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 asked Trustee Morgan to make an announcement. Trustee Morgan introduced the new Student Body President, Juan Soltero and Vice President Bruno Portigliatti.

Student Body President Juan Soltero thanked the Board and is looking forward to a smooth transition with Mr. Morgan.

Chair Law stated that the Board looks forward to working with the new student body president and enjoyed working with Trustee Morgan.

Chair Law announced that she is completing the interviews associated with the President’s evaluation. The evaluation analysis provided to the Trustees included President’s Genshaft Major Achievements for August 2007 – June 2008. Chair Law will send analysis along with the results of the interviews onto the compensation committee which was created last year during contract execution. The Compensation Committee members include Trustees John Ramil, Sherrill Tomasino, Bob Soran and Debbie Sembler. The Compensation Committee will provide the information for approval to the Board of Trustees.

President Genshaft called the roll with the following Trustees present:
Trustee Lee Arnold – out of the country
Trustee Larry Branch
Trustee Margarita Cancio - out of the country
Trustee Gene Engle
Trustee Sonja Garcia
Trustee Rhea Law
Trustee Greg Morgan
Trustee Kiran Patel – out of the country
Trustee John Ramil
Trustee Debbie Sembler – vacation
Trustee Jan Smith - Excused
Trustee Bob Soran
Trustee Sherrill Tomasino

Chair Law asked Senior Vice President of Health, Steve Klasko to speak on USF Health Initiatives which were presented to the BOT Executive Committee at previous workgroup meetings.
Dr. Klasko thanked Chair Law, President Genshaft and the Trustees and invited everyone to attend Match Day where the 116 USF Health graduates find out their residency information. The event is at noon at Skippers Smokehouse.

Dr. Klasko announced that USF health Orthopedics Residence program only in its second year is running well and received 480 applications for the 4 available positions. The four residents have been confirmed and are from some the greatest places in the country.

Dr. Klasko stated that this has been one of the most defining months for USF Health thanks to the Board and President Genshaft.

Dr. Klasko stated that many communities have universities and hospitals partnerships and USF Health has a good strategic alignment with Moffitt Cancer Center in the goals of Research, Education and Clinical Care. In addition USF health has a strong relationship with affiliate hospitals but USF Health does not have a strategically aligned hospital partner. On February 26, 2009 the BOT Executive Committee approved a proposal endorsing President Genshaft and USF COM to search for “strategic options” for clinical partnerships with regional and/or national hospital systems or academic medical centers. Dr. Klasko stated that it will a capital and operational partnership and include all aspects of the USF clinical enterprise. The concluding event will include an “inpatient” entity on the USF campus called USF Hospital and Medical Center which will have specialty areas in diabetes and neuroscience consistent with the USF’s strategic plan. Dr. Klasko stated that other inpatient and outpatient alternatives will be considered and final decisions or capital outlay will be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Dr. Klasko stated that the second USF Health initiative which was discussed at March 2, 2009, BOT Executive Committee meeting, covered two important topics discussed at USF. One is the entrepreneur academic model recognizing that USF Health cannot depend on state funding for everything and second receiving national exposure. Dr. Klasko stated that these goals will be accomplished by working with Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network.

Dr. Klasko encouraged everyone to review Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network. LVH was featured on the cover of USA Today as the top quality lowest mortality hospital in the country in different areas. LVH is consistently in the top 5 most wired hospitals in the country and their CEO is the President of the American Association of Medical Colleges. Dr. Klasko stated that LVH conducted a national search for a medical school partner and chose USF for several reasons. LVH choose USF because USF is consistent with their goals of inter professional education, public health, nursing, medicine and pharmacy working and teaching together; and because of USF’s innovative curriculum. The architect for the partnership will be Dr. Alicia Monroe. The curriculum is innovative and USF Health is one of the first medical schools in the country where every medical student pursues a minor in areas such as Business or
International Health. The announcement of the partnership was made at a press conference jointly telewired at Lehigh Valley, PA.

Dr. Klasko stated that the partnerships benefits Florida not only because of the alignment with one of the best hospitals in the country but also because of the new Health Care Leadership and Information Technology track that USF Health is starting. The leadership track will begin with 24 students and move up to 56 students a year. The students will spend the first two years in Tampa and the second two years at LVH.

Dr. Klasko stated that the partnership will also benefit USF because it differentiates USF among the Florida medical schools and because of the resources it will generate. LHV will provide USF with a $2 million grant that hopefully will be matched by the state to help USF Health renovate the existing educational space.

Dr. Klasko reported on the third USF Health initiative, PaperFree Tampa Bay. Dr. Klasko stated that USF health started working with several partners including Colleges of Business, Education, Engineering and Medicine to create the ideal curriculum to transform physician offices across the city into an electronic health record mode. Dr. Klasko stated that USF Health started a program which has received significant national attention called “Electronic Healthcare Ambassadors.” Dr. Klasko stated that President Obama announced that every physician office will be electronic by 2015 and has allocated the necessary funds to support the plan. Dr. Klasko stated that USF Health was featured on the front page of Times Online. USF partners in Chicago believe that this will become a national model and will quickly be embraced by others. USF Health goal is to receive $18 million from the stimulus package that is part of the national coordinator of healthcare information technology. Dr. Klasko stated that Congresswoman Castor along with Congressman Young and Senator Nelson have championed the initiative. President Genshaft, Dr. Klasko and several others were in Washington DC to meet with the entire congressional delegation.

Dr. Klasko stated that President has done a great job of positioning USF as the economic development engine for the state and the region. The Goal of the three initiatives is to establish USF Health as the The Academic Medical Center, to differentiate USF Health from other medical schools and to create new partnerships while maintaining current ones.

Chair Law congratulated Dr. Klasko and reminded everyone that the initiatives are in line with USF Goals and Mission.

Expand

- Expanding world-class interdisciplinary research, creative, and scholarly endeavors.
- Promoting globally competitive undergraduate, graduate and professional programs that support interdisciplinary inquiry, intellectual development, knowledge and skill
acquisition, and student success through a diverse, fully-engaged, learner-centered campus environment.

- Expanding local and global engagement initiatives to strengthen and sustain healthy communities and to improve the quality of life.
- Enhancing all sources of revenue, and maximizing effectiveness in business practices and financial management to establish a strong and sustainable economic base in support of USF’s growth.

Chair Law stated that as USF spends its limited resources it has to be done in a way that accomplishes USF Goals and Mission. Chair Law stated that the initiatives are very innovative and have been well received. Chair Law commended Dr. Klasko and his staff for all of their efforts.

**FL 101- Approval of BOT Minutes – December 12, 2008.**

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

**Consent Agenda**

Chair Law asked Trustee Soran 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.

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

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

Dr. Dorm referred to a recent news article featuring Trustee Morgan and student leaders around the state who traveled to Tallahassee to meet with Governor Charlie Crist.

Dr. Dorm stated that Trustee Morgan has regularly traveled to Tallahassee advocating on behalf of higher education in a very difficult environment. Dr. Dorm thanked Trustee Morgan for his efforts. Dr. Dorm stated that the faculty appreciates the efforts of all student government leaders around the state.

Dr. Dorm referred to an article published by the New York Times in connections with Dr. Klasko remarks. The article discusses the Arizona State University ambitious plans to expand to 100,000 students in a steep budget and while facing similar budget limitations as USF. The article discusses relative priorities in public universities. Dr. Dorm thinks that similar discussions may occur in Florida and nationally.

Dr. Dorm spoke about the budget and the rumors circulating about the Florida Senate intentions to cut state and university employees’ salaries. Dr. Dorm sent emails to some of the state legislators expressing his concerns. Dr. Dorm comments in the email included the following:

Earlier this year after all the raises were in for faculty in the UFF Bargaining Unit a comparison was done between USF agreement and the national market salaries for ranked and disciplined
faculty. The data came from the 2007-2008 Oklahoma State University Survey of Public Universities Salaries which is a national annual survey conducted with broad range of peer institutions at different categories. For full time faculty who are not on leave this year within UFF Bargaining Unit about 2/3 are below the national average for their rank and discipline. At USF from the 100 faculty who been promoted in the last three years about 4/5 are below the national average for their new rank and discipline.

Dr. Dorm believes that it is important to know this data when speaking with legislators since USF is already below the national average for faculty salaries.

Chair Law thanked Dr. Dorm for his comments. Chair Law agreed that faculty compensation is an important issue and that we have to makes sure that USF staff and faculty are compensated appropriately.

Chair Law asked for a motion, it was seconded and the Consent agenda was approved.

**The Consent Agenda was approved (FL 102 – FL 117)**

FL 102 – Approve amendments to Regulations 10.105 and 10.106 (Consent Agenda)

FL 103 – Approve amendments to Regulation 10.203, Benefits and Hours of Work (Consent Agenda)

FL 104 – Approve amended Regulation USF 1.009 and revised 2009-10 Graduate Catalog (Consent Agenda)

FL 105 – Approve repeal of Regulations 3.003 & 3.004 (Consent Agenda)

FL 106 – Approve amendments to 2009-2010 USF St. Petersburg Graduate Catalog (Consent Agenda)

FL 107 – Approve request to terminate the M.A. in Business and Office Education (Consent Agenda)

FL 108 – Approve request to terminate the M.A. in Distributive & Marketing Education (Consent Agenda)

FL 109 – Approve USF St. Petersburg Nomination of the Regional Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for Tenure as a Condition of Employment (Consent Agenda)

FL 110 - Approve amended regulation USF 1.005 and revised 2009-10 Undergraduate Catalog (Consent Agenda)

FL 111 – Approve amendments to 2009-2010 USF St. Petersburg Undergraduate Catalog (Consent Agenda)

FL 112 - Approve revisions to the regulation and the referenced 2009-2010 campus parking brochures (Consent Agenda)

FL 113 - Approve proposed housing fee structures and revisions to regulation (Consent Agenda)
a. Tampa

b. St. Petersburg

**FL 114 - Approve Audit Committee Roles & Responsibilities (Consent Agenda)**

**FL 115 - Approve Amendment to the USF System Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan (Consent Agenda)**

**FL 116 - Approve LHV Term Sheet (Consent Agenda)**

**FL 117 – Approve USF Health resolution (Consent Agenda)**

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

**President’s Update**
President Genshaft congratulated the elected Student Body President and Vice President and thanked Trustee Morgan for his service and efforts in Tallahassee.

President introduced the new Vice President of Advancement Joel Momberg. Mr. Momberg is glad to be at USF and spend the past 30 years at All Children’s Hospital. President Genshaft thanked VP of Advancement Momberg.

President Genshaft stated that the Provost search has started and is lead by Dr. Holbrook and Dr. Barber. The search committee has 15 members and will be meeting soon.

President Genshaft stated that the student retention rate is the highest it has been in all of USF campuses.

President Genshaft stated that the USF St. Petersburg has a new debate team headed by the son of a St. Pete Times writer. The debate team has won an extraordinary number of competitions and is the first time for a USF Debate Team to receive national recognition. President Genshaft congratulated USF St. Petersburg.

President Genshaft stated that USF is working with federal lobbyist Jim Pyries on President’s Obama stimulus package.

Chair Law stated that there were some research funds that will be available for various initiatives. Chair Law asked Dr. Holbrook on the status of informing the faculty about the various opportunities. Dr. Holbrook provided an update.

President Genshaft reported that applications for admissions have increased across the USF System, especially transfer student applications from private colleges. The new residence hall opening in fall semester has 1000 beds which are all suites. A competition is taking place in
choosing the name of the new residence hall. Fall semester will be the first year where USF will have mandatory on campus residence for freshman outside a 30 mile radius of the university.

President Genshaft announced that USF received a donation of 182 trees planted along Collins Drive and throughout the campus.

President Genshaft stated that USF is monitoring the state legislature and following a couple of items very carefully. President Genshaft stated that the PharmD Degree has to be approved by the legislature because it’s a licensed degree. The process is going smoothly in the Florida House of Representatives but the Florida Senate staff has flagged the bills that have any fiscal implications.

Chair Law asked President Genshaft to explain the financial implications of the PharmD proposal. President Genshaft stated that the proposal doesn’t require any state funding for the first two years and it will start with a $1 million private gift. The President stated that USF was planning to ask the legislature for funding in 2011. However a letter was sent to the legislature stating that if funds are not available in 2011, USF would present the Board of Trustees with alternative funding recommendation for the pharmacy program.

President Genshaft asked Trustee Tomasino to speak in regards to the Alzheimer’s bill. Trustee Tomasino stated that she traveled to Tallahassee and meet with 12-14 legislators. Trustee Tomasino went before the higher education committee senate because they were considering the bill regarding the Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr. Alzheimer’s Center and Research Institute aligning its mission with USF. The higher education committee approved the bill and Trustee Tomasino does not foresee any issues. Trustee Tomasino stated that Dr. Klasko is well respected in Tallahassee and everyone is impressed with all of the developments at USF Health.

President Genshaft asked Dr. Klasko to speak in regards to the ADRC and the Florida State contribution.

Dr. Klasko stated that having Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr. Alzheimer’s Center and Research Institute, one of the 15 Alzheimer’s research centers in the country, is a great asset for USF. Dr. Klasko stated that there are states trying to rest the ADRC from Alzheimer’s Center and Research Institute which is up in May. USF Health will be competing with other states and potentially groups like the University of Miami. Dr. Klasko stated that several states have offered $50 – $60 million in getting an ADRC started to compete with Florida. Dr. Klasko stated that if Alzheimer’s Center and Research Institute does not get a renewal Florida will not have an ADRC.

Dr. Klasko stated that despise not having state funding this year Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr. Alzheimer’s Center and Research Institute has maintained the state wide commitments. The
memory disorders centers around the state are still being funded through Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr. Alzheimer’s Center and Research Institute even though there is no state commitment.

Dr. Klasko stated that if Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr. Alzheimer’s Center and Research Institute loses the ADRC the patients and their families will be affected and the Florida State will lose because they have already invested $70 million. Since USF and the President have agreed to the alignment Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr. Alzheimer’s Center and Research Institute has moved forward. The Institute has moved from 0 to 11 grants, from 10% of research base that was being used to 80% being used, and some of USF Alzheimer’s research has been aligned with the Byrd Institute.

Dr. Klasko stated that the ARDC is the second largest in the country and that USF needs at least $5 million from Florida State to move the ARDC forward for renewal.

Dr. Klasko stated that the team is working with Former Speaker Byrd, Alzheimer’s patients and their families. Dr. Klasko stated that there is a lot at stake at the Alzheimer’s Center and it is a great partnership with USF. Dr. Klasko added that many people are interesting in researching and working at Alzheimer’s Center and their decision is not based on the salary but whether Alzheimer’s Center is supported by the state.

President Genshaft stated that we have an active Alumni Association group that wants to advocate for USF and will help generate letters to move things forward.

**New Business**

President Genshaft Presented **FL 118 - Approve Regional Campus Board Members Appointments for USF Sarasota – Manatee.**

The President recommended Margaret Callihan and Bob Turner.

Trustee Soran stated that the candidates are very involved in their communities and will make excellent board members. Trustee Soran highly endorses Margaret Callihan and Bob Turner and made a motion to approve the appointments. It was seconded and approved.

Chair Law asked the Board for any comments.

Trustee Ramil made a motion to pass a resolution to officially thank Congresswoman Castor, Mayor Pam Iorio and Commissioner Sharpe for their involvement on PaperFree Tampa and their support of USF Health. It was seconded and approved by the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Tomasino stated that while in Tallahassee she had the opportunity to meet three of USF legislative interns who are very thankful of the opportunity of working in Tallahassee.

Trustee Morgan added that he met and had dinner with the interns in Tallahassee and accredited the Alumni Association for putting together the dinner which included the interns, various
legislators including three past speakers of the house. Trustee Morgan thanked the interns and the students who wrote and traveled to Tallahassee to advocate for USF.

Trustee Morgan reported that on March 4th, Student Government traveled to Tallahassee to rally at the State Capital with other state universities. From all the state universities USF had double the numbers of students attend and were able to meet with over 30 legislators in one day. Trustee Morgan thanked the students for taking the time to travel to Tallahassee and for all of their efforts.

Trustee Law suggested that a motion be made to congratulate and thank the students for their efforts. Trustee Morgan made the motion. It was seconded and approved.

Trustee Engle stated that he was in Tallahassee and the czar of the stimulus package is an Alumni of USF.

President Genshaft thanked the whole system, Regional Chancellor and CEOs, faculty, staff, deans and VP for all of their hard work during these difficult financial times.

Chair Law asked the VPs and administrative staff to stand up for a round of applause for all of their hard work.

Having no further items, Chair Law adjourned the USF Board of Trustees meeting at 11:00 a.m.

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Rhea F. Law, Chair              Judy Genshaft, Corporate Secretary