MINUTES
FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2007
8:30 a.m.
STUDENT UNION BALLROOM

Vice-Chair Morton convened the meeting of the Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees with the following members present:

Brian Cobb
Lindsay Harrington
Larry Hart
Bernie Lester
David Lucas
Scott Lutgert (via conference call)
Edward Morton
Jerry Starkey (via conference call)
Michael Villalobos (via conference call)
Jaynie Whitcomb
Sharon Irish Bevins
Brad Piepenbrink

Joseph Catti, Chair, Foundation Board of Directors

Members of Staff Present:

Richard Pegnetter, Interim President
Bonnie Yegidis, Provost
Joe Shepard, Vice President for Administrative Services and Finance
Steve Magiera, Vice President for Advancement
Susan Evans, Special Assistant to the President
Vee Leonard, Acting General Counsel
Kathy Bottoms
Barbara Krell

Guests: Cheryl Seals-Gonzalez
Jennifer Goen

1. Call to Order – Vice Chair Edward Morton

Vice Chair Morton called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He stated Chair Lutgert would be attending via conference call and had asked Vice Chair Morton to preside as he participates over the telephone this morning. Vice Chair Morton stated that because a number of Trustees will participate via
conference call, he will ask Ms. Evans to call roll with each vote. Vice Chair Morton welcomed new Trustee Brad Piepenbrink, the new Student Government President, on behalf of the Board of Trustees. Ms. Evans called the roll and the results are as listed above. Vice Chair Morton called upon President Pegnetter for reports.

2. Remarks from FGCU Staff Advisory Council – President Marc Laviolette

President Pegnetter introduced Mr. Laviolette who will step down as President of the Staff Advisory Committee. President Pegnetter thanked Mr. Laviolette for his service to SAC.

3. Remarks from FGCU Faculty Senate – President Sharon Irish Bevins

President Pegnetter introduced Faculty Senate President Irish Bevins. He stated this will be the last meeting for Trustee Irish Bevins who will be replaced by Dr. Halcyon St. Hill. President Pegnetter thanked Trustee Irish Bevins for her years of service as Faculty Senate President and Trustee.

4. Remarks from FGCU Student Government – President Brad Piepenbrink

President Pegnetter introduced Trustee Piepenbrink, the new Student Government President, who outlined plans for Student Government activities for the coming year.

5. Remarks from FGCU Foundation Board of Directors – Chair Joe Catti

President Pegnetter introduced Mr. Catti who updated Trustees regarding Foundation Board activities. President Pegnetter stated that Mr. Catti would be stepping down as Foundation Chair and thanked him for his years of service as Chair of the FGCU Foundation Board. Mr. Catti reviewed the fundraising success of the FGCU Foundation for the Trustees. He thanked the Trustees and Mr. Mageria and his staff who were instrumental in the success of this fundraising effort.

6. President’s Report – Interim President Richard Pegnetter

Vice Chair Morton asked President Pegnetter for his report. President Pegnetter stated that the President’s Performance Goals would be addressed later in the meeting. He stated that without qualification, the University has had another exceptional year of growth and success. President Pegnetter stated that his goal when accepting the role of Interim President in January was to continue our trajectory not to just sustain our level of accomplishment. He stated we have continued that trajectory. President Pegnetter stated that this has been possible because of the wonderful leadership team at the University. He stated Florida Gulf Coast University is rapidly gaining the state and national image of quality
and spectacular achievement in our brief ten year history of operation. He stated faculty is the strength of the University and we continue to recruit faculty with Ph.D.s from many of the best American and international universities. President Pegnetter stated their success in research, scholarship, and teaching is outstanding with over $13.5 million in sponsored contracts and grants this year. He stated that is an incredible number for a new university. President Pegnetter stated our most important measure of success is our students. He stated our students are graduating with program quality that lets them compete successfully for job opportunities in Southwest Florida. He reported our career placement success rate is among the highest at the state universities. President Pegnetter reported that when our undergraduates seek graduate degrees, they are gaining admission to some of the best universities in the world—the University of Florida, the London School of Economics, Syracuse and the list goes on.

President Pegnetter reported that student connection to the University is one of the hallmarks of Florida Gulf Coast University, that we rank in the upper national average and that the students feel they are an important part of the University. This information comes from not only our own but national surveys. President Pegnetter stated we opened in 1997 with fewer than six buildings and we now have a campus with fifty-nine buildings and three more in construction by the end of summer. Another success is partnership with our region. He stated we pride ourselves on being connected to the region we serve and the results of that responsive partnership attitude have been powerful. No other public university in America has ever witnessed the incredible level of support that we have had from the citizens of Southwest Florida in the amount of over $250 million. He stated that support has made the difference in that we have been able to start new programs, create new facilities and accelerate at a rate that is the envy of our peers. President Pegnetter stated he hears that envy almost every time he attends a meeting with other university presidents and talks about some of the things we are doing here at FGCU.

President Pegnetter reported we had our 10th Annual Celebration of Excellence and Research. He acknowledged and thanked Trustee Hart for his participation again this year by serving on the selection committee and participating in the awards and event. President Pegnetter reported that our April Commencement had to be held at two ceremonies with a total of 617 graduates with Alico Arena full at both ceremonies. He thanked Trustee Morton, Trustee Whitcomb, Trustee Hart, Trustee Lester, Trustee Gallatin, and Trustee Irish Bevins for their participation.

President Pegnetter reported that at the recent Board of Governors meeting we participated in the Pappas Report discussion. He stated that the Pappas Report said some good things-- one of them was that Florida’s higher education system had been evaluated before, but that that report was still on the shelf and nothing had been done with that information. The Pappas Report also pointed out that Florida tends to be underfunded compared to other states in
terms of state support and the level of tuition charged at the state universities. President Pegnetter stated that what was in the report that was not comforting for FGCU was the suggestion that Florida Gulf Coast University might be lumped in with the group of smaller schools and while research support and growth and excellence money would be concentrated in one or two of the top universities which would create two levels of schools-- one focusing on undergraduate education and a number focused on graduate and research activity. President Pegnetter reported we wrote a response to the Pappas Report and our response at the time was the first response that any University wrote to the Board of Governors. President Pegnetter stated that one point was made in our response was that you cannot have a superb university if you don't have some graduate programs and research activity. He stated you will recruit a different kind of faculty and the environment you produce for education will be at a different quality level. He reported that another point was made in our response that Florida Gulf Coast University is where it is today because of the tremendous support we have had from our external community and that support came from our approach to economic, social and functional government in Florida. If the University only had an undergraduate program with no research activity, we would not be able to do that very effectively. President Pegnetter said that was the major flaw of the Report. He was able to raise this point at the Board of Governors a few weeks ago, and Ms. Pappas agreed that they had missed this linkage.

President Pegnetter reported that there were several groundbreakings that have occurred. One was Holmes Hall for the School of Engineering and other one was Lutgert Hall to house our Lutgert College of Business. We are going to break ground soon on the Resort and Hospitality Building and will have one more classroom building named Academic VII. He reported will be building a new student housing complex and will begin construction on our second parking garage this summer.

President Pegnetter stated that our Athletics Program had another incredibly successful year. He reported that eight of our eleven sports were selected to compete in post-season play in NCAA Division II. President Pegnetter reported that in a rare occurrence for a program that wasn't in the conference, we had three student athletes named to NCAA Division I as player of the year in their region—volleyball, women’s basketball, and softball. We also had several of our students in four sports named to all academic teams in women’s cross country, men’s cross country, softball and men’s basketball. He stated that we have an average grade point of 3.0 on our campus at Florida Gulf Coast University. Our average grade point for our athletes is 3.1 which slightly exceeds the grade point for the entire campus. He added that this is the mark of a program that we wish to sustain. President Pegnetter reported that he met with the presidents of the conference schools last week and he felt a great level of comfort because those schools all have a high emphasis on academic performance for their athletic programs.
President Pegnetter reported that the presidential search has been underway for several months and we are going to review the applicants as of August 1st.

President Pegnetter reported that the Legislative Session did not give FGCU all the money we had requested, but on the other hand, we did get a substantial increase in our funding of $7.5 million in the budget for enrollment growth. We also received $1.5 million thanks to the work of Ms. Goen in terms of special non-recurring addition to our budget. This money will help us hire faculty on a part-time basis to get us through the next year. He added that we did get all of our PECO money which is building and infrastructure money—they essentially funded everything on our PECO list. This includes $5 million for roads, parking and infrastructure; $1.65 million for additional equipment funding for the College of Business building; $3.4 million in equipment funding for Academic Building VII; $4.8 million for central energy plant expansion; and $9.375 million for the Engineering Building to complete the 3rd and 4th floors of that building. We also received $5.3 million in matching funds from the state.

The President reported that the state provided a minimum recognition of our faculty and staff by endorsing a $1000.00 non-recurring bonus for all faculty and staff which when taxes are taken out does not come up to a $1000.00. President Pegnetter stated that on this campus the contribution and work ethic of our faculty and staff is not effectively treated by a $1000.00 bonus. He reported that we have not come to final closure yet, but have completed negotiations with the United Faculty Florida and our union contract. We are going to be improving on that bonus in the wage results that will be in that agreement. Similar improvements will be on the horizon for people who are in our faculty and staff positions.

President Pegnetter reported that Florida Gulf Coast University will move into the 2007-2008 academic year with strengthened academic programs, quality in the continuing infrastructure growth, an outstanding athletic program, and a faculty and staff that would be the envy of any university across the country.

7. Consent Agenda – Vice Chair Edward Morton

Vice Chair Morton asked for a motion to approve the following consent agenda:

- Minutes of April 17, 2007 (Addendum A)
- Resolution of Appreciation for Trustee Gallatin (Addendum B)

Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda items by Trustee Whitcomb. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hart. Motion carried.

8. Presentation of Resolution of Appreciation to Trustee Kirt Gallatin – Vice Chair Edward Morton and Interim President Richard Pegnetter
Vice Chair Morton and President Pegnetter presented the Resolution of Appreciation to Trustee Gallatin and Ms. Evans read the Resolution into the record (Addendum C)

Vice Chair Morton introduced Acting General Counsel, Ms. Leonard, to the Trustees.

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

Vice Chair Morton turned the meeting over to Committee Chair Hart. Trustee Hart introduced Provost Yegidis who announced that a special award has been given to one of our undergraduate students Cory Foster is the recipient of the Benjamin A Gilman International Scholarship for studying abroad in India. Provost Yegidis stated that the amount of the scholarship is $5,000.00.

Provost Yegidis presented the following action items:

- New Degree Program: Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) (Addendum D) Provost Yegidis outlined the new degree program and stated that this is a historic moment for Florida Gulf Coast University because for the first time we will be able to offer an advanced graduate degree. Motion was made by Trustee Lutgert to approve the Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T) Program. Motion was seconded by Trustee Starkey. Motion carried.

- New Degree Program: Educational Specialist (Ed.S) (Addendum E) – Motion was made by Vice Chair Morton to approve the Educational Specialist Program. Motion was seconded by Trustee Irish Bevins. Motion carried.

- New Degree Program: Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) (Addendum F) – Motion was made by Vice Chair Morton to approve the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) Program. Motion was seconded by Trustee Harrington. Motion carried.

- Policies Pertaining to Academic Programs – (Addendum G) The following policies were presented by Provost Yegidis for consideration by the Trustees:

  * Academic Learning Compacts (Addendum H) – A motion was made to approve the Academic Learning Compacts by Trustee Lester. Motion was seconded by Trustee Harrington. Motion carried.

  * Academic Program Authorization (Addendum I) – A motion was made to approve the Academic Program Authorization by Trustee Whitcomb. Motion was seconded by Trustee Irish Bevins. Motion carried.
*Academic Program Review (Addendum J) – A motion was made to approve the Academic Program Review by Trustee Lucas. Motion was seconded by Chair Harrington. Motion carried.

*Professional Certificate Programs (Addendum K) - A motion was made to approve the Professional Certificate Programs by Chair Lutgert. Motion was seconded by Trustee Whitcomb. Motion carried.

*Programs Offered Outside FGCU's Five-County Service Area (Addendum L) – A motion was made by Trustee Irish Bevins to approve Programs Offered Outside FGCU’s Five County Service Area. Motion was seconded by Trustee Harrington. Trustee Harrington stated that this policy does not include distance learning. Provost Yegidis stated that this was correct. Motion carried.

*Suspension and Discontinuance of Academic Programs (Addendum M) – A motion was made to approve Suspension and Discontinuance of Academic Programs by Trustee Lucas. Motion was seconded by Trustee Harrington. Motion carried.

- Provost Yegidis reviewed Faculty Promotions (Addendum N) with Trustees. Motion was made to approve the Faculty Promotions list by Trustee Morton. Motion was seconded by Trustee Starkey. Motion carried.
- Provost Yegidis outlined the recommended action for Emeritus Faculty Status for Dr. William Hammond (Addendum O) - A motion was made to approve the Emeritus Faculty Status for Dr. William Hammond by Trustee Lucas. Motion was seconded by Trustee Irish Bevins. Motion carried.

There was a 10 minute break that reconvened the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

10. Finance & Administration Committee Meeting – Committee Chair David Lucas
Committee Chair Lucas introduced Dr. Shepard who provided information items as follows:

- Finance/Budget Update (Addendum P)

Dr. Shepard presented the following action items for approval:
2007-08 Tuition and Fee Regulations (Addendum R) – A motion was made to approve the 2007-08 Tuition and Fee Regulations by Trustee Starkey. Motion was seconded by Chair Lutgert. Trustee Piepenbrink stated he does not support the out-of-state tuition fee. Motion carried with Trustee Piepenbrink voting no.

2007-08 Operating Budget (Addendum S) – Motion was made by Trustee Lester to approve the 2007-08 Operating Budget. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hart. Motion carried.

2007-08 Equity Accountability Program (Addendum T) – Dr. Shepard introduced Ms. Seals-Gonzalez who presented this Report. Motion was made to approve the 2007-08 Equity Accountability Program by Vice Chair Morton. Motion was seconded by Trustee Harrington. Motion carried.

2008-09 Legislative Budget Request (Addendum U) – A motion was made by Trustee Whitcomb to approve the 2008-09 Legislative Budget Request. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hart. Motion carried.

2008-09 Fixed Capital Outlay Budget Request (Addendum V) – A motion was made to approve the 2008-09 Fixed Capital Outlay Budget Request by Trustee Lester. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Morton. Motion carried.

Committee Chair Lucas stated that the two agenda items regarding performance goals are typically turned over to the Board Chair for introductory remarks.

Vice Chair Morton stated that FGCU traditionally establishes and implements a process of goals and objectives adopted in July of the previous fiscal year. He stated that we then evaluate the performance of our President based upon those goals to include a self-evaluation on the part of the President. Vice Chair Morton reported that we did adopt institutional goals and objectives for 2006-07. The annual goals are aligned with the Strategic Plan. Vice Chair Morton stated that because of the recent transition of the Presidency at Florida Gulf Coast University, our Interim President Richard Pegnetter, will review the University’s results for 2006-07 in keeping with our process. He then asked Committee Chair Lucas to continue the Committee meeting. Mr. Lucas called on President Pegnetter to review the following action items:

*Results on FGCU Performance Goals for 2006-07 (Addendum W). Motion was made by Vice Chair Morton to approve the Results on FGCU Performance Goals for 2006-07. Motion was seconded by Trustee Harrington. Motion carried.
**FGCU Performance Goals for 2007-08 (Addendum X)** – Motion was made by Trustee Lester to approve the FGCU Performance Goals for 2007-08. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Morton. Motion carried.

11. Old Business – Vice Chair Edward Morton

Trustee Harrington asked if the University holds Legislative Delegation meetings on campus. President Pegnetter stated that for the past three years the Alliance of Educational Leaders and the Regional Stewardship Alliance sponsored an event at our WGCU studio with our Legislative Delegation. He reported that this event has typically been an open dialogue with the legislators. President Pegnetter stated that we will begin this summer with individual meetings with legislators to review FGCU’s special case.

12. New Business – Vice Chair Edward Morton

Vice Chair Morton asked Ms. Evans to read a letter from Chair Lutgert into the record regarding appointment of Vice Chair Morton to the FGCU Financing Corporation Board of Directors (Addendum Y).

13. Chair’s Closing Remarks & Adjourn Meeting – Vice Chair Edward Morton

Vice Chair Morton stated the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is September 18, 2007. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.
Addendums:

A. Minutes of April 17 2007
B. Resolution of Appreciation
C. Resolution of Appreciation (read into record)
D. New Degree Program: Doctor of Physical Therapy
E. New Degree Program: Educational Specialist (Ed.S)
F. New Degree Program: Doctor of Education (Ed.D)
G. Policies Pertaining to Academic Programs
H. Academic Learning Compacts
I. Academic Program Authorization
J. Academic Program Review
K. Professional Certificate Programs
L. Programs Offered Outside FGCU’s Five-County Service Area
M. Suspension and Discontinuance of Academic Programs
N. Faculty Promotions
O. Emeritus Faculty Status – Dr. William Hammond
P. Finance/Budget Update
Q. 2007 Post Legislative Session Report
R. 2007-08 Tuition and Fee Regulation
S. 2007-08 Operating Budget
T. 2007-08 Accountability Program
U. 2008-09 Legislative Budget Request
V. 2008-09 Fixed Capital Outlay Budget Request
W. Results on FGCU Performance Goals for 2006-07
X. FGCU Performance Goals for 2007-08
Y. Letter regarding Trustee Morton appointment to FGCU Financing Corporation Board