I. Call to Order and Comments

Trustee Arnold called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Provost Wilcox welcomed new ACE Workgroup faculty liaisons Michael Barber, Paul Dosal, Pritish Mukherjee, Barbara Cruz and Catherine Batsche.

II. New Business – Action Items

a. Florida Institute of Oceanography: Academic Infrastructure and Support Organization

Provost Ralph Wilcox presented the item and noted that the proposal is consistent with Board of Governors regulation 10.014 which establishes that all existing and proposed state-wide centers in universities must be approved as academic infrastructure support organizations by host Boards of Trustees before the proposals are forwarded to the Board of Governors and the Council of Academic Vice Presidents for further consideration. There are two other existing state-wide centers that are moving through the process and both are hosted by the University of Florida. Those centers are the University Press of Florida and the Florida Center for Library Automation. The third existing state-wide center/institute is the Florida Institute of Oceanography that is housed at USF in and adjacent to the College of Marine Sciences. He noted that the proposal being considered is for the continuation of the Florida Institute of Oceanography (FIO) as an academic infrastructure support organization (AISO). USF would like to move the recommendation forward to the Full Board of Trustees to enable consideration as part of the Board of Governors state-wide approval process scheduled in late August or September. Trustee Engle asked what the advantages are to USF. Provost Wilcox shared that state-wide institutes and centers are intended to meet the educational and research needs of all member institutions in the State University System. FIO provides support for marine research and coastal oceanographic research in the SUS universities, private institutions and marine research institutes. The concern is with the ocean whether it is related to fisheries activities, cleanliness of beaches, water, climate change matters, prospect of oil and gas drilling in the Gulf and in general the preservation of our environment which is a state-wide issue. USF receives a flow through budget from the

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July 16, 2009 1:00 – 1:30 pm
Conference Call

Workgroup Members Present: Lee Arnold, Trustee and Chair; Gene Engle, Trustee; Robert Soran, Vice Chair and Trustee; Juan Soltero, Student Government President and Trustee; Jennifer Capeheart-Meningall, Vice President, Student Affairs; Ralph Wilcox, University Provost and Senior Vice President; Kathleen Moore, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and USF ECampus, Staff Liaison to ACE; Michael Barber, Distinguished Professor and Associate Dean, Medicine; Paul Dosal, Professor, Department of History; Pritish Mukherjee, Professor and Chair, Physics Department.
Legislature for FIO. The Institute is appropriately located at USF, which has the most vibrant and productive College of Marine Science in the State University System. With the resources of FIO hosted on our campus we have a significant advantage in supporting our educational and research initiatives. Those resources include the Weatherbird II and other smaller research vessels. Dr. Barber asked if the FIO faculty are USF faculty. Provost Wilcox and Dean Hogarth clarified the faculty appointments and noted that they are tenured USF faculty. A brief overview of the organization was provided. A motion to approve was made and seconded. Approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM.