Chair Law convened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. She explained that there was only one action item on the agenda regarding the approval of the Campus Development Agreement with the City of Tampa for the 2005 Tampa Campus Master Plan Update.

Ron Hanke briefly explained the methodology used to calculate the trip generation, which he noted that the City, County and FDOT all agreed with. Upon approval of the agreement, approximately $5 million of Concurrency Trust Funds will be requested through the Board of Governors (BOG) to pay for off-campus impacts as a result of the 10 year growth plan. USF will receive about $2 million of the payment to make improvements to the shuttle system in order to reduce the impact on roadways; the City of Tampa will receive the remaining $3 million for road improvements. Two roads will be improved as a result: 1) Fletcher Avenue from Bruce B. Downs Blvd to Magnolia Drive; and 2) 46th/Skipper Road from Fletcher to Bruce B. Downs Blvd.

President Genshaft called the roll with the following trustees present:

Lee Arnold
Richard Beard
Margarita Cancio
Rhea Law
Kiran Patel
John Ramil
Jan Smith
Robert Soran
Sherrill Tomasino

Dr. Carl Carlucci explained that the first public hearing with the City would take place the following day (March 22, 2007); the second public hearing will be held on March 29. Upon the signing of the agreement by Chair Law and Mayor Pam Iorio, it would be submitted to the BOG for a 30-day review. The agreement will be placed on the BOG agenda for the May 10 meeting for approval.

Chair Law asked Dr. Carlucci to describe a last minute request made by the City for language to be included in the agreement. Dr. Carlucci explained that the City wanted to include a charge for wastewater capacity that would require USF to pay $217,000 in
impact fees. Because the BOG has a policy that it will not authorize payment of impact fees, and because the statute asserts that state agencies do not have to pay local impact fees, Dr. Carlucci noted that the agreement put forward for approval by the BOT (and subsequently the BOG) does not include the language requested by the City. USF staff members Kathy Betancourt, Ron Hanke and Hank Laavendara continue to work with the City to resolve the issue.

Trustee Arnold moved to give authority to Chair Law to continue negotiations with the City in order to keep the process moving. Chair Law asked for a combined motion to include approval of the agreement. The motion was made by Trustee Arnold and seconded by Trustee Ramil.

Trustee Tomasino asked a question regarding the inclusion of the Research Park in this agreement. Rod Casto explained that the Research Park will fall under a separate DRI. Dr. Carlucci noted that anything on the current master plan is covered by this agreement.

Chair Law called for a vote to pass the combined motion made by Trustee Arnold; the motion passed unanimously.

Having no further action items, Chair Law adjourned the meeting. She explained that the trustees would continue the call to participate in a brief for the upcoming Health Sciences & Research Workgroup meeting.