Chair Law convened the special meeting for the University of South Florida, Board of Trustees in Tampa, Florida at 9:00 a.m.

Chair Law welcomed everyone to the special Board meeting for the updated USF Polytechnic strategic plan and presentation by Dr. Santiago Calatrava about the architectural designs for the new campus in Polk County.

Chair Law welcomed Senator J.D. Alexander and Board of Governors member Carolyn Roberts.

Chair Law asked President Genshaft to call roll.

**President Genshaft called roll with the following Trustees present:**

Trustee Lee Arnold  
Trustee Laurence Branch  
Trustee Margarita Cancio – Did not attend  
Trustee Gene Engle  
Trustee Sonja Garcia – Did not attend  
Trustee Rhea Law  
Trustee Kiran Patel- Did not attend  
Trustee John Ramil  
Trustee Debbie Sembler  
Trustee Juan Soltero  
Trustee Bob Soran  
Trustee Sherrill Tomasino

Chair Law asked Ms. Megan Pritts to present item **FL 101 – Approve contract reopener Article between USF/West Central Police Benevolent Association for the 2007 – 2010 Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA).**

Ms. Megan Pritts, Associate General Counsel spoke on behalf of USF bargaining team. The Article 23 – Wages submitted as supporting documentation is the result of the reopener negotiations. USF proposed a one-time lump sum bonus payment as part of the pay by performance merit. Specifically employees that receive a rating of exemplarity or exceed ratings in their most recent performance evaluation will receive a bonus of $2000. A rating of commendable will receive a bonus of $1500 and a rating of satisfactory or achieves will receive
a bonus of $1000. Ms. Pritts stated that the contract has been ratified by the PBA membership by a unanimous vote, and needs a vote for ratification from USF Board of Trustees.

Chair Law asked for a motion to approve **FL 101 – Approve contract reopener Article between USF/West Central Police Benevolent Association for the 2007 – 2010 Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA)**, it was seconded and FL 101 was approved.

Chair Law asked President Genshaft to present the FL 102 – Approval of the USF Polytechnic Campus Board Appointment.

President Genshaft recommended Mr. L. Mark Kaylor, President and Owner of Kaylor & Kaylor, P.A. for a four year term ending June 30, 2013. Mr. Kaylor holds BA and Masters Degrees from University of Florida and Juris Doctor Degree from FSU College of Law. Mr. Kaylor is involved in many professional and community organizations including USF Graphic Studios. President Genshaft stated that Mr. Kaylor would be an excellent Board member at USF Polytechnic Campus Board.

Chair Law asked for a motion to approve **FL 102 – Approval of the USF Polytechnic Campus Board Appointment**, it was seconded and FL 102 was approved.

Chair Law asked Dr. Marshall Goodman to present FL 103 – Approval of the USF Polytechnic Campus Updated Strategic Plan.

Dr. Goodman thanked the Board and presented FL 103. (Click here for presentation)

President Genshaft thanked Dr. Goodman and stated that USF Polytechnic Campus Updated Strategic Plan is presented to the Board due to a substantial change since the last Board approval. President Genshaft stated that the plan will take USF Polytechnic through the SACS accreditation, which each campus is legally bound to go through.

Trustee Arnold asked about student population growth and the possibility of overbuilding and how the proposed plan fits in with the overall strategic plan without cannibalizing.

Dr. Goodman stated that the proposed plan is for the first building (80,000 square feet), which is the only one currently in PECO. USF Polytechnic has received installments of $11 million and $15 million and is waiting for the final installment from the State of Florida. An education plan survey for the building submitted to the Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors. The required enrollment has been met and exceeded for that plan alone. Five million has been raised privately for the second building, a wellness center, where students will socialize and have a number of other activities.
A RFP has been submitting for the third building and interesting proposals in terms of funding and arrangements have been received. The proposals will be evaluated to determine whether they should be presented to the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Goodman stated that USF Polytechnic is not overbuilding but still requires the same level of infrastructure in one building or others. Dr. Goodman spoke to multiple people in the industry who advised to build the infrastructure from day one which will result in large savings since prices are down and bidding is competitive. Dr. Goodman stated that the proposed plan went through multiple drafts and people from respective divisions of the university participated to ensure that no duplications were made. Dr. Goodman stated that USF Polytechnic is creating something very different, very bold and very niche in terms of building out the full array for the USF System.

Trustee Arnold followed up with a question regarding the cost of the first building being $62 million approximately $775 per square feet. Dr. Goodman stated that $14 million from $62 million will go towards the ground part since it is a virgin territory. The actual budget for the building is $46 million not including the wellness center.

Chair Law asked for a motion to approve FL 103 – Approval of the USF Polytechnic Campus Updated Strategic Plan, it was seconded and FL 103 was approved.

Senator JD Alexander stated that since the beginning, when he first decided to run for office, he wanted to make a difference in the education system of the region in a way that will change lives and provide opportunities. About the same time Senator JD Alexander was elected to office the entire USF Lakeland Board quit. At that time USF had the opportunity to bring in a new leader for USF and that was USF current President, Dr. Judy Genshaft. President Genshaft came from institutions that served several areas through vibrant unique campuses and wanted to apply that vision to lead the USF System that exist today. At that time President Genshaft asked for a new vibrant leader for USF Lakeland. Senator JD Alexander supported her decision in hiring Dr. Goodman.

Senator JD Alexander stated that he had never heard of a Polytechnic University until Dr. Genshaft, Dr. Goodman, and their team designed the current concept that fits the region, fits the new model for educating students and will be a vibrant part of USF in broadening and strengthening its franchise and serving the people of Florida. Senator JD Alexander believes that the economy of Florida has to change by growing a broader base knowledge economy that will provide opportunities to Florida and to its citizens. The USF leadership has constructed a plan that can be a substantial step in creating a new set of opportunities not only for Polk County and that region but for the I4 corridor, USF and the State of Florida.
Senator J.D. Alexander thanked President Genshaft, the Chair and Trustees for their leadership and vision.

Chair Law thanked Senator JD Alexander for his leadership and being the driving force.

Dr. Goodman introduced Dr. Calatrava.

Dr. Calatrava thanked Dr. Goodman, President, Chair, Trustees and Senator and presented USF Polytechnic Phase 1 Campus Design. (Click here for Presentation)

Chair Law thanked Dr. Calatrava’s for his vision and looks forward to working together to bring a vision to USF Polytechnic.

Trustee Engle stated that Dr. Calatrava’s vision is outstanding and will be known for many years. Trustee Engle enjoyed the experience and being involved in the process.

Trustee Tomasino stated that is a very unique experience that everyone can participate in building a university from scratch. It is a rare opportunity to build anything of similar magnitude that will last for a very long time.

Chair Law was delighted that the students attended and had the opportunity to listen to Dr. Calatrava’s presentation.

Chair Law thanked Board of Governors Chair Sheila McDevitt for attending the Board of Trustees Meeting.

Chair Law stated that the December 3, 2009, Board of Trustees meeting will include a USF System Retreat, therefore the time has been expanded from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Chair Law announced that Mr. Hal Mullis and Mr. Brian Lamb have been appointed by the Board of Governors to the USF Board of Trustee. Their term starts in January 6, 2010. Chair Law thanked the Board of Governors for the appointments. USF Board of Trustees still has a vacant seat appointed by Board of Governors. In addition the Governor still has 2 appointments to make.

President Genshaft thanked Dr. Calatrava for the opportunity to share the memorable occasion with USF students and staff.

President Genshaft stated that the construction firm hired for the project is Skanska Construction which has built some of the Dr. Calatrava’s designs internationally. President Genshaft thanked everyone for attending.

Having no further business Chair Law adjourned the University of South Florida’s Board of Trustee Meeting.