Chairman Lutgert convened the meeting of the University Board of Trustees in the Student Union Ballroom at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 2005, with the following members present:

Andres Andrade  
Sharon Irish Bevins  
Lindsay Harrington  
Larry Hart  
Bernie Lester  
David Lucas  
Scott Lutgert  
Edward Morton  
Michael Villalobos  
Jaynie Whitcomb  
Joseph Catti – Ex-Officio

Members of Staff Present:  
William Merwin  
Susan Evans  
Steve Magiera  
Wendy Morris  
Joseph Shepard  
Bonnie Yegidis  
Barbara Krell  
Kathy Bottoms

Guests:  Carl McAloose, Curtis Bullock, Susan Blanchard, Denise Heinemann, David Mann, Mary Price, Charles McKinney,

1. Call to Order & Welcome to New Trustees Dr. Sharon Irish Bevins and Andres Andrade – Chair Scott Lutgert

Chair Lutgert greeted Trustees and welcomed Andres Andrade and Dr. Irish Bevins as new members to the Board. He then called on President Merwin to introduce the next three presentations.
2. Report from FGCU Student Government – President Andres Andrade

President Merwin introduced Mr. Andrade who gave an overview of plans for student activities for the upcoming year.

3. Report from Faculty Senate – President Sharon Irish Bevins

President Merwin introduced Dr. Irish Bevins who reported on faculty issues and events for the next

4. Report from Staff Advisory Council – President Mary Price

President Merwin introduced Ms. Price and stated this would be Ms. Price’s last meeting as SAC President. Ms. Price discussed various activities and assignments that the Staff Advisory Council has undertaken this past semester.

5. Report from FGCU Foundation Board of Directors – Chair Joseph Catti

President Merwin introduced Mr. Catti who outlined the Foundation Board’s fundraising activities this past year. He then turned the report over to President Merwin to announce a significant donation. President Merwin stated it was his honor this morning to make another announcement of a major gift to this University. He reported that Raymond and Beverly Lutgert of the Lutgert Companies in Naples have donated $5 million to Florida Gulf Coast University. President Merwin stated that Trustee Lutgert played a significant role in securing this gift for the University and that this gift will be used for constructing a College of Business building and naming it on behalf of Raymond and Beverly Lutgert. President Merwin acknowledged the role that Dean Pegnetter, good business students, and excellent faculty had in attracting this donation. He explained that FGCU will ask the Florida legislature to match the gift dollar-for-dollar in 2006 from the Alex P. Courtelis Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant Program. The University will use the $10 million, plus another $8.8 million approved by the Florida Legislature, to enhance and enlarge construction of the Academic VI building to accommodate FGCU’s growing College of Business. Trustee Lutgert stated that he and his family are very proud to give this gift because the community has been so good to them and they believe in giving back to the community. He stated there was no better way than to help students by dedicating these funds. An artist’s rendering of the building was unveiled by President Merwin and Mr. Catti.

6. President’s Report – President Bill Merwin

President Merwin stated that Mr. Mann, Interim Government Relations Director, advised him that the Governor has signed House Bill 517 and our
Engineering Program authorization has been approved. He thanked everyone for their emails and calls supporting this program.

President Merwin thanked the Board members for approving the United Faculty of Florida contract during the Board conference call last week. He stated this was a significant milestone in our University and is the first-ever locally bargained contract with UFF. President Merwin thanked Dr. Pegnetter, Dr. Heinemann, Dr. Yegidis and others for their work on this agreement.

President Merwin reported that he and Dr. Shepard gave testimony before the Naples City Council regarding our Naples Center and the project was unanimously endorsed by the Council. He stated we plan to erect a 50,000 square foot building. Central to the building itself is a chamber music theater that will seat 350, will be acoustically perfect, and will double as a lecture hall for the Renaissance Academy. President Merwin announced that he has appointed long-time Naples residents to a steering committee. The Committee will begin a fundraising campaign at any time which will end sometime in February or March. The money will need to be authorized today for the site.

President Merwin stated that for the past three years he has talked about a Charter School which was always a dream to use this as a laboratory school for the College of Education. He stated that he has decided that it would be in the best interest of our University to put that on the back burner because it was too difficult to find capital dollars due to the State budget. There were also legal complications with the Lee County School district providing capital money to build a building that is not on their own property. President Merwin said he and his staff feel that the best use of the 75 acres will be a performing arts center. He stated that Provost Yegidis is looking into dual enrollment which allows high school students to come to FGCU and take college level courses to receive credit toward their high school diplomas.

President Merwin introduced and welcomed Ms. Vee Leonard, who has been hired as Assistant General Counsel. He stated that Ms. Leonard comes to us from the City of Orlando’s legal office. President Merwin also welcomed Dr. Hudson Rogers in his new position as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Associate Provost. Dr. Rogers served as the Associate Dean of the College of Business for the last six years and was a founding faculty member in the College of Business.

President Merwin reported that he, Mr. Mann, and Mr. Roberts recently went to Washington DC to lobby regarding a marine science center, the sick building syndrome, red tide, and the juvenile justice and restorative justice system. He stated that two weeks later the University was awarded a major grant to continue our studies of sick buildings syndrome.
7. 2005 Legislative Session Report – Interim Director of Government Relations
    David Mann

    President Merwin thanked Mr. Mann and Mr. Bullock along with
    Representative Trudi Williams and Representative Dudley Goodlette for their
    help in obtaining funds for the new Engineering Program. Mr. Mann updated
    Trustees on the overall results of the Legislative Session.

8. Consent Agenda – Chair Scott Lutgert

    Chair Lutgert outlined the Consent Agenda which included the Minutes of
    April 19, 2005, the Minutes of June 13, 2005, the Schedule of Meetings Dates for
    2005-06, and Resolutions of Appreciation for Trustee Donna Price Henry and Mr.
    Matthew Hall. A motion was made by Trustee Lester to approve the Consent
    Agenda. Motion was seconded by Trustee Whitcomb. Motion carried
    unanimously.

9. Presentation of Resolution of Appreciation – Chair Scott Lutgert and President
    Bill Merwin

    Chair Lutgert asked that Ms. Evans read the Resolutions into the record
    (Appendix A)

10. Academic/Student/Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting – Committee Chair Larry
    Hart

    Chair Lutgert asked Committee Chair Hart to bring the
    Academic/Student/Faculty Affairs Committee to order. Chair Hart introduced
    Provost Yegidis to present an information only item regarding Academic
    Learning Compacts.

    Action Items:
    • Faculty Promotions - A motion was made to approve the list of faculty
      promotions by Trustee Morton. Motion was seconded by Trustee
      Harrington. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix B)
    • New Degree Proposal: Bachelor of Arts (B.A) in Liberal Studies –
      Anthropology – A motion was made to approve the Bachelor of Arts in
      Liberal Studies – Anthropology by Trustee Whitcomb. Motion was
      seconded by Trustee Morton. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix C)
    • New Degree Proposal: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Liberal Studies –
      Chemistry – A motion was made to approve the Bachelor of Arts in
      Liberal Studies – Chemistry by Chair Lutgert. Motion was seconded by
      Trustee Whitcomb. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix D)
    • New Degree Proposal: Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Athletics Training -
      A motion was made by Trustee Lester to approve the Bachelor of Science
      in Athletics Training. Motion was seconded by Trustee Morton. Motion
      carried unanimously. (Appendix E)
Chair Hart asked that the next three engineering proposals be considered at one time. (Appendix F). Dr. Yegidis introduced Dr. Blanchard to outline these programs.

- New Degree Proposal: Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Bioengineering
- New Degree Proposal: Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Civil Engineering
- New Degree Proposal: Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Environmental Engineering (B.S. Env.E.) - A motion was made by Trustee Morton to approve the Bachelor of Science Degrees in Bioengineering, Civil Engineering and Environmental Engineering by Trustee Morton. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lucas. Motion carried unanimously

- Limited Access Program: Professional Golf Management Concentration in the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Resort and Hospitality Management – Provost Yegidis provided background information regarding this program. President Merwin stated that Trustee Lucas and Trustee Starkey pledged the use of their golf courses for student practice and he wished to publicly recognize them for this support. A motion was made by Chair Lutgert to approve the Professional Golf Management Concentration in the Bachelor of Science in Resort and Hospitality Management. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lucas. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix G)

There was a ten minute break beginning 9:40 a.m. with the meeting reconvening at 9:50 a.m.

11. Finance & Administration Committee Meeting – Committee Chair David Lucas

Chair Lutgert introduced Chair David Lucas who called the meeting of the Finance & Administration Committee Meeting to order. Trustee Lucas asked Dr. Shepard to provide information to the Trustees regarding 2004-2005 Close-Out Budget.

- **Information Only:**
  - 2004-05 Close-Out Budget Review – Vice President for Administrative Services Dr. Shepard - (Appendix H)
- **Action Items:**
  - 2005-06 Equity Accountability Program – Director of Educational Services & EEO Programs Dr. McKinney – Dr. McKinney gave an update regarding the 2005-06 Equity Accountability Program. A motion was made by Chair Lutgert to approve the 2005-06 Equity Accountability Program. Motion was seconded by Trustee Morton. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix I)
  - FGCU Rules: Tuition and Fees – A motion was made by Trustee Whitcomb to approve the Tuition and Fees Rule. Mr. McAloose addressed the questions by Trustees regarding the Athletic fee increase. Motion was seconded by Trustee Morton. Trustee Andrade stated that he is very much in favor of the athletic fee, as well as the activities fee. He is
not supportive of the 5% tuition increase. Motion carried with one dissenting vote by Trustee Andrade. (Appendix J)

- 2005-06 Operating Budget – Dr. Shepard stated that the budget was collectively put together as a result of the Strategic Plan. He stated that the budget was then taken to the Long Range and Institutional Effectiveness Committee which voiced concerns. After those concerns and questions were addressed to the Committee’s satisfaction, they approved this budget as presented today. The final review of the budget was made by the President’s Executive Group and now is before the Board of Trustees. – A motion was made by Trustee Lester. Motion was seconded by Trustee Villalobos. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix K)

- 2006-07 Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) Priority List – A motion was made by Trustee Harrington to approve the PECO Priority List. Motion was seconded by Trustee Whitcomb. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix L)

- 2006-07 Legislative Budget Request - A motion was made by Trustee Whitcomb to approve the 2006-07 Legislative Budget Request. Motion was seconded by Chair Lutgert. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix M)

- Resolution to Purchase Naples Land - Dr. Shepard introduced Mr. Bullock who addressed the Board regarding the purchase of Naples Land. Mr. Bullock stated that on May 9 the Financing Corporation Board of Directors approved the loan to purchase land to construct an educational center in downtown Naples, Florida. A resolution is now before this Board which assures that this loan is tax-exempt. A motion was made to approve the Resolution by Trustee Harrington. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lester. Trustee Morton stated he would abstain from this vote due to a conflict of interest. Chair Lutgert stated he would also abstain from this vote since he is a Board Member of the Naples Community Hospital. Motion carried with two abstentions. (Appendix N)

- FGCU President’s Annual Performance Evaluation for 2004-05 – Trustee Lucas asked for comments from the Board regarding the President’s Annual Performance Evaluation for 2004-2005. (Appendix O) Comments were as follows:

Trustee Whitcomb stated her experience has been that great leaders possess vision and the ability to make a plan and execute it. They also attract the brightest and the best and then move forward. She stated that Dr. Merwin, through her observations, has been able to do all of these things. She stated President Merwin represents the University so well in the community from the Governor to our students.

Chair Lutgert stated that the most important thing we do as a Board is evaluate the President and the format we have set up is now a model for
all of the universities in Florida for evaluating their presidents. Chair Lutgert asked that the President review his goals for 2004-05 with Trustees. President Merwin gave an overview of his goals and accomplishments for 2004-05.

Trustee Harrington stated that he had admired President Merwin when he was a State Representative and as a Trustee he has learned that he did not know the Bill Merwin that we have at the University. He stated that President Merwin has a great deal of enthusiasm and energy for our University, is very involved in the community, and does an awesome job. Trustee Harrington stated that President Merwin’s accomplishments are admirable and that he has helped bring pride to this University throughout Southwest Florida.

Trustee Morton stated that he has been deeply involved with FGCU for over a decade. He was pleased when he met President Merwin to see that he understands that the University needed to attract and retain students and stimulate and involve the entire community. He stated that in particular President Merwin understood a need for a music program. He believes that President Merwin has orchestrated the human and fiscal capital in such a way that we have developed a formula that other communities emulate. He feels this community is quite blessed and one of those blessings is the leadership of this University.

Trustee Lucas stated that one of the key things that a good leader can do is manage change. He believes that there is no organization changing as quickly as FGCU and the ability to manage that change is a rare quality. He stated that Bill Merwin encourages innovation—we are not following models, we are creating models and that is the key to the success of this institution. He stated he very much appreciates President Merwin’s performance.

Trustee Lester stated that all the items on the performance list this year were equal or exceeded expectations and he feels this paints the picture of what has been able to go on at the University. He concurs with the other comments made that with all that is happening the President must have an exceptional staff to work with him, and as we have seen, President Merwin has been able to build that type of a team.

Trustee Hart stated whenever he is out in the community there is always a staff member from FGCU present. He stated that as a leader President Merwin has been able to make changes and not settle for the status quo. He stated President Merwin should be commended for his work and hopes President Merwin is happy with FGCU.
Trustee Andrade stated that he has had the opportunity to know President Merwin since his freshman year and President Merwin has embraced him. He stated it is important that the President’s hard work be recognized, and thanked President Merwin for a terrific job.

Trustee Villalobos stated we are fortunate that President Merwin is the captain of our ship. He cited the recent conversations with Governor Bush regarding our Engineering Program and the fact that the Governor was open to listening to President Merwin. He thanked President Merwin.

Trustee Irish Bevins thanked President Merwin on behalf of the Faculty Senate and stated she looked forward to working with President Merwin.

Chair Lutgert stated he has received two letters, one from Trustee Cobb and one from Trustee Moon. Susan Evans read these letters into the record. (Appendix P & Q)

Chair Lutgert stated that there is no question we are very fortunate to have Bill Merwin as our President and he recognizes that we are all on the same team. President Merwin and his entire team are moving in the same direction as the Board of Trustees. He stated that communication skills are very important for a leader to possess and feels that is one of Bill Merwin’s greatest assets. He stated that in anticipation of a positive evaluation today by the Board he has prepared a draft resolution to memorialize the Board’s actions. He asked Ms. Evans to read the resolution into the record. (Appendix R) A motion was made by Trustee Whitcomb to approve the resolution. Motion was seconded by Chair Lutgert. Motion carried unanimously.

- FGCU President’s Performance Measures for 2005-06 – President Merwin reviewed the President’s Performance Measure for 2005-06 with Trustees. A motion was made by Trustee Morton. Motion was seconded by Trustee Villalobos. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix S)

12. Old Business – Chair Scott Lutgert – There was no old business to come before the Board.

13. New Business – Chair Scott Lutgert – Trustee Hart thanked the FGCU family for their support.

14. Chair’s Closing Remarks and Adjourn Meeting – Chair Scott Lutgert – Chair Lutgert thanked everyone for their work this morning and complimented the President and his staff for the success of this University. He stated the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is September 13. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.
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