Call to Order:

Trustee Arnold opened the meeting at 2:05 p.m. He welcomed Trustee Beard and Trustee Tomasino. Workgroup members introduced themselves.
**Provost’s Report**

Provost Khator introduced Dr. Charles Hight, Dean, School of Architecture. She noted that there are three dean searches currently underway and she provided an overview of their status. The searches are College of Business Administration, Graduate School and International Affairs. Dr. Khator noted that Academic Affairs had been reorganized. The Enrollment Planning and Management units were transferred from Student Affairs. In the new organization, Mr. Bob Spatig oversees Student Recruitment and Admissions and Dr. Glen Besterfield oversees Student Learning and Success. Dr. Khator announced that the Academic Affairs Council has met twice. An overview of the membership and activities of the Council, which coordinates academic issues across the USF System, was provided. Dr. Khator noted that the Quality Enhancement Plan and its two components - Undergraduate Research and General Education Improvement - are progressing steadily. An update on the Academic Learning Compacts was also provided. Dr. Khator announced that a feasibility study for the Capital Campaign will be distributed in the near future.

**Faculty Senate Report**

Trustee Greenbaum noted that the Faculty Senate met on Sept. 21 and their next meeting will be on Oct. 19. Vice President Klasko attended the September meeting and provided a presentation on his vision for the future of medical education at USF. The emerging USF System document was also discussed. The Senate plans to invite to USF the president of the Faculty Senate from the University of Houston, the institution that has been presented as a model for USF. The University of Houston has a very elaborate faculty handbook that details relations among branches of their system. Trustee Greenbaum noted that shared governance will be reviewed by the Senate this year. An extensive study of departmental governance at USF has been completed. It was felt that departments vary in terms of faculty participation in decision-making and a large number of departments have no written guidelines, a condition the Senate believes should be rectified. At the next Senate meeting an extensive discussion of the committee report and the SEC recommendation that all departments adopt written guidelines by a date certain will be discussed. The Senate will recommend that a formal university-wide process involving both faculty and administration to develop implementation procedures be established. UF has been through a similar process in the past 2 years and their experiences and approach offer a good model for USF to examine. Trustee Greenbaum noted that it was felt that many faculty perceive a need for a constitution for USF that formalizes governance practices and procedures. Academic freedom is another issue the Senate is discussing. Early in the semester the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) requested that all universities supply extensive information relevant to student and faculty rights to academic freedom. The Faculty Senate believes that this request appears to be related to plans to reintroduce legislation that would effectively curtail academic freedom by encouraging students to sue faculty members and universities where they feel uncomfortable about material presented to them in class. Similar bills have been filed in other states, usually without success.
There are also plans to introduce federal legislation with this language. Trustee Greenbaum noted that she feels that there is strong sentiment among the faculty and among many students that this measure is intrusive, potentially disruptive, and a threat to the integrity of university education. Dr. Greenbaum noted that the events following the USF vs. Louisville football game are of concern and reflected poorly on the University. Trustee Arnold asked if security was an ACE Workgroup issue. Trustee Victor noted that a press release is being distributed to the student population addressing appropriate behavior at games and advising that rushing the field is prohibited. Ms. Sparks-McGlinchy advised that Athletics has met with Raymond James Stadium authorities regarding this issue and the issue of security. Dr. Meningall advised that while there is a safety issue there is also a concern that students be allowed to celebrate victories and the issue is finding a balance between the two. Liability for injury of persons during an event at Raymond James was discussed. Dr. Stephens felt that there was a concern the students wanted to take down the goal posts. Trustee Arnold asked if there was any action needed by the ACE Workgroup. Trustee Victor advised that Athletics, the Tampa Police Department who are responsible for security at Raymond James, and Raymond James security and management are reviewing the tape showing the taser incident to see if there was any improper action. Raymond James and law enforcement agreed to investigate any formal complaints and take appropriate action. They also assured the University that the safety and protection of those in attendance is of utmost importance. A press release advising the proper way to celebrate will be distributed. Trustee Victor advised that Athletics could be fined because the incident was against NCAA regulations. Student Government is unhappy with the treatment of the students and the issue is being addressed. Dr. Meningall said they are looking at alternate ways to celebrate victories and find a balance between security and celebration. One way would be to have the players circle around to the student section to give students the opportunity to congratulate them. Trustee Arnold noted that the issue is being addressed and appropriately handled.

**Student Affairs Report**

Dr. Meningall noted that during her first 90 days at USF her goals have been to meet with student leaders to determine opinions on the student experience at USF, begin a Strategic Planning process, review financial conditions, review organizational structure, and learn processes and procedures at USF. Her focus is to establish the best approach to move forward and to align Student Affairs with the USF vision of becoming a top 50 research institution. A Student Affairs Council has been established to coordinate Student Affairs issues across the USF system, and an overview was provided. The concerns are how to best organize and how to get all of the work done.

**Student Government Report**

Trustee Victor noted that the Student Government is working with departments on campus to address the issue of free rides for students and others on the HARTline. They are looking at solutions and options and hope to avoid extra fees for transportation. The Student Government is concerned about parking on campus and especially parking in the
Greek Village. Chapter meetings are held there and finding places for members and visitors to park is an issue. They are hoping to find alternate parking so as to avoid visitors receiving parking tickets. A Student Health Taskforce has been established to look at improving services and facilities. The SOS 2006 is scheduled for January 21, 2006. Trustee Victor was pleased to announce that the Library hours have been extended. He noted that he has traveled to Washington DC twice – once to attend the national conference and then again to meet with legislators to discuss HR 609 which deals with the higher education act. Trustee Victor relayed some of the events planned for Homecoming and encouraged faculty, staff and Trustees to participate. The USF vs. Pittsburg game is scheduled to be televised. Another concern for Student Government is the issue of availability of tickets for students for events such as basketball. As the programs continue to grow in popularity the occupancy capacity of the facilities is a concern. It would be sad to turn students away from events. Solutions are being discussed. Trustee Victor noted that the plans for the Marshall Center development are moving forward. Trustee Arnold noted that Trustee Victor and the Student Government have been very active and he commended Trustee Victor for his hard work and excellent administration.

Approval of August 2, 2005 Minutes

The Work Group unanimously approved the August 2, 2005 minutes.

USF Lakeland Campus

USF Lakeland Draft Campus Master Plan

Dr. Greg Paveza presented the item. A PowerPoint was presented and reviewed. Dr. Paveza highlighted the location of the site. The new campus will allow USF Lakeland to offer degrees beginning at freshman level, increase student head count, strengthen interaction with Polk, Highlands and Hardee counties, and foster interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary education, research and scholarship. The conceptual design plan was reviewed. It was noted that Plan B will allow for a stand-alone campus. Phase I was reviewed. The initial building will have 150,000 gross square feet, provide multipurpose educational services for approximately 5,000 students, 150 faculty and 650 cars. Plans for a bookstore, retail stores and support services (auxiliaries) are being negotiated. It is hoped that a new conceptual drawing would be available by Mid November; this will be brought to the various committees and the Workgroup. Dr. Paveza reviewed the Year 2013 development. It is expected that the USF Lakeland Campus will have capacity for 10,000 students, parking for 4,500 cars, 1,000,000 square feet of buildings, and residential facilities for up to 500 students. A timeline from 2005 – 2011 was also reviewed. Dr. Paveza stressed that the process will take time from conceptualization to actual building. He noted that at this time the presentation is for the Workgroup’s information only; no action is requested. Questions regarding building occupancy,
shifting of faculty, and student headcount growth were clarified. Dr. Paveza also clarified that implementation of Plan A or Plan B would depend upon assurances from developers guaranteeing that commercial units would be in place. Trustee Arnold asked if USF was under contract and it was noted we were not at this time. He noted that focus on access would be important.

**Academic Affairs**

**Approval of Doctor of Nursing Practice Program**

Dr. Pat Burns presented the item and noted that the focus would be on a practice doctorate rather than research doctorate. A brief overview was provided. Dr. Burns introduced Dr. Mary Webb, Associate Professor in the College of Nursing. Dr. Webb noted that there is a critical shortage of nurses qualified to teach at the doctoral level. The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) has recommended that the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) be the standard degree for advanced nursing practice by 2014. The DNP is a distinct model of doctoral education that emphasizes the application of research to the clinical setting. The proposed DNP program will be offered as an alternative within the existing doctoral program. The proposed program is initially intended for master’s prepared nurses; within five years the College of Nursing plans to transition all current masters programs into the DNP in accordance with recommendations of AACN. Graduates will be prepared for advanced roles as doctoral prepared nurse practitioners or nursing faculty who can teach in the community college or university setting. The proposed DNP program supports Strategy 2 of USF’s Strategic Plan: To develop nationally distinctive educational programs. Although DNP programs have been in existence since 1979 (Case Western Reserve University) their value has only recently emerged and been recognized. Currently there are no DNP programs in the State of Florida. The College of Nursing will become a leader in nursing education within Florida by providing leadership among the state universities in the development of the DNP degree. A survey of interest and demand for the program was conducted earlier this year with community stakeholders. Over 60% of the respondents were very interested in the offering of a DNP at USF. The College is currently receiving daily inquiries from master’s prepared nurses in the community as well as requests from the Deans of local community colleges. The proposed program has been approved by the University of South Florida Graduate Council and has the full support of the Dean and faculty of the College and the Vice President for Health Sciences. Trustee Arnold asked if the budget impact was neutral. Dr. Burns noted that they will request to charge professional tuition and that while it is not neutral it is not negative. Trustee Tomasino asked if there were enough faculty to implement this program and it was confirmed there were. Dr. Burns noted that there are plans to add faculty in the future and that graduates will be employable in Tampa Bay area. Dr. Moore clarified that the program is an additional degree option within the existing Ph.D and as such does not require Board of Governors’ approval.

A motion to approve was made and seconded. Approved unanimously.
Approval to Hire with Tenure

Provost Khator presented the item and noted that administrators such as Presidents, deans, chairs, and senior faculty, who are recruited to the University of South Florida are normally awarded tenure as a condition of employment. Dr. Khator asked that the Work Group approve the recommendations. Trustee Arnold asked if this item had been through the normal approval processes and Dr. Khator confirmed they had.

A motion to approve was made and seconded. Approved unanimously.

Student Affairs

Authorize Mandatory Student Health Insurance for all Uninsured USF Students

Trustee Arnold confirmed that the item had been tabled until a future meeting. Dr. Meningall noted that additional information is being collected. Trustee Arnold noted that once the item is approved by the ACE Workgroup it will go to the full Board of Trustees as an action item and not be on the consent agenda.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.