MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONFERENCE CALL
May 20, 2009 - 2:30-3:00

Attending: Trustee Laurence Branch, Trustee Margarita Cancio, Trustee Gene Engle, Trustee Sonia Garcia, Trustee Rhea Law, Trustee Kiran Patel, Trustee Debbie Sembler, Trustee Jan Smith, Trustee Juan Soltero, Trustee Robert Soran and Trustee Sherrill Tomasino.

Chair Law called meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Chair Law stated the purpose of meeting is to approve the USF Tuition and Fee Recommendations for the year 2009/2010. Chair Law asked Provost Wilcox to present the item.

Provost Wilcox stated that each year, at the end of the state legislative session, USF proposes an updated Tuition and Fee structure within the scope defined by the following:

1. Tuition legislation 2009 (SB2600, SB762, SB1696)
2. Existing Florida Statute 1009.24
3. BOG recommendations

Provost Wilcox added that the proposed recommendations have been reviewed by USF Student Government, Graduate Student Council, Council of the Dean, President Cabinet and Academic Affairs Management Council.

Provost Wilcox stated that in addition to the USF Tuition and Fee Recommendation Plan the Board will approve the Differential Tuition Expenditure Plan as required by the Board of Governors.

Provost Wilcox presented each recommendation of FL 101 and addressed questions from the Trustees. *(See attached presentation for detail information)*

**FL 101 - Approve the USF Tuition and Fee Recommendations for AY 2009/10**

**Recommendation #1** - 7% tuition differential fee for all undergraduate courses in the USF system (contingent upon BOG’s approval)

Trustee Branch inquired on how USF plans to track the spending. Provost Wilcox stated that USF is required to submit documents to the Board of Governors on how the funding is expended.

Trustee Soltero inquired on student eligibility for funding. Dr. Wilcox stated that current and new students that are eligible for need-based financial aid with receive funding.

Chair Law asked for a motion to approve Recommendation # 1. Trustee Engle made a motion seconded by Trustee Tomasino and Recommendation # 1 was approved.
**Recommendation #2** - 10% increase of graduate in-state tuition

Chair Law asked for a motion to approve Recommendation # 2. Trustee Soltero made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tomasino and Recommendation # 2 was approved.

**Recommendation #3** - 10% increase of graduate in-state tuition for CRNA and DNP programs (College of Nursing)

Provost Wilcox stated that due to prior implementation of higher tuition differential for these programs which result in a higher tuition increase in comparison to other graduate programs, it has to be approved separately.

Chair Law asked for a motion to approve Recommendation # 3. Trustee Soran made a motion, seconded by Trustee Soran and Recommendation # 3 was approved.

**Recommendation #4** - 15% increase of in-state tuition for MD program

Chair Law asked for a motion to approve Recommendation # 4. Trustee Branch made a motion, seconded by Trustee Soran and Recommendation # 4 was approved.

**Recommendation #5** - 5.6% increase of in-state tuition for DPT program

Chair Law asked for a motion to approve Recommendation # 5. Trustee Branch made a motion, seconded by Trustee Soran and Recommendation # 5 was approved.

**Recommendation #6** - (1) 15% reduction of out-of-state fee for all undergraduate & graduate students in the USF system (except MD & DPT). (2) Implement a $0 out-of-state differential fee for nonresident graduate students who either have a minimum of .25 FTE appointments in teaching, research, or graduate assistant categories, or are receiving full fellowships

Trustee Branch highly supports recommendation # 6 and understands that the proposed reduction in tuition will greatly increase the chance of recruiting the brightest and most talented students nationally and internationally.

Chair Law and Provost Wilcox thanked Trustee Branch for his comments.

Chair Law asked for a motion to approve Recommendation # 6. Trustee Tomasino made a motion, seconded by all Trustees and Recommendation # 6 was approved.

**Recommendation #7** - 10% increase in nonresident tuition and 10% increase in out-of-state fee for DPT program

Chair Law asked for a motion to approve Recommendation # 7. Trustee Sembler made a motion, seconded by Trustee Branch and Recommendation # 7 was approved.
Chair Law thanked everyone for attending the meeting and stated that USF will wait until the legislation is signed before moving forward on the approved items.

Chair Law stated that is a sad day for USF as we mourn the loss of our student Aly Zain Lakdawala. On behalf of the Board she sends condolences to Aly’s family and friends.

Having no further items, the Chair adjourned the special conference call meeting of the USF Board of Trustees at 3:00 p.m.

Rhea F. Law
Chair

Judy Genshaft
Corporate Secretary