Chair Law convened the meeting for the University of South Florida, Board of Trustees in the Phyllis Marshall Student Center Ballroom, and USF Tampa, FL at 10:00 a.m.

Chair Law welcomed everyone to the new Marshall Student Center. She thanked everyone involved in the construction of the Center including: Dr. Meningall, Guy Conway, Assistant Vice President and Joe Synovec, Director of the Marshall Student Center.

Trustee Morgan stated that the building has become the heart of the campus and thanked everyone that worked on the project.

Chair Law welcomed Dr. Laurence Branch as the new President of the Faculty Senate and a new trustee. Trustee Branch stated that he is glad to be representing the faculty senate and is looking forward to working with everyone.

Chair Law welcomed the new Chair of the Board of Governors, Sheila McDevitt. She thanked Governor McDevitt for joining the meeting.

Chair Law stated that enrollment has increased at all campuses and USF residence halls are full on the Tampa and St. Petersburg campuses. The Byrd Institute is now under USF oversight and Dr. Klasko has been appointed as the CEO. Chair Law thanked Trustee Tomasino and Governor McDevitt for their work on the Byrd Institute Board. Chair Law clarified that the Byrd Institute has a state-wide mission to conduct outstanding research for the early diagnosis prevention and treatment of Alzheimer disease.

Chair Law mentioned that USF was honored to host LTG Martin Dempsey, acting commander for Central Command at the Joint Military Leadership Center. General Dempsey was very impressed with the USF cadets and the Joint Military Leadership Center and would like to see it as a best practice in other locations.

President Genshaft called Roll:

Trustee Arnold
Trustee Branch
Trustee Cancio – Not in attendance
Trustee Engle
Trustee Garcia
Trustee Patel – Not in attendance
Trustee Law
Trustee Morgan
Chair Law turned the podium over to BOG Chair McDevitt to lead a discussion with the trustees. Governor McDevitt opened the discussion by thanking the Board for the opportunity to come and speak. Governor McDevitt was pleased that USF and the Byrd Institute have formed an affiliation which will allow the continuation of the state wide mission. She thanked everyone involved for their hard work.

In addition Governor McDevitt stated that is great to see USF ranked by U.S. News & World Report one of up and coming universities along with University of Central Florida. In addition Governor McDevitt stated that FSU moved in the top 50 public universities.

Since elected Chair of the Board of Governors, Chair McDevitt’s goal is to visit each university and attend their board meetings. In July Chair McDevitt visited UCF and UF. Governor McDevitt stated that the tours and exposure are very important to the Board of Governors, since it allows her to see the innovation and contributions of the universities to the State of Florida. Governor McDevitt will visit FIU, FAU, FMU and FSU in the next few months.

Governor McDevitt’s goal is to assure that the Board of Governors and the Board of Trustees at each university have proper communication and good working relationship. In addition Governor McDevitt stated that she would like the Board of Trustees members to participate in different projects at the BOG level.

Governor McDevitt stated that Chair Law and Trustee Engle attended the Board of Governor’s workshops in Jacksonville which were very successful. The workshops included outside speakers, breakout sessions and working groups. In addition, the Chairs of the Board of Trustees and Governor McDevitt met separately. They were also able to meet with the next Speaker of the House who was very supportive of the issues the university system faces. Chair McDevitt also plans to meet with the next President of the Senate.

Chair McDevitt stated that the purpose of her visit is to discuss and understand the issues and top priorities of the University of South Florida. Chair McDevitt stated that it is very important to work together as a system especially when state resources are limited.

Chair McDevitt thanked Provost Wilcox, the USF Foundation and everyone involved in acquiring the research vessel. Chair McDevitt hopes that Provost Wilcox will obtain letters of support from the universities that will utilize the vessel.
Chair Law thanked Governor McDevitt for identifying the opportunity of acquiring the vessel and opened the floor for comments and questions.

The discussion between Governor McDevitt and the Trustees included the following topics:

- Oversight and creation of paperwork
- USF College of Medicine and creation of new colleges
- Tuition level and control
- The support of Governor’s office to higher education
- State College Taskforce Chaired by Commissioner Eric Smith
- Pilot Project Taskforce compromised of nine Florida Community Colleges
- Authority and role of Board of Trustees at the local level
- Governance Issues including selection of President and compensation levels
- 2 plus 2 program
- Distribution of the limited educational resources particularly for the medical school
- Limitation of research space at USF
- Florida’s brain drain and faculty retention initiatives
- Government contributions to the state university system and developing new initiatives to raise funds

Chair Law thanked Governor McDevitt and stated that the Trustees look forward to working with the Board of Governors.

At the end of the discussion Governor McDevitt reiterated the importance of the discussion and thanked the trustees for their hard work and accomplishments.

**President’s Update**

President Genshaft thanked Governor McDevitt for attending and announced that the next BOG meeting will be held at USF – New Marshall Student Center. President Genshaft invited the trustees to attend the lunch at the BOG meeting, where attendees will celebrate the appointment of Governor McDevitt as Chair of Board of Governors.

President Genshaft reported:

- Undergraduate and freshmen enrollment on the Tampa Campus has stayed level
- USF’s regional campuses undergraduate and freshmen enrollments have increased
- SAT scores have increased from 1108 in 2005 to an average of 1153 in 2008
USF Honors College is the largest college with 472 honors students and an average SAT score of 1353.

- Freshman and sophomore retention rates have increased.
- All residence halls have been filled.
- New African-American student enrollment in graduate programs has increased by 14%.
- Latin American undergraduate student body is close to 14%.
- Master’s and doctoral programs have grown.

President Genshaft stated that USF is making tremendous progress on the quality of the student body, and the current student enrollment will result in greater success and increased graduation rates. President Genshaft attributed the success to the leadership of Provost Wilcox and Student Affairs departments.

USF research funds are at $360 million for 2008, which is $53 million higher than 2007. USF is the number two research university in the state of Florida among public and private universities. President Genshaft thanked Dr. Karen Holbrook, Vice President of Research & Innovation and USF faculty and staff. President Genshaft stated that USF NIH funds have increased while NIH is flat nationwide.

Chair Law reminded everyone that the $360 million does not include the newest award for diabetes.

President Genshaft stated that since the state funding has been reduced and expected to be reduced in the future, USF is exploring other resource ideas to advance its robust agenda and strategic plan.

President Genshaft reported that the administration has identified three signature areas that stand out at USF. These areas include diabetes, autoimmune disorders and neurosciences including the Byrd Institute. At the next BOT Health Sciences and Research workgroup meeting university leadership will present the proposed program to the trustees.

President Genshaft reported that PharmD degree program and Doctor of Public Health program proposal will need to be approved by the Board of Governors at their next meeting.

President Genshaft and Chair Law encouraged everyone to take the tour of the new building.

Chair Law stated that USF Police Chief has won an award for a new police vehicle. This is the second vehicle he has won. The car is worth $60,000. The vehicle will be outside after the meeting for viewing. President Genshaft stated that the Chief has also won a grant which will be used for security of students living in nearby apartments.
New Business – Actions Items

Chair Law asked for a motion to approve FL 101 - June 12, 2008 Minutes. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

Consent Agenda

Chair Law asked Trustee Arnold if there were any comments on the ACE Workgroup items. Trustee Lee Arnold stated that the items have been discussed and approved by the ACE Workgroup and recommends approval by the Board. Trustee Arnold mentioned that USF Sarasota-Manatee strategic plan was very impressive and integrates with the overall USF’s strategic plan.

Chair Law stated that the Finance and Audit workgroup has reviewed all items and recommends approval.

Chair Law asked United Faculty of Florida President, Dr. Sherman Dorm, if he had any comments on the Consent Agenda.

Dr. Dorm welcomed Governor McDevitt. Dr. Dorm referred to a memo sent by President Genshaft to out of unit faculty for different plan items including: raises, bonuses, domestic partner health insurance, stipends program and leave program. Dr. Dorm stated that UFF has fought for a number of years to receive the plans and is delighted to see them in our proposal. Dr. Dorm stated that he hopes the plans will become available to every full time employee.

Dr. Dorm reported that there is continuing bargaining discussion and the next session will be in a few weeks. Dr. Dorm stated that UFF sent bargaining news to the unit in regards to the summer pay proposals and received two comments from faculty. Dr. Dorm read the comments made by a faculty member in the College of Arts and Sciences and in the College of Business.

Dr. Dorm commented on the capital construction priorities and acknowledged the high additional classroom spaces. Dr. Dorm stated that he wishes that laboratory, research and office building space were higher since USF has a shortage of research space.

Chair Law thanked Dr. Dorm and agreed that USF needs more laboratories and research space since USF has the lowest research space in the state university system.

Chair Law recommended a motion to approve the consent agenda items FL 102 – FL 109:

FL 102 - Approve new program proposal - Doctor of Public Health (Consent Agenda)
FL 103 – Approve new program proposal - BS in Long Term Care Administration (Consent Agenda)
FL 104 – Approve proposed new Regulation: USF 3.026 - Educational Research Center for Child Development (Consent Agenda)
FL 105 – Approve 2008 Update: USF Sarasota-Manatee Strategic Plan 2006-2011 (Consent Agenda)
FL 106 - Approve the University of South Florida’s Florida Equity Report, 2008 Annual Update (Consent Agenda)
FL 107 – Approve Tenure Nomination as a Condition of Employment *(Consent Agenda)*
FL 108 - Approve DSO/CU 2008-09 Annual Budgets *(Consent Agenda)*
   a) USF Foundation, Inc.
   b) USF Alumni Association, Inc.
   c) USF Financing Corp. & Property Corp.
   d) University Medical Services Assoc. Inc.
   e) USF Medical Services Support Corp.
   f) USF Health Professions Conferencing Corp
   g) USF Research Foundation
   h) Sun Dome, Inc.
FL 109 – Approve University Audit & Compliance 2008/09 Work Plan *(Consent Agenda)*

It was seconded and the consent agenda was approved.

**New Business – Discussion Items**

Chair Law asked Provost Ralph Wilcox to present **FL 110 - USF System 2009-10/2013-14 Capital Improvement Plan.**

   a. Approve the Amendment to the USF System Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Provost Ralph Wilcox reported that part A is related to the purchase of the Research Vessel, to include it below the line on the USF capital improvement plan. Provost Wilcox stated that the vessel was necessary and administration worked closely with USF Foundation to secure the funds for the vessel. Provost Wilcox stated that USF has an agreement on principal, from the Board of Governors, to forward the recommendation to the legislature to receive funds to pay off the loan. Provost Wilcox opened the floor for questions.

Trustee Branch made a motion to start the discussion and approve the proposal.

Trustee Branch emphasized that the Research Vessel proposal represents the best arrangement the USF faculty hopes for. The research infrastructure will benefit the state university system through the Florida Institute of Oceanography. Trustee Branch stated that the vessel will enable USF to monitor things that influence the quality of life in Florida and influence the economy. In addition it enables USF to develop new knowledge and greater understanding of the oceans. Trustee Branch stated that it is a wonderful proposal and the components that came together in a short time to benefit the university system should be commended.

Chair Law thanked Trustee Branch for his comments.

Trustee Tomasino asked whether USF is receiving funds from other institutions to assist in purchasing the vessel. Provost Wilcox stated that other institution will purchase days at sea for research purposes, which will help offset some of the operating costs.
Governor McDevitt stated that the Board of Governors is putting the vessel on the PECO list to repay the USF Foundation. The vessel will belong to the institute.

Trustee Tomasino inquired on the age of the vessel. Provost Wilcox stated that the vessel was built in 1984 and it has been refitted twice.

Trustee Ramil stated that the Board is only approving to place the proposal in the Capital Improvement Plan. The purchase will not close until USF is satisfied with the survey and the sea trial.

Provost Wilcox confirmed Trustee Ramil comments and stated that USF had a series of thorough investigations, testing and the sea trial. USF will wait on the results of the investigation before signing.

Trustee Arnold stated that the speed at which the university operated and the entrepreneur approaches were very impressive.

Provost Wilcox thanked Trustee Arnold and stated that it would have not been possible without the support of the USF Foundation. Provost Wilcox thanked the USF Foundation for their support.

Trustee Arnold asked about the site of the vessel. Provost Wilcox stated that the vessel is in Jacksonville but it will be relocated to St. Petersburg adjacent to FIO and USF College of Marine Sciences.

Chair Law asked for a motion to approve FL 110 (a) - Approve the Amendment to the USF System Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan. It was seconded and approved.

b. Approve the Amendment to the Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

Provost Wilcox reported that FL 110 (b) deals with moving the Byrd Institute under the administrative oversight of the University of South Florida. Provost Wilcox stated that the item recognizes the importance of transferring operating funds into USF’s budget.

Chair Law asked for a motion to approve FL 110 (b) - Approve the Amendment to the Fixed Capital Outlay Projects. It was seconded and approved.

**New Business – Information Items**

a. Strategic Performance Update Provost Wilcox

Chair Law asked Provost Wilcox to present the Strategic Performance Update. Provost Wilcox stated that this presentation occurs yearly to provide the Board with a profile of the institution and a progress update aligned with USF strategic goals.
Provost Wilcox pointed out the material provided to the Trustees which included: USF Strategic Plan, USF Fact Book 08-09, USF Performance Dashboard, E-Profiles for all campuses and the updated matrix.

Provost Wilcox stated that USF takes accountability seriously and USF performance is tracked better than any university across the nation. USF accountability instruments the electronic PPA document (Planning, Performance and Accountability) has been replicated by many universities across the nation.

Provost Wilcox introduced Dr. Graham Tobin, Associate Vice President and Professor of Geography to present a snapshot of the key performance indicators and USF performance over the past year.

Dr. Tobin provided data on USF’s performance indicators based on AAU, NSF and the Top American Research Universities listings. The presentation included topics on: Research Activity, Faculty Performance, Student Profile, Student Performance and Performance Dashboard.

At the end of the presentation Provost Wilcox opened the floor for questions.

Chair Law stated that when the process of the Strategic Planning begun the Board wanted a process that was transparent and trackable to be accountable to the community and legislators. Chair Law congratulated Provost Wilcox on achieving the goal set by the Board.

Provost Wilcox stated that USF has a greater element of transparency then most public or private universities across the country. He thanked Trustee Arnold, who was instrumental in developing and leading the conversations on shaping the strategic plan and holding staff accountable.

President Genshaft stated that USF has been asked to speak to different groups about our plan.

b. USF Foundation Presentation

Chair Law asked Vice President Jeff Robison to present the next item on the agenda.

Vice President Robison thanked Chair Law and the Board of Trustees. He apologized on behalf of Les Muma, Chair of the USF Foundation for not being able to attend the Board of Trustees meeting. On behalf of the Chair of the USF Foundation he thanked Trustee Arnold and the members of the Board for requesting the presentation.

Vice President Robison introduced Alan Bomstein, Investment Committee Chair, USF Foundation. Vice President Robison stated that the USF Foundation Investment Committee is rated by Wilshire Associates consulting firm. Vice President Robison stated that Provost Wilcox and Trudie Frecker are members of the USF Investment Committee to ensure transparency in the committee’s activities.

Alan Bomstein and Mark Brubaker, Managing Director, Wilshire Associates presented USF Foundation’s investment activities. The presentation included topics on: Investment and Spending Policy Objectives, Investment Results, 10 year Return/Risk, Managing Portfolio Risk
Chair Law thanked the USF Foundation representatives for updating the Board on the investment portfolio and reminded everyone of the Marshall Student Center tour. She thanked Governor McDevitt for coming.

Having no further items, the Chair adjourned the USF Board of Trustees meeting at 12:...pm.