Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees  
January 17, 2006

SUBJECT:  Minutes of September 13, 2005 Meeting

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve minutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees met on September 13, 2005. Minutes of the meeting were kept, as required by Florida law.

Supporting Documentation Included:  Minutes of September 13, 2005 Meeting

Prepared by:  Barbara Krell, Executive Assistant to the President

Legal Review by:  N/A

Submitted by:  President Bill Merwin
Chairman Lutgert convened the meeting of the University Board of Trustees in the Student Union Ballroom at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2005, with the following members present:

Andres Andrade  
Sharon Irish Bevins  
Lindsay Harrington  
Larry Hart  
Bernie Lester  
David Lucas  
Scott Lutgert  
Harry Moon  
Edward Morton  
Michael Villalobos  
Jerry Starkey  
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: Steve Gift, O.J. Buigas, Greg Stuart

1. Call to Order - Chair, Scott Lutgert
Chair Lutgert greeted Trustees and asked for a moment of silence in memory of victims of Hurricane Katrina. He then called upon President Merwin to introduce the next three presentations.

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

President Merwin introduced Dr. Sharon Irish Bevins who outlined the major items before the Faculty Senate.

3. Remarks from FGCU Student Government – President Andres Andrade

President Merwin introduced Mr. Andrade who reviewed current student events and programs underway on campus.

4. Remarks from FGCU Staff Advisory Council – President Robert Harris

Chief Harris presented a PowerPoint Program to update Board members regarding the individuals who comprise the Staff Advisory Committee.

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

Mr. Catti updated the Trustees regarding the FGCU Foundation’s fundraising efforts.

6. President’s Report – President Bill Merwin

President Merwin reported that we welcomed almost 7164 students to campus this fall including 1400 new freshmen. We also added approximately eight or nine students who were effected by Kartrina. He thanked the students, faculty and staff members who assisted with displaced individuals impacted by the Katrina hurricane.

President Merwin stated that we currently have 85 students enrolled in our Engineering Program even though our initial enrollment projection was 25 students. He thanked Dr. Pegnetter and Dr. Blanchard for responding to this need.

President Merwin stated that Phase VII of student housing opened and we now have 1837 living in the North Lake Village.

President Merwin reported that we have responded to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools with all the information they requested. He stated that he has every reason to believe that in December of this year, we will be reaffirmed by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.
President Merwin introduced Ms. Jennifer Goen, our new Director of Government Relations. President Merwin also introduced Dr. Nancy Cobb Lippens, the University’s new Director of Music Studies.

President Merwin reported that Dr. Yegidis has been working with the new Dean of the Medical School at the University of South Florida to assist our honors students in getting a head-start on their medical education. He stated he has been working with President Genshaft to offer an accelerated honors program for our science students. Dr. Yegidis provided details regarding this potential relationship with USF.

President Merwin stated that the student athletes at FGCU have an average grade point of 3.2 and there are over 200 full-time students in the program. He reported that we have been interested in two conferences, the Gulf South Conference which is a stretch for us and the Sunshine State Conference which was a better fit for us. President Merwin stated that we have not been successful in our attempts to enter these conferences. He stated we have been told that our program is a victim of its own early success, with some schools uncomfortable with our outstanding facilities, student-athletes, and coaching staff. President Merwin reported that he has asked our Athletics Director, Carl McAloose, to explore adding new sports and also to do a feasibility study on our conference options including exploration of a possible move to NCAA Division I. He stated that we will bring back the findings of this feasibility study to the Board of Trustees at their January 2006 meeting.

President Merwin stated that our consultants are working on our five-year update of FGCU’s campus master plan. One of the key points made is that we could be out of space on our main campus in approximately ten years. He stated that as we plan ahead for future growth needs, we should explore expanding the FGCU centers we are currently operating in Charlotte County, Naples and Cape Coral. President Merwin stated that recently Mr. O.J. Buigas and Greg Stuart representing Private Equity Group, LLC and Stock Development approached us and made an offer regarding 100 acres of land and a substantial gift that would allow us to build our first building in Charlotte County. He stated that it is important to note that private philanthropy will be needed to construct FGCU buildings on off-site locations because all our state construction money is being used to build the main campus. President Merwin introduced Mr. Buigas and Mr. Stuart who made a presentation to the Board regarding their gift offer to FGCU. After this presentation, various Trustees encouraged President Merwin to explore opportunities associated with this proposal, as well as to explore other possible gifts of land to FGCU for our future needs in Southwest Florida. President Merwin stated he would report back to the Board on various options. We will add a new component to our existing Strategic Plan to outline a specific approach to our off-campus satellite centers.
7. Consent Agenda- Chair Scott Lutgert

Chairman Lutgert stated the only consent agenda item is the Minutes of the June 21, 2005 Meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Morton to approve the Minutes. Motion was seconded by Trustee Whitcomb. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Chairman Lutgert called on Committee Chair Hart who called the Academic/Student/Faculty Affairs Committee meeting to order. Committee Chair Hart introduced Provost Yegidis who outlined the following action item:

- Action Item – Academic Learning Compacts (Appendix A)

A motion was made by Trustee Whitcomb to approve the Academic Learning Compacts. Motion was seconded by Chairman Lutgert. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Lutgert announced a ten minute break at 9:55 a.m. and the meeting reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

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

Chairman Lutgert called on Committee Chair Lucas who asked Dr. Shepard to present the information items as follows:

- Campus Master Plan Presentation – Mr. Steve Gift, Hanbury, Evans, Wright, Vlattas – Mr. Gift answered Trustees’ questions after the presentation.
- In-state Tuition Waivers (Appendix B) – Dr. Shepard updated Board members regarding In-state Tuition Waivers.
- Finance/Budget Update – Dr. Shepard outlined the budget targets for Board members (Appendix D) It was decided that a special update would be provided to Board members regarding the University Financing Corporation in the coming months.
• Florida Board of Governors Regulation Development Procedure for State University Boards of Trustees (Appendix E) – Ms. Morris presented information related to the Regulation Development Procedure for State University Boards of Trustees

Action Items:

• Authorization to President or Designee regarding University Regulation Development (Appendix F) – A motion was made to approve the authorization to President or Designee by Trustee Morton. Motion was seconded by Trustee Starkey. Motion carried unanimously.

• Tuition and Fee Regulations (Appendix G) – Dr. Shepard presented the Tuition and Fee information. Motion was made by Trustee Starkey. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hart. Motion carried with one dissenting vote by Trustee Andrade.

• Educational Plant Survey (Appendix H) - Dr. Shepard reviewed the plant survey information for approval. Motion was made by Chairman Lutgert to approve both the 2002 and the 2005 surveys. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hart. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Old Business – Chair Scott Lutgert

    There was no old business to come before the Board.

11. New Business – Chair Scott Lutgert

    There was no new business to come before the Board.

12. Chair’s Closing Remarks & Adjourn Meeting - Chair Scott Lutgert

    Chairman Lutgert stated that the next Board meeting would be January 17, 2006. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.
Appendix:

A. Academic Learning Compacts
B. In-state Tuition Waivers
C. 2004-05 End-of-Year Budge Report
D. Finance/Budget Update
E. Florida Board of Governors Regulation Development Procedure
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