Chair Law convened the meeting for the University of South Florida, Board of Trustees in the Marshall Student Center Ballroom, USF Tampa, FL at 9:30 a.m.

Chair Law was honored to announce that President Judy Genshaft has been selected to be inducted in the Tampa Bay Business Hall of Fame. There will be a ceremony held Friday, February 20, 2009 at the A La Carte Pavilion.

Chair Law congratulated the USF Bulls Football team on being invited to a Bowl for the fourth year in a row. The Bulls will play in the Inaugural St. Petersburg Bowl at Tropicana Field on December 20, 2008, at 4:30 p.m. Chair Law encouraged everyone to attend the game and support the Bulls.

Chair Law congratulated Trustee Kiran Patel on his son’s upcoming wedding in India.

Chair Law reported that 3,712 degrees will be awarded at the 2009 Fall Commencement Ceremonies.

Chair Law congratulated Trustee Sherrill Tomasino on receiving the Distinguished Service Award from USF Polytechnic. Chair Law reported that the trip to Thailand was an enormous success. President Genshaft signed a joint agreement with the Medical College of Srinakharinwirot University in Thailand. The group met with Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakrl Sirindhorn, who presented the Global Leadership Award to President Genshaft and Dr. Stephen Klasko, Senior Vice President for USF Health and Dean of the College of Medicine. The Global Leadership Award is the first award given in recognition of leadership and commitment to excellence in global education. Her Royal Highness also presented Chair Rhea Law and Dr. John Sinnott with Support of University Global Initiative Award. Chair Law stated that it was an honor to be recognized by Her Royal Highness Princess Sirindhorn and to see their eagerness in starting an affiliation between the two universities. Dr. Klasko will attend the next meeting to discuss the affiliation. Chair Law reported that the Board is in the process of completing President Genshaft’s evaluation and will meet during Spring of 2009.

President Genshaft called the roll with the following Trustees present:

Trustee Lee Arnold
Trustee Laurence Branch
Trustee Margarita Cancio
Trustee Gene Engle
Trustee Sonja Garcia
Chair Law asked Provost Ralph Wilcox to present Special Action Item - FL 101.

**FL 101 – Approve the USF BOT– USF UFF Collective Bargaining Agreement**

Provost Wilcox quoted that the “the strength with any great university rests with its faculty”. Provost stated that faculty retention is top priority at USF. He expressed his deepest appreciation to members of both UFF and BOT bargaining teams. The amendment has been ratified by members of the UFF for 2008-09.

Dr. Sherman Dorm reported that the bargaining unit finished the ratification process and 98% of voters were in favor of ratifying the agreement.

**Chair Law asked for a motion, it was seconded and the USF BOT– USF UFF Collective Bargaining Agreement was approved.**

**FL 102- Approval of BOT Minutes – September 11, 2008 and September 30, 2008.**

Chair Law asked for a motion, it was seconded and the BOT minutes were approved.

**Special Presentations**

Dr. Karen Holbrook, Vice President of Research and Innovation, reported on the university's research initiatives. Banners were on display and pins were handed out in celebration of the USF Research One designation. The Research One celebration was held November 4th - 7th of 2008. The purpose of the celebration was to bring Research and the university together. The celebration was named “Research One” because “This is one university, one community and one vision”. Dr. Holbrook presented on various categories of Research at USF. *(Please see video on the BOT website for the various categories of Research)*.

Athletic Director Doug Woolard reported that the USF Men’s Soccer team won the 2008 Big East Championship. The men’s Soccer team ranked 8th out of 64 teams of the NCAA tournament. Athletic Director Woolard congratulated and introduced USF Men’s Soccer Coach, George Kiefer.
Coach Kiefer spoke about the progress that the USF Soccer team has made in four years on the field as well as with academics. Coach Kiefer reported that in 2006 the USF Men's Soccer was in the “Sweet 16” playoffs and in 2008 they made the “Elite 8” playoffs.

Coach Kiefer introduced USF soccer team captain Yohance Marshall. Mr. Yohance was recruited in 2006 from the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. Mr. Yohance expressed his gratitude to everyone for giving him the opportunity to play for the University of South Florida.

Athletic Director, Doug Woolard reported that the USF Men’s football team has participated in bowl games for the past four years. Mr. Woolard introduced two-time “All American” player George Selvie. Mr. Selvie expressed his gratitude for having the opportunity to play with USF and encouraged everyone to support the football team at the upcoming bowl game in St. Petersburg.

Chair Law called on President Genshaft to provide the Board with an update.

**President’s Update**

- President Genshaft reported that since the last BOT meeting there were three Doctorial programs presented for BOG approval: Government, History and Sociology. The President commended Provost Ralph Wilcox on his efforts in presenting the programs.
- President Genshaft reported that Governor Charlie Crist has proposed to implement up to a 15% tuition increase for all resident undergraduate students in 2009. The Florida Student Association is in support of the Governor's proposal. This proposal will be discussed at a special session in January.
- The “Don’t Stop Don’t Drop Program” is successfully assisting students to stay in school.
- There is a 10% increase in student enrollment for 2009 Spring Semester.
- A record of 3,712 degrees will be awarded in Fall 2008 and six commencement ceremonies will take place. The youngest graduate is Elizabeth Marie Anderson 20, from the College of Nursing, and the oldest graduate is John Myers 75, from the Philosophy Department. In addition, ninety-two nations will be represented during Fall Commencement Ceremonies.
- USF Tampa is honoring Lee and Vic Leavengood with Distinguished Citizen Awards. USF Sarasota-Manatee will honor Senator Lisa Carlton, USF St. Petersburg will honor Andrew Hines and USF Polytechnic will honor Trustee Sherrill Tomasinio.
- Former Governor Bob Martinez will speak at the USF St. Petersburg Commencement

President Genshaft expressed her appreciation on the outstanding work both Provost Wilcox and Vice President Holbrook have done this semester.
The President commended everyone involved in the reorganization of USF.

The President reported that a new USF World Task Force has been created. It is an international and global Task Force headed by Associate Vice President, Dr. Linda Whiteford and assisted by College of Public Health Dean Donna Petersen. Dr. Whiteford is also involved in the USF Sustainability Task Force.

The Alcohol Task Force headed by Dr. Jay Wolfson and Dr. Olga Skalkos researched USF Policies and Procedures, and completed a draft report that will be disseminated next semester.

There is a Task Force on the new G.I. Bill, a $9 billion financial aid to help veterans who have served since 2001. The funding will be distributed beginning in August ’09.

President Genshaft introduced Senior Vice President for Business & Finance and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. James Hyatt. Vice President Hyatt started at USF on November 17. He brings years of experience to USF. Mr. Hyatt expressed his excitement on being part of the USF administrative team.

President Genshaft thanked Associate Vice President for Business & Finance, Trudie Frecker for her outstanding work serving as Interim Senior Vice President for Business & Finance and as Chief Financial Officer.

President Genshaft expressed how fortunate she is and gave sincere thanks and appreciation to her administrative team for all of their achievements.

Chair Law commended the President for her contribution as the 2008 Chair of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce.

**Consent Agenda**
Chair Law asked if there were any questions on the Consent Agenda. Chair Law asked for a motion, it was seconded and the Consent agenda was approved.

**The Consent Agenda was approved (FL 103 – FL 110)**

FL 103 – Approve USF St. Petersburg Strategic Plan

FL 104- Approve recommended minor Master Plan Amendment

FL 105- Approve USF Educational Plant Survey

FL 106- Approve New Regulation 3.025, Disruption of Academic Process

FL 107- Approve New Regulation 3.027 Academic Integrity of Students
Please note: The regulation number for FL 107 - Academic Integrity of Students changed from Regulation 3.026 to Regulation 3.027 due to technical reasons since the original number was already assigned to a policy.

FL 108- Approve Local Fees
a. 1. Tampa
   2. St. Petersburg
   3. Polytechnic
b. Material and Supply Fees – Tampa
c. Faculty & Equipment Fees
   1. Tampa
   2. St. Petersburg
d. Technology Fee
e. ERCCD

FL 109-Approve Amendment to Five Year Fixed Capital Improvement Plan 2009-10/2013-14

FL 110-Approve Amendment to the Fixed Capital Outlay Projects Requiring Legislative Authorization and General Revenue Funds to Operate and Maintain

Trustee Round Table Discussion
Trustee Sherrill Tomasino stated that she is honored to serve as a Trustee. She reported on her experience at the Inauguration of Chancellor Renu Khator in Houston recently. Trustee Tomasino received great care and was accompanied by Chief of Staff, Dr. Cynthia Visot and husband Brigadier General Luis Visot. Trustee Tomasino was wearing the scarf that Chancellor Khator commissioned. She commended President Genshaft on her presence and remarks during the Inauguration. She relayed a message of thanks from Chancellor Khator to everyone for all their support during her tenure at USF.

Trustee Tomasino reported that on October 22, 2008, USF hosted a Synergy Social Hour at the Johnnie Byrd Institute. The Synergy Social Hour was hosted by Dr. Philip Marty and had 100 people in attendance.

On November 17, 2008 a full page article was published in the Tampa Tribune announcing that the USF Memory Disorder Clinic, the Johnnie B. Byrd Senior Alzheimer's Center & Research Institute and the newly named Eric Pfeiffer Suncoast Alzheimer's Clinic have come together as the new Alzheimer's Center at USF Health. A memory screening was held on November 18, 2008 in two languages and two hundred citizens appeared in five hours of screening. Trustee Tomasino commended Vice President Klasko, Dr. Rao, Dr. Gooch and Dr. Banko on their incredible energy, vision, enthusiasm and efforts in bringing the centers together.
Trustee Sherrill Tomasino reported on her visit to the Gus Stavros Center for dinner and a movie on December 3, 2008. Dinner was prepared by Macaroni Grill and the attendees watched the movie, It's a Wonderful Life. The event was for K-12 teachers from the region that USF serves. There were attendees from Sarasota, Lakeland and Pasco Counties. Trustee Tomasino commended Assistant Dean, Dr. Dick Puglisi and his associates on superb job.

Chair Law stated that an event will be organized by the College of Business on investing, entitled “Girls Just Want to Have Fun”. She also shared that Ambassador Rooney, US Ambassador to the Vatican visited USF during the November workgroup meetings.

Trustee Gene Engle gave an update on USF Polytechnic. The Architectural Review Committee recently ranked and approved Santiago Calatrava’s firm as their first choice among thirty three architectural firms. Mr. Calatrava, who is also an Engineer, was recently commissioned to design the World Trade Center in New York. Contract negations will be the next step in the process.

Chair Law congratulated Graduate Student and Board Assistant, Entela Balliu on her upcoming graduation and receiving a Masters in Business Administration.

Chair Law announced that there is a Post Holiday party planned for January 15, 2009 and handed out gifts to the Trustees.

Having no further items, Chair Law adjourned the USF Board of Trustees meeting at 11:30 a.m.

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Rhea F. Law, Chair                    Judy Genshaft, Corporate Secretary