University Board of Trustees
Work Group on Academics and Campus Environment
MINUTES
October 5, 2006 – 1:00 PM
USF Sarasota

Workgroup Members Present: Lee Arnold, Jr., Trustee and Chair; Bob Soran, Trustee and Co-Chair; Michael Barber, Trustee and President of the Faculty Senate; Debbie Sembler, Trustee; Jan Smith, Trustee; Jennifer Capeheart-Meningall, Vice President, Student Affairs; Carl Carlucci, Executive Vice President and CFO; Renu Khator, University Provost and Senior Vice President; Kathleen Moore, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Educational Outreach and Principal Staff to the Workgroup; Ron Hanke, Associate Director, Facilities Planning; Elizabeth Kaplon, Executive Assistant to the Vice President, Student Affairs; Barbara Sparks-McGlinchy, Associate Director, Intercollegiate Athletics; John Clarke, Foundation Board Liaison;

Guests: Leellen Brigman, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and Planning; Trudie Frecker, Associate Vice President, Administrative Affairs; Peter French, Patricia Haynie, Associate Vice President; USF Health; Colleen Kennedy, Dean, College of Education; Stephen Klasko, Vice President, Health Sciences Center; Tony Llewellyn, Director, Academic Computing; Manual Lopez, Director, Parking Services; Judith Ponticell, Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs USF Lakeland; Steve Prevaux, General Counsel; Dwayne Smith, Vice Provost and Professor, Provost’s Office; Karen White, Regional Chancellor, USF St. Petersburg; Eric Walden, Treasurer, University Treasury

Call to Order:

Trustee Arnold opened the meeting at 1:10 p.m. He welcomed Mr. John Clarke who joins the Workgroup as the Foundation Board Liaison. A brief introduction was provided.

Provost’s Report

Provost Khator presented the report. She provided an overview of the SUS academic vice presidents’ meeting. Access, affordability, accountability, and global competitiveness are the important issues for the universities. Dr. Khator noted that by 2011 needs for new facilities would exceed funding provided by PECO. She and Dr. Carlucci are meeting to discuss funding possibilities. Dr. Khator provided an update on USF’s Centers of Excellence and World Class Scholar proposals. She also noted that 236 new faculty have been hired for the 2006/07 academic year. There are three searches for deans underway – Library, FMH1 and Engineering. The search for the Dean of Marine Science is in the final stage.
**Faculty Senate Report**

Trustee Barber presented the report. He provided an update on the Faculty Senate’s first meeting for 2006-07 noting issues and topics of interest of the Senate. One interest is the engagement of the Senate with faculty members. Trustee Barber advised that the Senate plans to increase visibility by use of ID Badges, email lists, and updating the Senate’s website. He thanked Provost Khator and her staff for their assistance with these items. Trustee Barber noted that some of the issues the Senate plans to address this year will be the role of the senate and parking.

**Student Affairs Report**

Dr. Meningall presented the report. She provided an overview of the Board of Governors meeting and the presentation by Student Affairs. Removal of the student fee cap and effects on funding was discussed. Dr. Meningall mentioned the report in the news that USF is classified 16th most violent campus in the nation and noted that the report is unsubstantiated, that the FBI does not know about the report, and that Student Affairs will continue to look into the issue. Safety reports indicate that USF is the safest campus in Florida. Trustee Arnold asked if this included all USF campuses and it was confirmed it did. Dr. Meningall noted that new resident halls would open in August 2008 which is the same time as the opening for the new Marshall Center. The projects are scheduled to open on time and within budget. Student Affairs projects need for an additional 1,000 beds to meet the growing student population. Currently resident halls are at 98% capacity. Trustee Arnold asked about the occupancy of the St. Petersburg resident halls and it was noted they have met their projected goal. Dr. Meningall provided an update on the First Generation Grant program. She noted that for the first time Student Affairs has a case statement which will be used to seek external support. Trustee Arnold asked if the external support flowed through the Foundation and it was confirmed it did. Dr. Meningall announced that Student Affairs will host a Family Weekend in conjunction with Homecoming activities.

**Student Government Report**

Dr. Meningall presented the report noting that Trustee Harrison was ill and unable to attend the meeting. Dr. Meningall noted that Student Government had hosted the Florida Student Association and one of the items of discussion was the technology fee. FSA has withheld their vote on the issue pending further investigation. Of concern is the management of the monies generated by the fee. Members of the FSA attended the USF vs. Rutgers football game. Student Government has arranged to have USA Today distributed on campus free of charge. Trustee Soran asked whether resident hall parking needs are part of the overall assessed parking need or if resident students are counted twice—it was confirmed they are not. Trustee Arnold noted that parking needs is an issue of concern and is in the forefront when considering the master plan.
Approval of August 17, 2006 Minutes

The Workgroup unanimously approved the August 17, 2006 minutes.

Academic Affairs

Program Termination: MS in Physical Therapy

Provost Khator noted that Dr. Klasko would present the next two items. Dr. Klasko noted that this change is technical in nature and transitions the entry-level Master’s of Science in Physical Therapy (MSPT) program to the professional Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program. USF led the State University System in this transition, enrolling a charter class in August 2005. Dr. Klasko provided an update on the enrollment data of the DPT program. The transition from master’s to doctoral preparation is consistent with the national trend and recognition that national accreditation will only be awarded to doctoral-level programs in the future. Academic year 2004-05 was the last year students were admitted to the MSPT program; these students graduated August 2006. Faculty who taught in the MSPT program now teach in the DPT program. Accordingly, no student or faculty will be affected by the termination of the MSPT program.

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

New Degree Program: MS in Biotechnology

Dr. Klasko noted that within the umbrella of USF Biotechnology will be two interrelated and complementary Biotechnology degree programs, one administered through USF Health and the other administered through the College of Arts and Sciences. The USF Health program, currently proposed for authorization, will be an MS program with a focus on biomedical applications offered through USF Health and other colleges, in bioscience, bioinformatics, business, ethics, and law, plus electives and an internship. Resources for this program will be from USF Health. The program will begin in the Spring 2007 semester. The CAS program, which is under development, will be a combined BS/MS and standalone MS program focusing on laboratory training of scientists to work in industry and research laboratories. This program is ideal for biotechnology companies looking to grow their workforce. Trustee Barber commented on the benefits of the program noting his support. Trustee Arnold asked about the budget impact. Dr. Haynie noted that existing resources would be utilized and provided a brief overview of funding for the program.

A motion was made to approve and was seconded. Approved unanimously.
Information Items:

Transfer Athletic Training Education Program (ATEP) from College of Education to College of Medicine

Dr. Klasko presented the item. The College of Education, School of Physical Education, Wellness and Sports Studies, offers a baccalaureate degree in the Athletic Training Education Program (ATEP). This program, accredited nationally by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, prepares students for careers as qualified allied health care professionals educated and experienced in the management of health care problems associated with sports participation. Although athletic training programs frequently developed in conjunction with physical education teacher preparation programs, athletic trainers are considered to be allied health professionals who focus on prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of injuries and illnesses for the physically active. With the establishment of the Sports Medicine & Athletic Related Trauma (SMART) Institute @ USF Health, it was felt the ATEP should be transferred from the College of Education, School of Physical Education, Wellness, and Sport Studies, to the College of Medicine, School of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitative Sciences. Dr. Klasko noted the article in the Tampa Tribune (October 5, 2006) entitled “A Coup for USF’s College of Medicine” about the new Orthopedics Department and the addition of Dr. Robert Pedowitz as Chair. Dr. Colleen Kennedy, Dean, College of Education confirmed that the College of Education had brought the program to national status and that the transfer of the ATEP will be enhanced by the expanded clinical opportunities. The transfer of the ATEP from Physical Education to Physical Therapy is effective May, 2007. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed with specific provisions to assure that students and faculty are not adversely affected. Physical Education and Physical Therapy will jointly assume responsibility for recruitment, selection and admission of students who will be entering the ATEP Summer 2007 to facilitate a smooth transition. The intent of the MOU and those who have signed is to assure the continuation of a successful academic program.

Disaster Recovery for Academic Computing

Dr. Tony Llewellyn, Director of Academic Computing, presented the item. He noted that Academic Computing provides services in support of instruction and research which are vital elements in USF’s academic activities. An overview of Blackboard was provided. Dr. Llewellyn explained that there were two types of incident related factors – Campus-wide, such as a hurricane, and a point failure such as a white powder incident (Anthrax). The Northwest Regional Data Center in Tallahassee can act as a back up in either incident. Dr. Llewellyn provided information about how each type of incident could be handled. Trustee Soran asked about what happens with the business systems and it was noted that they are backed up in Tallahassee. Trustee Arnold asked about backup for the research systems and Dr. Llewellyn noted that Academic Computing currently does not have the resources to restore the entire campus on a short term basis but is collaborating with Information Technologies on the issue. Trustee Arnold noted that it might be helpful to identify areas that would need high speed restoration. He suggested that
Information Technologies and Academic Computing collaborate on the issue and present a plan to the Workgroup at a future meeting. Trustee Arnold noted his concerns and the need to plan for recovery.

Trustee Arnold asked if there were any new items for discussion. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.