Highlights for the Reconciliation of the
University’s Operating Budget for 2008-09

• The University’s Operating Budget submitted to the Board of Governors is a request for spending authority and is prepared using the “cash basis” method of accounting. In this process, spending authority is requested for the following sources:
  o E&G (which includes General Revenue, Lottery and Student Tuition)
  o Contracts & Grants
  o Auxiliary Enterprises
  o Student Activity (Student Government)
  o Financial Aid (Federal, State and Local)
  o Concessions
  o Intercollegiate Athletics
  o Faculty Practice (the only Direct Support Organization that is included in this budget)

• The following funding sources are not included in this budget:
  o Capital Projects
  o Other DSOs such as USF Foundation, USF Alumni Association, USF Financing Corp. & Property Corp., USF Health Professions Conferencing Corp., USF Research Foundation, Sun Dome, Inc.

• The University’s Operating Budget and Financial Statements will differ due to:
  o The different accounting methods: The Operating Budget is prepared on a “cash basis” and the University Financial Statements are prepared using the “accrual basis.”
  o The Operating Budget includes the Stafford Loans and inter-company transactions; the Financial Statements exclude those activities.
  o The Operating Budget is prepared and reported based on funding sources, therefore it may include duplication of expenditures.

• Revenues from E&G are projected to decrease due to additional budget cuts. This will result in the University using some of its cash reserves to meet its strategic mission.

• Auxiliary Revenues and expenditures are projected to increase due to:
  o The New Student Center with expanded venues.
  o A Centralized Technology Policy, which directs all computer-related purchases to the on-campus computer store.
  o The implementation of a new distance learning fee.