Chair Rhea Law convened the special conference call at 12:05 p.m. She explained that they needed to approve the GAU/USF Collective Bargaining Agreement and the USF Lakeland Campus Board appointment.

The Chair called on the Corporate Secretary, Dr. Judy Genshaft to call roll with the following trustees present:

Lee Arnold
Michael Barber
Richard Beard
Margarita Cancio
Barclay Harless
Rhea Law
Kiran Patel
John Ramil
Debbie Sembler
Robert Soran
Sherrill Tomasino

FL 101 – Approval of the GAU/USF Collective Bargaining Agreement

The Chair called on Vice Provost Dwayne Smith to present the item. Dr. Smith reviewed the highlights of the agreement. Highlights included made stipends more competitive for masters and doctoral students; increased USF’s contribution to health insurance (competitive with other SUS institutions); clarified terms; raises the minimum salary. Dr. Barber inquired about the minimum salary and how it will affect departments. Dr. Smith explained it affects mostly those departments that pay at the current minimum. Most high quality departments already pay the higher salary in order to stay competitive in their field.

The Chair asked for a motion. Motion was made, seconded and passed (11 yes).

FL 102 – Approval USF Lakeland Campus Board Appointment

The Chair called on President Genshaft to present this item. The President recommended Ron Morrow to fill the vacant position for a 4-year term. He lives in Polk County and is active in the community. The President mentioned that Senator Alexander strongly
endorse the recommendation. The Chair asked for a motion. A motion was made, seconded and passed (11 yes).

The President updated the Board on the budget cut plans and that two USF students were arrested in South Carolina on firearms charges. She could only report what was in the paper since the FBI had only contacted the University Police up to this point.

Having no other business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.