Call to Order and Chairman’s Comments

Chairman Richard A. Beard, III convened the regular meeting of the University of South Florida Board of Trustees in the Marshall Center Ballroom, Phyllis P. Marshall Center, USF Tampa Campus, Tampa, Florida, at 10:10 a.m.

Chairman Beard discussed how the changed funding formula would be more equitable for USF. We are currently working on four (4) projects for which we are hopeful to get funding: USF/Lakeland Campus Planning Money, the Research Park, the USF/St. Petersburg campus Technology and Science building, as well as Housing, and the VPA Classroom Building. The Chairman discussed President Genshaft’s goal of being in the top 50 research universities in the country in 5 years, and he provided some rankings. Focus is on raising SAT scores and annual giving. Chairman Beard asked the President to call the roll.

Corporate Secretary Genshaft called the roll with the following members present:

Lee Arnold
Richard A. Beard, III
Steve Burton
Margarita R. Cancio
Bijal Chhadva
Anne Wilkins Duncan
Sonja W. Garcia
Susan Greenbaum
Rhea F. Law
John Ramil
Debbie Sembler
Robert Soran

Trustee Kiran Patel was out of the States and unable to dial in.

President’s Report

President Genshaft congratulated Chairman Beard on being inducted into the Tampa Bay Business Hall of Fame. The new Dean for the College of Arts and Sciences is Dr. John Skvortez. Ted Williams is the new Associate Vice President for Diversity & Equal Opportunity and has a joint appointment in the College of Medicine as a Professor of Biochemistry and is the Associate Dean for Diversity in Medicine. Judith Ponticell is the new AVP for Academic Affairs at USF Lakeland. The 50th year celebration committee has been formed, and President Genshaft would like to start off with an economic study on how USF impacts the region and the state.
The SACS process is ongoing, and week of April 11 will be the on-site visit.

The Board Of Governors will hold their meeting at USF in March.

*Women in Leadership and Philanthropy* is a new program. Dr. Juel Smith will be the USF staff representative, and honorary chair is Carol Morsani. The program, which will create an endowment towards the betterment of USF women, has already received pledges of $300,000.

*The Intercampus Academic Relations document*, which is a reflection of shared governance for over two years, has recently passed. It is a guideline document for the operations process for faculty and staff.

Dr. Autar Kaw, who spoke to the Board last meeting, has personally provided *The Creation of the Future: The Role of the American University* to all of the Board members. *Leadership Amid Controversy: Presidential Perspectives*, in which President Genshaft has written a chapter, has been distributed to the Board members.

President Genshaft provided the dates for the various ribbon-cutting ceremonies on campus: The Natural and Environmental Science ribbon-cutting ceremony will be February 28; the Business Administration expansion ceremony will be March 3; the Nanotechnology ceremony will be April 19; and the Research Park ceremony is tentatively scheduled for May 20. There will be a construction site tour for the trustees following the meeting.

**Old Business**

**USF Lakeland – John Ramil**

Using the 2001 school year as their benchmark, USF/Lakeland has increased their spring enrollment by 76 percent. The new primary/master plan is under development. USF Lakeland is expected to hire 10-14 new faculty members for the 2005-2006 school year.

**USF Sarasota/Manatee – Trustee Bob Soran**

Enrollment growth projections for the 2004-2005 school year are at 9.5 percent. Student credit hours will be up 2.6 percent. The master’s program credit hours are up 12.8 percent. The private fundraising initiative for the Crosley Campus is up to 1.6 million dollars among 28 donors. There has been a grant reduction for the Infomatics Program, and they have a scheduled meeting with Congresswoman Katherine Harris next week to try to acquire some funding dollars.

**USF St. Petersburg – Trustee Ann Duncan**

Negotiations have been completed for the residential housing and parking garage contract for the fall of 2006 at the USF/St. Petersburg campus, and there will be a March 30th groundbreaking ceremony. Upon completion, over 350 beds will be available.
Workgroup Reports

Academic and Campus Environment Workgroup – Trustee Lee Arnold

Trustee Arnold informed the Board that student enrollment numbers were up and complaints regarding course availability were down. The undergraduate and graduate catalogs were amended to update information, which include a $200 Admissions deposit; a Student Academic Grievance Procedure; CLAST requirements and use of unauthorized electronic devices in class. The ACE Workgroup granted site approval for the location of the Joint Military Science Leadership Center. The Workgroup also granted conceptual approval of the Athletics Land Use Plan, which will be presented to the Board of Trustees.

Health Sciences Workgroup – Trustee Margarita Cancio

Trustee Cancio congratulated Dr. Patricia Burns, Dean of the College of Nursing, for receiving the “Dean of the Year Award” for 2004 from the Florida Nursing Students’ Association.

The USF Medical School will join a select few medical schools in the “Millennium Conference 2005: Medical Simulation –Theory and Practice.” This conference is sponsored by the AAMC with Harvard University’s Shapiro Institute.

Research and Scholarship – Trustee Rhea Law

Vice Chairperson Law announced that three papers in Science and three papers in Nature were recently published by USF faculty. These are prestigious journals and consequently reinforce the quality of USF research and researchers.

In order to meet our goal of inclusion in the top 50 research universities in five years, we need to increase our grant funding. While we are currently at $290 million in research grants, Vice Chairperson Law announced that USF should reach $377 million by the year 2007-08. Our federal funding goal of approximately $127 million has already been attained. A new initiative by the Research office is currently training faculty to write research grants.

Major funding is from the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. The complex issues involved with biomedical research require multi- and interdisciplinary collaboration.

Faculty Senate – Trustee Susan Greenbaum

The Inter-Campus Academic Relations (ICAR) document, which outlines academic procedures and lines of communication among the branch campuses, has been completed.

The Council on Educational policies and issues has concluded their consultation on consensual relations between faculty and students.
An Ad Hoc Committee (extension of ICAR) has been formed to expand programs that have been developed on the Tampa campus to branch campuses.

Another Ad Hoc Committee has been created on shared governance, from which most of each college faculty is represented.

A University Community Engagement Committee has been organized, whose charge it is to develop procedures to take advantage of urban location and large resources.

A Network of Councils has been organized wherein each college council would be represented to enhance communication shared concerns between faculty and senate.

The Faculty Senate passed a resolution for a disability website design to aid people with visual or physical impairments. Although law already mandates this, its purpose is to bring this resolution to departments that might be developing new websites.

A new General Education Council will coordinate the work of the new general education requirements.

Trustee Greenbaum lauded the new climate of respect and cooperation between the faculty & administration. She credited President Genshaft, Provost Khator, the Faculty Senate, and the United Faculty of Florida, as well as her fellow trustees.

**President, Student Body**

The previous day was Florida Students’ Association Day at the Capitol, where student body presidents met with state legislators. The discussions included tuition increases and Block Tuition. Bright Futures, an issue discussed with Senator Pruitt, will remain; however, Trustee Bijal Chhadva warned against complacency. The renovation of the student union is an important issue with the students, and they appreciate the support of the administration. Trustee Chhadva recommended the Board be aware of the housing competition in the area before increasing housing fees.

Trustee Chhadva mentioned that this is his last Board Of Trustees meeting, as his term ends May 7th. He expressed appreciation to the Board for the opportunity to serve and learn so much in the process.

**New Business**

**Action Items**

**Consent Agenda** – (FL 101 – 103)

**FL 101 – Approval of Minutes – December 2, 2004 and January 13, 2005**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2004 and January 13, 2005 minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.
FL 102 – Authorize revisions to the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs (ACE Workgroup 1/26/05)

FL 103 – Approval of Rule –
Rule 6C4-10.114, College of Medicine Faculty Restrictive Covenants
(HSC Workgroup 1/25/05)

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda. It was seconded, and the motion passed.

Financial/Legal Issues –

FL 104 – Approval of Location of Joint Military Science Leadership Center
(ACE Workgroup 11/101/05 and 1/26/05; CDC 1/11/05)

Colonel Luis Visot addressed the Board concerning the planning for the Joint Military Science Leadership Center facility. This facility will provide education and training to the Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Army ROTC students. An architectural firm has already performed a feasibility study and cost analysis. The Campus Development Committee and the Academic and Campus Environmental Committee have approved the location for such a facility. Colonel Visot thanked the Board members and President Genshaft for their support.

President Genshaft mentioned that there are few universities in the country that have three divisions in their ROTC Programs. At USF, there are 60 students in Navy, 160 in Air Force, and 120 in Army. We are the first ROTC program in the country that is a joint training program for officers and work so closely with MacDill Air Force Base.

Ron Hanke, Director of Facilities Planning, compared two sites, and Site A was determined to be most cost effective, as well as more central to academic areas. Request is for approval at this location, for which funding is available.

A motion to approve the location of the Joint Military Science Leadership Center was made. It was seconded and approved.

FL 105 – Conceptual approval of the Athletic Land use Plan
(ACE Workgroup, 1/26/05; CDC 1/11/05)

Athletic Director Doug Woolard approached the Board for conceptual approval of a land-use proposal and facilities upgrade. This proposal has received the conceptual approval of the ACE Workgroup as well as the Campus Development Committee. He presented slides of competing facilities, and stressed how our outdoor sports facilities must be enhanced to accommodate our membership in the Big East Conference. USF now sponsors 18 Division I athletic programs with over 400 student athletes. The Athletic Department will seek philanthropic funds to provide student athletes the proper facilities, but it needs approval for this land-use request.

Vicki Mitchell, Associate Athletic Director for Development, presented slides of our current athletic district to illustrate why a joint facility recreation district is desired. She explained why property reallocation for athletic expansion is necessary for student athletics on campus.
Lee Roy Selmon, President, Foundation Partnership for Athletics, thanked the Board for their support of Athletics and reiterated the importance of upgrading our athletic facilities.

A motion to accept the conceptual approval of the athletic plan was made by Lee Arnold; the motion was seconded and passed.

**Invited Guest – United Faculty of Florida Representative**

Dr. Roy Weatherford, USF United Faculty of Florida Representative, expressed satisfaction with the relationship between the administration and the UFF. Dr. Weatherford announced that discussions will begin with administration and faculty senate to address the salary of junior faculty.

**University Engagement – Trustee Steve Burton**

Trustee Steve Burton presented a report on the Super Kids Program.

The Super Kids Program is designed to help at-risk schoolchildren in grades K-2 in three Hillsborough County elementary schools. This USF-backed tutoring program, spearheaded by Steve Burton, provides tutoring assistance and meals to financially needy students. Trustee Burton expressed his appreciation to the many faculty, staff, students and trustees who volunteer with this program and/or provide assistance.

Trustee Burton introduced Florida Senate President Designate Ken Pruitt, Tampa Bay Buccaneer Shelton Quarles, Attorney General Charlie Crist, Florida House Speaker Designate Marco Rubio, and Hillsborough County Commissioner Mark Sharpe. They addressed the Board and emphasized the importance of the Super Kids Program, which is the only one of its kind in the nation.

Trustee Burton presented a video depicting the essence of the Super Kids Program.

**Adjournment**

Having no further business, Chairman Beard adjourned the University of South Florida Board of Trustees Meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Richard A. Beard, III
Chairman

Judy L. Genshaft
Corporate Secretary