Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees
January 15, 2008

SUBJECT: Minutes of November 27, 2007 Conference Call Meeting

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve minutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees met via conference call on November 27, 2007. Minutes of the meeting were kept, as required by Florida law.

Supporting Documentation Included: Minutes of November 27, 2007 Conference Call Meeting

Prepared by: Executive Assistant to the President Barbara Krell

Legal Review: N/A

Submitted by: President Wilson G. Bradshaw
Vice Chair Morton convened the conference call meeting of the Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees with the following members present (roll call):

Brian Cobb  
Lindsay Harrington  
Larry Hart  
Bernie Lester  
David Lucas  
James Malone  
Ed Morton  
Jerry Starkey  
Michael Villalobos  
Jaynie Whitcomb  
Brad Piepenbrink  
Halcyon St. Hill  
Pat Stranahan, Chair, Foundation Board of Directors – Ex-Officio

Members of Staff Present:

President Wilson Bradshaw  
Provost Peg Gray-Vickrey  
Vice President Joe Shepard  
Vice President Steve Magiera  
Chief of Staff Susan Evans  
General Counsel Vee Leonard  
Barbara Krell  
Kathy Bottoms

1. Call to Order, Welcome to President Bradshaw, and Roll Call- Vice Chair Ed Morton  
Vice Chair

Vice Chair Morton called the meeting to order and greeted Trustees and the audience. He introduced FGCU’s new President Wilson Bradshaw and asked President Bradshaw to provide comments.
1. Opening Comments – President Wilson Bradshaw

President Bradshaw reported that things are going very well and he has had an opportunity to meet many people within the University and the community at-large. President Bradshaw reported that he was presented with the key to the City of Naples last week. President Bradshaw stated that he and Jo Anna have received a very warm welcome from the community and they are excited to be here. He stated he was also able to attend two classes on campus to include the Learning Academy. President Bradshaw stated he was struck by the answer to the question he posed to students: How many from that class chose FGCU as their first choice? He reported that nearly two-thirds of that class chose FGCU and he believes that percentage says something about the stature of this institution. President Bradshaw thanked the Trustees for the opportunity to speak today.

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

Vice Chair Morton introduced Committee Chair Lucas to give a report regarding tuition regulations. Trustee Lucas introduced Dr. Shepard to present the Committee report.

Action Item:

- Spring Tuition and Fee Regulations – Vice President for Administrative Services & Finance – Dr. Shepard reported there is one item before the Board for action and that is the spring 2008 Tuition and Fee Regulation as required by law we are recommending a five percent (5%) increase to be adopted in terms of our rules and regulations. Dr. Shepard stated this particular five percent (5%) increase was approved and passed by the Board of Governors at their September 27th meeting. He stated that subsequent to that, on October 26th, the Governor signed a legislative special session action of the five percent (5%) increase. Dr. Shepard reported this action would take the in-state matriculation fee from $73.71 to $77.39, a $3.68 increase for an average full-time student, which would amount to a $44.16 increase per semester. Dr. Shepard noted that the five percent (5%) is on the in-state undergraduate only. He stated if you were to take a calculation of the out-of-state graduate, you would see it did go up by $3.68, but because tuition and fee regulations had incorporated both the in-state matriculation and the out-of-state matriculation, it comes out to a lesser percent. Dr. Shepard noted that in the summer meeting of the Board of Trustees, we did approve, separately, an out-of-state five percent (5%) increase for the undergraduate non-residents tuition. Dr. Shepard stated the action today is a tuition and fee increase of five percent (5%) and that will generate approximately $300,000 per semester for the spring
term. He stated, per the President’s directive, that anyone who is considered our neediest as defined by those who are Pell recipients—we will provide those students with a grant equivalent to the five percent (5%) so that the net effect to our neediest Pell recipient students would be that they are held harmless. Dr. Shepard stated we will also set aside an additional approximate $20,000 for those need-based students who may not be Pell eligible based on the estimated family contribution formula at the time that was calculated. Dr. Shepard asked for questions from Trustees regarding this matter. Trustee Whitcomb asked when the last time the University raised tuition was. Dr. Shepard stated the in-state fees were raised by legislative mandate approximately two years ago.

Vice Chair Morton asked if there were any comments from the public and there were no public comments. Trustee Lucas called for a motion to approve the tuition increase. Motion was made by Trustee Harrington to approve the tuition increase. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hart. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Chair’s Closing Remarks & Adjourn Meeting – Vice Chair Ed Morton

Vice Chair Morton wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season. He stated the next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2008. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.