Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees  
September 12, 2006

SUBJECT: Minutes of June 20, 2006 Meeting

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve minutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees met on June 20, 2006. Minutes of the meeting were kept, as required by Florida law.

Supporting Documentation Included: Minutes of June 20, 2006 Meeting

Prepared by: Executive Assistant to the President Barbara Krell

Legal Review: General Counsel Wendy Morris (August 21, 2006)

Submitted by: President Bill Merwin
Vice Chairman Morton convened the meeting of the University Board of Trustees in the Student Union Ballroom at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2006 with the following members present:

Sharon Irish Bevins
Brian Cobb (via conference call)
Kirt Gallatin
Lindsay Harrington
Larry Hart
Bernie Lester
David Lucas
Scott Lutgert (via conference call)
James Malone (via conference call)
Edward Morton
Jerry Starkey
Jaynie Whitcomb

Members of Staff Present:
William Merwin
Susan Evans
Steve Magiera
Wendy Morris
Joseph Shepard
Bonnie Yegidis
Barbara Krell
Kathy Bottoms
Guests: Joseph Catti, Chair, Foundation Board of Directors
Dr. Ken Millar
Ms. Cheryl Seals-Gonzalez

1. Call to Order – Vice Chair Edward Morton

Vice Chair Morton chaired the meeting due to the fact that Chair Lutgert was attending via conference call. He took a voice roll call from those attending via conference call. Vice Chair Morton welcomed Trustee Kirt Gallatin, the new Student Government President. Trustee Gallatin stated he is looking forward to working with the members of the Board of Trustees. Vice Chair Morton asked President Merwin to introduce the next four agenda presenters.
2. Remarks from FGCU Staff Advisory Council – President Robert Harris

President Merwin introduced Chief Harris who gave an update on Staff Advisory Committee activities. President Merwin also stated that Chief Harris will be leaving FGCU after ten years of excellent service due his wife’s business relocation to Utah. He especially thanked Chief Harris for his assistance during the hurricane seasons.

3. Remarks from Faculty Senate – President Sharon Irish Bevins

President Merwin introduced Trustee Irish Bevins who gave a brief overview of the Faculty Senate items currently underway.

4. Remarks from FGCU Student Government – President Kirt Gallatin

President Merwin welcomed and introduced Trustee Gallatin who discussed upcoming student activities at FGCU.

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

President Merwin introduced Mr. Catti, who made three record-breaking announcements. First for the 2005-2006 academic year, the Foundation issued $537,000 in academic scholarships. Second, we had a record year in fundraising with over $31 million being raised. Lastly, in December of 2003, we had a Capital Campaign Goal of $125 million and then a year later, December of 2004 that goal was increased to $200 million. Mr. Catti was pleased to announce that we have exceeded the $200 million Capital Campaign Goal. Mr. Catti thanked President Merwin and the Advancement Office led by Mr. Magiera for this great success. Mr. Catti announced the fundraising goal for 2006-2007 as $30 million.

6. President’s Report – President Bill Merwin

President Merwin introduced the new Dean of the College of Professional Studies, Dr. Ken Millar. President Merwin introduced Ms. Cheryl Seals-Gonzalez, our new Director of Institutional Equity & Compliance. He announced that Dr. Mike Rollo has been appointed as our first Vice President for Student Affairs.

President Merwin thanked Board members for their attendance at the recent Commencement ceremony.

President Merwin reported that Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Barbara Pariente was a guest on campus recently as part of a Community Justice Forum to talk about FGCU’s restorative justice program.
President Merwin reported he attended the first meeting of the Presidents’ Council for the Atlantic Sun Conference in Orlando, and FGCU was warmly welcomed by the Conference group. President Merwin stated we have hired outstanding head coaches for the three new sports - women’s soccer, men’s soccer and women’s swimming. He reported that we have moved ahead with our application for NCAA Division I.

President Merwin stated that a few months ago a gift proposal by developers O.J. Buigas of Private Equity Group and Brian Stock of Stock Development included an offer of 150 acres of land, $5 million and a transfer of fees for every unit that was sold in the development in perpetuity. President Merwin stated the University has had discussions with other potential land donors in Charlotte County and he feels we have the responsibility to accept the best gift offers that meet our needs for land and significant private funding as well as the one that has the best chance of receiving permitting approvals. Because of this, the University has decided to go to a Request for Proposal process in Charlotte County. President Merwin reported that with the approval of the Board of Trustees, he would establish a Site Advisory Selection Committee to assist in this process and he would make this selection with the approval of the Board of Trustees. A motion was made by Chair Lutgert to approve the opening up of the process for Charlotte County as outlined by President Merwin. Motion was seconded by Trustee Malone. Motion carried unanimously.

President Merwin reported that the University hosted a Chinese Delegation from Yantai University last week. He explained that the visit included a signing of a Sister City Partnership designed to benefit students, businesses and cultural organizations of Southwest Florida and China’s Shandong Province.

7. Consent Agenda – Vice Chair Morton asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda – Minutes of Meeting of April 18, 2006. A motion was made by Trustee Harrington to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lucas. Trustee Irish Bevins made one correction on page 5 of the April 18th minutes to indicate she voted no regarding changes in the parking and traffic regulations. Motion carried after the changes were accepted by the motion makers.

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

Trustee Hart introduced Provost Yegidis who presented the following action items:

- New Degree Program: Bachelor of Science (B.S) in Long Term Care Administration (Addendum A) – Motion was made to approve the Bachelor of Science in Long Term Care
Administration by Trustee Lucas. Motion was seconded by Trustee Whitcomb. Motion carried unanimously.

- New Degree Program: Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Biology (Addendum B) – A motion was made to approve the New Degree Program: Bachelor of Science in Biology by Trustee Lucas. Motion was seconded by Trustee Whitcomb. Motion carried unanimously.
- Provost Yegidis presented the list of Faculty Promotions. (Addendum C) Motion was made by Trustee Lester to approve the Faculty Promotions. Motion was seconded by Trustee Malone. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Committee Chair Lucas introduced Dr. Shepard to provide the following agenda items: Information Only:

- 2006 Legislative Session Overview (Addendum D) – Director of Government Relations
- Finance/Budget Update (Addendum E) - Dr. Shepard

Dr. Shepard presented the following action items:

- 2006-07 Tuition and Fees Regulations (Addendum F) – A motion was made by Trustee Whitcomb to approve the 2006-07 Tuition and Fees Regulations. Motion was seconded by Trustee Harrington. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2006-07 Operating Budget (Addendum G) – A motion was made by Trustee Malone to approve the 2006-07 Operating Budget. Motion was seconded by Trustee Starkey. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2007-08 Fixed Capital Outlay Budget Request (Addendum H) – Motion was made by Chair Lutgert to approve the 2007-08 Fixed Capital Outlay Budget Request. Motion was seconded by Trustee Whitcomb. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2007-08 Legislative Budget Request (LBR) (Addendum I) – Motion was made by Trustee Hart to approve the 2007-08 Legislative Budget Request. Motion was seconded by Trustee Whitcomb. Motion carried unanimously.
- Financing and Construction of Phase VIII Student Housing (Addendum J) – Curtis Bullock, Executive Director, FGCU Financing Corporation – Motion was made by Trustee Harrington to approve the Financing and Construction of Phase VIII Student Housing. Motion was seconded by Trustee Whitcomb. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2006-07 Equity Accountability Program (Addendum K) – Director of Institutional Equity and Compliance Cheryl Seals-Gonzalez – Motion was
made by Trustee Starkey to approve the 2006-07 Equity Accountability Program. Motion was seconded by Trustee Malone. Motion carried unanimously.

• FGCU Board of Trustees Bylaws (Addendum L)– General Counsel Wendy Morris - Motion was made by Chair Lutgert to approve the FGCU Board of Trustees Bylaws. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hart. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a break in the meeting from 10:05 a.m. until 10:20 a.m.

• FGCU President’s Annual Performance Evaluation for 2005-06 (Addendum M) – Committee Chair David Lucas -

Vice Chair Morton stated that the annual evaluation of the University president is one of the most important statutory responsibilities this Board holds. He stated that he is pleased that the Board has had a very comprehensive and timely evaluation process since its inception in 2001. Vice Chair Morton then called upon President Merwin to make comments regarding his annual self-evaluation that is part of the agenda.

President Merwin stated that as Florida Gulf Coast University winds down its ninth year of existence we look forward to completing a successful decade of our institution. We can say that we are the fastest growing University in the United States and one of the things we must be careful of while we are growing is to make sure the students are well-cared for and that they are well-educated. He stated his remarks will center on the theme of growth and quality. President Merwin indicated that in Tab #14 (Addendum M), the Performance Evaluation with all the numbers that coincide with our strategic planning process. He stated that his staff calls this the “President’s Report Card” and this is really the beginning of the process for evaluating his staff, vice presidents, deans and directors and impacts the entire University. President Merwin stated that this bubbles up in the form of annual reports and a continuous improvement cycle. He said that this report is the first of these reviews which report the success for the entire year. President Merwin stated that as CEO he can report that this is a very healthy institution.

President Merwin stated that the State Legislature has been very supportive in helping us receive new funding. He also said that the new program additions are the direct result of this Board’s support. President Merwin reviewed the new buildings added to the campus and stated we have been able to keep up with the new growth with buildings and with faculty additions which have brought us to over 300 faculty members. He stated that faculty and staff together number close to 800.
President Merwin credited Mr. McAloose, the athletic coaches and student athletes for a fine job. He stated that athletics and our move toward Division I have assisted with a considerable amount of our growth.

President Merwin stated that this community has supported Florida Gulf Coast University and our Foundation Board led by Mr. Catti, Mr. Magiera and his staff have raised over $30 million just this year alone. In addition, the completion of the Capital Campaign went over $200 million and this is his opportunity to say that for an institution that is nine years old with 5,000 alumni, raising $200 million in a seven year period is nothing short of phenomenal. President Merwin stated that in addition to the growth, he believes the quality is here and when we measure ourselves against the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools standards, we stack up very well. President Merwin reported that we were unanimously endorsed by that body last December. President Merwin reported that the University Lecture Series was started and thanked Ms. Lien Bragg, Assistant to the Provost, for her work on that project. He wished Ms. Bragg well in her new career endeavor.

President Merwin stated that diversity is an element of quality in an institution and there is strength in diversity. He believes the effort outlined by Dr. McKinney is evidence of the University’s commitment to diversity. President Merwin stated we graduated almost 1200 students last year which helps to measure our qualitative success. President Merwin reported that Dr. Tom Roberts and the academic staff gained a record number of research grants last year which brings money into the institution to fund academic projects. President Merwin stated that he wanted the Board of Trustees to know that this is a healthy institution and we have grown quantitatively at a rapid rate but he believes that we are keeping up qualitatively with that growth as well.

Vice Chair Morton asked for comments from Trustees who are attending via conference call. Chair Lutgert stated that all of Southwest Florida is fortunate to have Bill Merwin as our President. He stated that President Merwin is great to work with and he has tireless energy and always has time for him as Chair. He stated that he is happy President Merwin is willing to stay for a while.

Trustee Cobb stated that he believes a university president’s job is one of the toughest jobs there is and President Merwin has grown this institution so quickly and so perfectly that he feels President Merwin has done an exemplary job.

Trustee Malone stated that as a newcomer he feels it is a privilege to be part of an organization that has the broad base support of all our
communities. He stated that all of us are fortunate to be in President Merwin’s company.

Vice Chair Morton reviewed where we were ten years ago when there was a vision for what this University would become and many people have worked very hard to make that vision a reality. He recalled speaking with President Merwin in early 2000 regarding the maturation of this University and President Merwin told him that a university only comes alive when everyone believes in that vision including the students and the entire community. He stated that there is a quote “The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit.” Vice Chair Morton stated President Merwin has shown extraordinary leadership in order to bring the entire community together with one vision and he feels we are all very blessed to have President Merwin be able to coordinate all those groups into one single voice.

Trustee Lester stated that throughout the community there is something very good going on and Trustee Lester believes it takes somebody like President Merwin to create and maintain what has been achieved.

Trustee Lucas stated that it takes constant leadership and vision to reinvent yourself and President Merwin has done an excellent job of this. Trustee Lucas stated that what he appreciates the most is that President Merwin is willing to hold himself accountable which is rare and refreshing in academia.

Trustee Hart stated that President Merwin has been able to work to make sure we provide a quality education to our students. He stated that the President is approachable, willing to listen, and actively involved in the community.

Trustee Harrington stated that it is an honor for him to be here this morning and praise Bill Merwin for his many accomplishments. He said there will even be greater things in the future that President Merwin will do for this University and he thanked President Merwin for all that he has done.

Trustee Whitcomb stated that when she looks back at the time when our University was considered a commuter school and now with all that has been accomplished, she congratulated President Merwin for those accomplishments. She recognized the President’s ability to recruit and keep good staff. She stated that this has been a very tough year for fundraising and she particularly congratulated President Merwin on his success.
Trustee Starkey thanked President Merwin for his leadership and for making it such a great experience for the Trustees to be on this Board. He stated the University has grown so much and one of the most rewarding things about being on the Board is that we hear so many in the community speak so highly of President Merwin and the University.

Trustee Irish Bevins thanked President Merwin for his excellent relationship with faculty and faculty leadership. The faculty would like to thank President Merwin for the collegial relationship.

Trustee Gallatin thanked President Merwin on behalf of the students for all he has done in building the University.

Chief Harris thanked President Merwin on behalf of the Staff Advisory Council for his recognition of the individuals “behind the scenes” at the University. He thanked President Merwin for listening to what staff has to say.

- President Merwin presented a Powerpoint on the FGCU President’s Performance Measures for 2006-07 (Addendum N) A motion was made by Trustee Starkey to approve the FGCU President’s Performance Measures for 2006-07. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lester. Motion carried unanimously.

- Trustee Lucas introduced Dr. Shepard who outlined the President’s Employment Agreement (Addendum O). Mr. Catti stated that there was unanimous support last week by the Foundation Board for the President’s Contract. Mr. Catti thanked President Merwin for all he does for the University and the Foundation. Motion was made by Trustee Starkey to approve the President’s Employment Agreement. Motion was seconded by Trustee Morton. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Old Business – There was no old business to come before the Board

11. New Business – There was no new business to come before the Board.

12. Chair’s Closing Remarks & Adjourn Meeting - Vice Chair Morton thanked President Merwin and his entire team for what they have done for Florida Gulf Coast University. Meeting was adjoined at 11:05 a.m.