Chair John Ramil convened the conference call meeting of the USF Board of Trustees at 4:30 pm.

Chair Ramil welcomed and thanked everyone for making the effort to participate in the special board call meeting.

President Genshaft called the roll with the following Trustees present:

Trustee Christopher Davis (not present: on an airplane)
Trustee Stephanie Goforth
Trustee Brian Lamb
Trustee Stan Levy
Trustee Mark Lombardi-Nelson
Trustee Steve Mitchell
Trustee Hal Mullis
Trustee John Ramil
Trustee Debbie Sembler
Trustee Byron Shinn
Trustee Jordan Zimmerman
Trustee Nancy Watkins

Chair Ramil called on General Counsel Steve Prevaux to present item FL 101 – Amend USF Regulation 4.0102 to comply with Section 1009.24(4)(b) Florida Statutes.

General Counsel Prevaux provided a brief overview of Agenda Item FL 101.

Chair Ramil stated that the Board is amending the regulation to be in compliance with the Florida statute.

Trustee Mitchell added that the regulation clearly outlines that such increase shall occur and that the law cannot be ignored. He felt that there was no other option but to approve FL 101.

Trustee Shinn stated that if the Board doesn’t approve the item, it would then be handled by the attorneys.

It was noted that other universities in the Florida State University System have approved a similar increase including: University of Florida, Florida State University, and University of North Florida.

Trustee Nancy Watkins clarified that she is not voting to raise tuition but on the legal matter to be in compliance with Florida law.
Chair Ramil asked for a motion to approve. It was seconded and FL 101 was approved by the majority. Trustees Sembler and Shinn voted no for FL 101.

Chair Ramil stated that Trustees have to consider all aspects of the issues presented to them and not just one piece of the equation when it comes to tuition and fees. He added that it is important that the Board work to balance the costs (tuition and fees) while providing a good education. He added that both the Governor and the Board of Governors have been helpful on providing guidance to USF on this matter.

Having no further business, Chair Ramil adjourned the special conference call of the USF Board of Trustees.

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John B. Ramil, Chair                                              Judy Genshaft, Corporate Secretary