total of enrollment by College and Dr. Bartel plans to supply this information as well. Dr. Bartel outlined the proposed new degree programs contained in Tab #9 (APPENDIX B). He reported on the three faculty teaching awards which are “Senior Faculty Teaching Excellence Award”, “Junior Faculty Teaching Excellence Award”, and “Adjunct Faculty Teaching Excellence Award.”

Chairman Lutgert expressed his desire to amend the Practices and Procedures to allow the Chair to appoint more than six members to each committee so that he could appoint the entire Board to each committee. He stated that if we further amended the Practices and Procedures to allow a vote of a committee to serve as a vote of the Board as long as a quorum is present, then the Board would not have to duplicate the votes and save time. Motion was made by Trustee Lester to approve these recommendations. Motion was seconded by Trustee Morton. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting recessed until 3:15 p.m.

11. Finance & Administration Committee Meeting (Includes Public Input) – Committee Chair Bernie Lester

Chairman Lester asked Vice President Bullock to review the budget cuts made necessary by the Special Session of the Legislature in late December 2001 in the amount of $1,534,915.00. Vice President Bullock stated that we responded to this by reducing the central fund, reduced our base budget by 8% in operating and some cases personnel expenses and utilized over realized revenues of $850,000. A motion was made by Trustee Morton to approve the budget cuts as presented. Motion was seconded by Trustee Moll. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Lester requested that Interim Vice President Healy report on the proposals for naming opportunities for three buildings (Alico Arena, Kleist Health Education Center, and the WCI Green Building Demonstration and Learning Center) on campus and ensure these items appear on the agenda of the Legislature for approval. Dr. Healy recommended approval of this list. Motion was made by Trustee Morton to approve this recommendation. Motion was seconded by Trustee Moll. Trustees Lester and Starkey abstained on this vote. Motion carried with two abstentions.

Dr. Healy reviewed the Matching Grant Program with Board members. The items recommended are: (1) To keep the Alec Courtellis Facilities Enhancement Challenge Grant Program as is and (2) To propose amendments to the Matching Gifts portion where they would cap the amount the State would match in any given year, total match for any single gift be limited to $15 million ($3 million per year for five years) and matched endowment gifts must be for university priorities only as set by each board of trustees.

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Motion was made by Trustee Moll to approve these recommendations. Motion was seconded by Trustee Moon. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Healy presented the 2002-2003 Legislative Agenda for the Board’s information (APPENDIX C).

Chairman Lester requested that Vice President Bullock report on the Student Housing Operating Lease and the Student Housing Rental Rates. Vice President Bullock recommended approval of the Student Housing Operating Lease (APPENDIX D). Motion was made by Trustee Morton to approve the operating lease documentation as presented. Motion was Seconded by Trustee Moll. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Bullock reviewed the requested increase in student housing rental rates (APPENDIX E). Trustee Solimano stated that she disagrees with this rental increase because of the possible tuition increase next year and the fact that she believes our student fees next year will be among the highest in the State because of the student support for the University’s Athletic Program. Motion was made by Trustee Moon to approve the student housing rental rates. Motion was seconded by Trustee Morton. Motion carried with one opposed vote by Trustee Solimano.

12. Board Action Items From Committees – Chair Scott Lutgert

Chairman Lutgert stated that he would entertain a motion to approve the K-20 Charter School Project. Trustee Lucas stated that he would abstain from the vote due to a conflict of interest. Trustee Villalobos moved that we proceed with the process of continuing the course for a K-20 Charter School Project. Motion was seconded by Trustee Moon. Motion carried with one abstention.

Motion was made by Trustee Morton to approve the initiation of the Center for Public and Social Policy as recommended by the Academic Affairs/Student Affairs Committee. Motion was seconded by Trustee Villalobos. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Trustee Moon to approve the Student Orientation Fee Rates. Motion was seconded by Trustee Solimano. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Old Business – Chair Scott Lutgert

Chairman Lutgert stated that Trustee Taylor offered two more Accountability Measures to be added to the President’s Accountability Measures submitted at the October meeting. Trustee Taylor stated that the two new measures are: (1.) The President develop a new FGCU University Mission Statement and Three-to Five-Year Plan and (2.) Develop a plan as to how Florida Gulf Coast University will contribute to the seamless system on which Florida’s new system of governance is based in the K-20 system to meet the student needs. Motion was made to approve these recommendations by Trustee Taylor. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lucas. Motion carried unanimously.
Chairman Lutgert asked for a motion to approve the development of a Performance Evaluation Process and Contract for University’s President. Motion was made by Trustee Morton to approve the item. Motion was seconded by Trustee Moon. Motion carried unanimously.

14. New Business – Chair Scott Lutgert

Chairman Lutgert stated that an employee of FGCU died unexpectedly and President Merwin drafted a Resolution in her honor. President Merwin read a Resolution into the record in memory of Ms. Jetta Glover. Trustee Hart gave testimony to Jetta’s long term work in her community and as a wonderful mother to her three children. A motion was made to approve the Resolution by Trustee Moll. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hart. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Lutgert appointed Trustee Lee to the Faculty Awards Committee.

15. Chair’s Closing Comments

Chairman Lutgert took general comments from Board members before making his closing remarks. Trustee Morton requested that the University confirm that the 233 foreign students are enrolled in the second semester. Trustee Lucas suggested that we think about looking at “information only” items and include them in the book, but not in the presentation on the agenda, and if anyone has a question, they can ask. Trustee Villalobos felt it would be helpful to have information on the turn over ratio of our faculty in comparison to other universities of our size. Provost Bartel stated that many universities are unwilling to share that information. Provost Bartel can provide a more specific sub-set report related to the varied reasons FGCU faculty leave the University. Trustee Taylor requested that at the meeting following the Faculty Awards those individuals be introduced to the Board of Trustees so that the Board can honor them and all faculty.

Chairman Lutgert thanked staff for their quick response to information requests from the Board. He also thanked President Merwin for the Pre-K-through 20 seamless school initiative. He feels this offers the University and our community a tremendous opportunity.

Meeting Adjourned 4:30 p.m.
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