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

Vice Chair Ramil started the meeting by thanking Trustee Jan Smith for his service to the USF Board of Trustees. Vice Chair Ramil announced that due to personal reasons Trustee Smith has resigned from the Board and that the Florida Board of Governors will select a replacement.

Vice Chair Ramil congratulated the USF community for another successful Fall opening and reported that the new Juniper Poplar Hall has opened. The facility houses 1000 students.

Vice Chair Ramil reported that enrollment at USF is over 47,000 students and proudly reported that USF researchers are bringing in over $380 million in contracts and grants, which is $20 million more than last year. Vice Chair Ramil congratulated Vice President Karen Holbrook on her leadership.

Vice Chair Ramil announced that the USF football team won the first game of the season against Wofford College, on September 5, 2009, and announced that the USF Volleyball and Soccer teams are also doing well. The Vice Chair congratulated all the student athletes on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

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
Trustee Rhea Law – Vacation (out of state)
Trustee Kiran Patel
Trustee John Ramil
Trustee Debbie Sembler
Trustee Juan Soltero
Trustee Bob Soran
Trustee Sherrill Tomasino

President Genshaft introduced USF Mass Communications student Sarah Wilson. Ms. Wilson and members of her team presented the short film “Rhapsody”. The movie won best picture at the 2009 International Campus MovieFest which was held at the Paramount Theater in Hollywood.

President’s update

- The President announced that her Annual Address was given on October 9, 2009.
• The President announced that Dr. Ralph Wilcox was officially named Provost, October 9, 2009 and congratulated him on his leadership.

• President Genshaft introduced Dr. Nancy Giardina. Dr. Giardina is the ACE Fellow who’s interning at the USF St. Petersburg campus, for a term of one year. Dr. Giardina expressed her excitement and is looking forward to working at the USF St. Petersburg campus. Dr. Giardina is the Assistant Vice President, for Academic Affairs, at Grand Valley State University in Michigan.

• President Genshaft welcomed Patty Harrison, Senator J.D. Alexander’s Aid and Assistant.

• The President announced that the Florida Board of Governors will meet at the USF Tampa Campus on September 24, 2009. There will be a dinner held on September 23, 2009. The President encouraged her leadership team and The Board of Trustees to attend.

• President Genshaft proudly reported that in the Chronicle of Higher Education, under the category of “The Biggest Gainers in Federal Funds for Academic Research and Development 2000 – 2007”, USF ranked #1 with an increase of 213%.

• The Unstoppable Campaign will start October 2009 under the leadership of Vice President Of Advancement Joel Momberg.

• The President discussed plans of an upcoming retreat. The focus will be on the USF System as a whole.

• The President welcomed and introduced Stuart Holmes, Chair of Governing Counsel of East Anglia University in England, and Andrew Colin, Chairman of INTO University Partnerships. Andrew Colin discussed international partnerships. INTO was created in 2005 and does major transformational projects for universities that want to internationalize.

Stuart Holmes discussed the background of East Anglia University and the concept of INTO. He described INTO as a club of leading worldwide research intensive universities. East Anglia University is based in Norwich, England and was developed in 1963.

President Genshaft introduced the former Dean of International Affairs at USF, Joann McCarthy who is currently working for INTO.

New Business Action Items

FL 101 – Approval of Minutes:

June 25, 2009
July 13, 2009
July 28, 2009

Vice Chair John Ramil asked for a motion to approve the Minutes. It was seconded and the minutes were approved.
On behalf of Chair Law, Vice Chair Ramil reported that items FL 102 – FL 113 had been reviewed by the Academics $ Campus Environment, Finance and Audit, and Health Sciences and Research workgroups, and recommended approval.

United Faculty of Florida President Sherman Dorn addressed his interest and was delighted to hear about the INTO Program. Dr. Dorn addressed Faculty Layoff’s. Because USF has a recruiting advantage, there are none this fall.

Vice Chair Ramil asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, it was seconded and the consent agenda was approved (Items: FL 102 – FL 113)

FL 102 – Approve USF enrollment plans (Consent Agenda)
FL 103 – Approve USF’s Equity Report, 2009 Annual Update for submission to the Board of Governors (Consent Agenda)
FL 104 – Approve addition of lower – level courses and enrollment at the USF Polytechnic (Consent Agenda)
FL 105 – Approve Real Property Policy (Consent Agenda)
FL 106 – Approve DSO/CU 2010 Financial Plans and Strategy Statements (consent agenda)
  a) University Medical Services Assoc. Inc.
  b) USF Medical Services Support Corp.
  c) USF Health Professions Conferencing Corp.
  d) USF Financing Corp. & Property Corp
FL 107 – Approve University Audit & Compliance – 2009/10 Work Plan (Consent Agenda)
FL 108 – Approve Authorize amendments to Policy 5-014 (USF System Asset/Property Management). (Consent Agenda)
FL 109 - Authorize amendments to Regulation 4.012, Leasing Regulation (Consent Agenda)
FL 110 - Authorize amendments to Purchasing Regulations (Consent Agenda)
FL 111 – Approve the updated USF Health/College of Medicine Faculty Practice Plan (Consent Agenda)
FL 112 – Approve the Amendments to update MSSC Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws (Consent Agenda)
FL 113 – Approve the Amendments to update UMSA Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws (Consent Agenda)

V. New Business – Informational Items

Provost Ralph Wilcox presented the following information:
(Informational packets were distributed to the Trustee members.)
  a. Enrollment Update
  b. Strategic Performance Update
  c. National Awards
  d. Student Success

USF has enrolled 47,122 students, by enhancing student selectivity and academic preparedness. USF has the most selective freshman class in the history of the University of South Florida. This fall the incoming freshman class across the USF system had an average SAT score of 1185. The average ACT score for the freshman class was 26. The Provost reported that this fall USF has the largest honors class. There are 504 honor students with an average GPA of 1356.
Carnegie classification ranks USF in the top 2% of all colleges and universities public and private in the United States. NSF (National Science Research) ranks USF 44th among public research universities in total research funding and 38th among public research universities in Federal funding.

Provost Wilcox presented on USF System research change, research growth and annual tuition increases.

Provost Wilcox asked Dr. Graham Tobin to give a presentation on some of the key performances and success of USF over the past year.

Dr. Tobin presented the Performance report and thanked the following Academic Affairs team for their hard work: Michael Moore, Jacqui Cash, Valeria Garcia and Travis Thompson.


President Genshaft thanked Dr. Tobin and his team on his presentation.

Provost Wilcox presented on National Student Awards.

Provost Wilcox asked Dr. Linda Lucas, National Awards Advisor to speak about some of the initiatives that are underway through the USF Honors College and National Scholarship offices. Dr. Lucas reported that today was the deadline to apply for the Marshal as well as for the Rhodes Scholarships. The week of September 14th will be the deadline to apply for the Fulbright scholarship.

The Provost presented on Student Award Initiatives, National Faculty Awards and Faculty Awards Initiatives and reported that President Genshaft is hosting a dinner on September 21, 2009 to recognize Faculty awards Recipients.

The Provost presented on Student success, Defining Student Success at USF, Strategies to Enhance Student Success, USF Degrees awarded, and Student’s receiving Pell Grants and Future Initiatives to Enhance Student Success.

Trustee Bob Soran asked about the Community Colleges that are becoming four year institutions.

Vice Chair Ramil thanked Provost Wilcox and his team for their presentations.

Having no further items, Vice Chair Ramil adjourned the USF Board of Trustee meeting at 11:30 am.

Rhea F. Law, Chair                                   Judy Genshaft, Corporate Secretary