SUBJECT: Minutes of September 12, 2006 Meeting

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve minutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees met on September 12, 2006. Minutes of the meeting were kept, as required by Florida law.

Supporting Documentation Included: Minutes of September 12, 2006 Meeting

Prepared by: Executive Assistant to the President Barbara Krell

Legal Review: General Counsel Wendy Morris (December 18, 2006)

Submitted by: President Bill Merwin
Chairman Scott Lutgert convened the meeting of the University Board of Trustees in the Student Union Ballroom at 8:35 a.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2006 with the following members present:

- Sharon Irish Bevins
- Brian Cobb (Via conference call)
- Kirt Gallatin
- Larry Hart
- Lindsay Harrington
- Bernie Lester
- David Lucas
- Scott Lutgert
- James Malone
- Ed Morton
- Jaynie Whitcomb

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

Guests: Joseph Catti, Chair, Foundation Board of Directors
        Steve Gift - Hanbury Evans Wright Flattas & Co.

1. Call to Order – Chair Scott Lutgert

   Chairman Lutgert congratulated everyone on the work that has been done so far this year. He asked President Merwin to introduce each of the standing reports.

2. Remarks from FGCU Student Government – President Kirt Gallatin
President Merwin introduced Trustee Gallatin who updated Trustees regarding student activities.

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

President Merwin introduced Trustee Irish Bevins who reported on faculty activities thus far.

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

President Merwin introduced Mr. Laviolette who provided an update regarding Staff Advisory activities over the past few months.

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

President Merwin introduced Mr. Catti who reported on Foundation Board achievements. President Merwin thanked Mr. Catti for the incredible $218 million campaign success.

6. President’s Report – President Bill Merwin

President Merwin introduced Dr. Rollo, the University’s first Vice President for Student Affairs. He stated that since July 1st, Dr. Rollo has hit the ground running and has organized the Division of Student Affairs into six major departments—Office of the Dean of Students, Student Development Services, First Year Advising, Housing and Residence Life, Campus Recreation, and Career Development Services. Dr. Rollo greeted Trustees and highlighted plans for Student Affairs at FGCU.

President Merwin reported that the University’s health is outstanding. He stated that this year there is more, more and lots more—more students, more buildings, more faculty and staff, and more parking spaces. President Merwin reported that we are just under 8200 students and we are on target with 5200 FTE, which is what we had projected. We have added more buildings and now have fifty-eight buildings. President Merwin stated that over the last few years we have tripled the academic programs and he thanked the Board of Trustees for that progress. He stated that the Board of Trustees has approved approximately thirty-five new degree programs in the last five-years.

President Merwin reported that the Athletics Program continues to soar. We are pursuing Division I and he attended the first Council of Presidents at the Atlantic Sun Conference. We hired three new coaches who are recruiting students in swimming and men’s and women’s soccer.
President Merwin reported that we have hired sixty-seven new faculty members this year and now have fifteen hundred total employees.

President Merwin stated we have engaged with Trustee Lucas, Mr. Catti and others to discuss affordable housing and are moving along with that issue. Trustee Lucas has made a personal donation towards this problem.

President Merwin stated that the Board, at their last meeting, approved a Program for Long-Term Care Administration. He reported that several Board members began to talk with him after that meeting about long term care, positive aging, and geriatric therapy and felt that FGCU should focus on these in addition to other programs.

President Merwin reported that in the year 2000 the faculty-student ratio was fifteen to one. Today that number is seventeen-to-one. President Merwin stated that this is remarkable because many private universities have ratios of seventeen-to-one. He said that the way we have done that is that we have added more faculty as we have added more students. President Merwin stated our productivity is up and cost-per-student credit hour has gone down considerably during that period of time. Our room and laboratory utilization numbers are up.

President Merwin reported that for the last two months we have had a Selection Advisory Committee in place for Charlotte County. The Committee has an interest in having Florida Gulf Coast University provide a Satellite Center in Charlotte County. He stated that by the end of this month, the Committee should be ready to make a recommendation to President Merwin on the disposition of the Charlotte County Satellite Center. President Merwin stated that the Board of Governors had asked for a clarification of our activities in Charlotte County, and he will be speaking to the Board of Governors in November on this topic. President Merwin stated that we will be able to make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees prior to that time regarding this Satellite Center. He stated that we will most likely hold a Board meeting via conference call sometime in October to address this issue.

President Merwin announced that this year’s distinguished lecturer will be former Secretary of State, Colin Powell.

7. Consent Agenda – Chair Scott Lutgert

Chairman Lutgert asked for a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- Minutes of June 20, 2006 BOT Meeting
• Resolution of Appreciation for Trustee Andres Andrade
• Resolution for Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees’ Performance Evaluation of President Bill Merwin 2005-2006

Motion was made by Trustee Malone to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by Trustee Cobb. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Presentation of Resolution of Appreciation to Trustee Andrade – Chair Scott Lutgert

Chairman Lutgert and President Merwin presented a Resolution of Appreciation to Trustee Andres Andrade. Ms. Evans read the resolution into the record.

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

Chairman Hart introduced Provost Yegidis to present the following action item:
• 2006-2007 Supplement to the 2004-2007 Collective Bargaining Agreement (Addendum A). A motion was made by Trustee Whitcomb to approve the 2006-2007 Supplement to the 2004-2007 Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion was seconded by Chair Lutgert. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hart introduced Vice President Rollo to present the following action item:
• FGCU Student Government Constitution (Addendum B) – Vice President Rollo outlined the minor changes proposed to the FGCU Student Government Constitution. Motion was made by Trustee Lester to approve the minor changes to the Constitution. Motion was seconded by Trustee Whitcomb. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Chairman Lucas introduced Dr. Shepard to provide the following three information items:
• End-Of-Year Budget Report for 2005-2006 (Addendum C)
• Finance/Budget Update (Addendum D)
• Annual Report on In-State Tuition Waivers (Addendum E)

Dr. Shepard introduced the following action items:
• Campus Master Plan (Addendum F) – Dr. Shepard introduced Mr. Gift of Hanbury Evans Wright Flattas & Company to provide an overview of the Campus Master Plan. Motion was made to approve the Campus Master Plan by Trustee Whitcomb. Motion was seconded by Trustee Cobb. Motion carried unanimously.

• Financing and Construction of Student Union Addition Phase I (Addendum G). A motion was made by Trustee Morton to approve Financing and Construction of Student Union Addition Phase I. Motion was seconded by Trustee Harrington. Motion carried unanimously.

• Debt Management Guidelines (Addendum H) – Motion was made to approve the Debt Management Guidelines by Trustee Hart. Motion was seconded by Trustee Harrington. Motion carried unanimously.

• Investing FGCU Funds with State Board of Administration (Addendum I). Motion was made to approve Investing FGCU Funds with State Board of Administration by Chair Lutgert. Motion was seconded by Trustee Cobb. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Old Business – Chair Scott Lutgert

    There was no old business to come before the Board.

12. New Business – Chair Scott Lutgert

    Chair Lutgert stated there may be a conference call meeting in October. The next regular meeting will be January 26, 2007.

13. Chair’s Closing Remarks & Adjourn Meeting – Chair Scott Lutgert

    Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.
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