Chair John Ramil convened the conference call meeting of the USF Board of Trustees at 1:00 pm.

Chair Ramil welcomed and thanked everyone for participating in the board call meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to approve two critical items requiring Board approval prior to the BOG meeting in November. In addition, Chair Ramil felt it was timely as the Tampa Bay community and nation say goodbye to Congressman Young for the Board to consider a resolution honoring his life and contributions.

President Genshaft called the roll with the following Trustees present:

Trustee Christopher Davis
Trustee Stephanie Goforth
Trustee Scott Hopes
Trustee Brian Lamb
Trustee Stan Levy
Trustee Mark Lombardi-Nelson
Trustee Steve Mitchell
Trustee Hal Mullis
Trustee John Ramil
Trustee Byron Shinn
Trustee Nancy Watkins
Trustee Jordan Zimmerman

FL 101 - Approval of the USF BOT Choice Metric for the 10-item BOG Performance-Based Funding Model for the USF System

Chair Ramil provided an overview of past BOG performance-based funding metrics which included, the % of Bachelor’s graduates employed, the median average full-time wages of undergraduates employed in Florida one year after graduation and, average cost per graduate degree to the institution. USF performed very well and ranked #1 in Florida along with UCF. The USF System received $2,608,696, of the $20 million appropriated by the State Legislature, for performance-based funding.

Chair Ramil added that the BOG metrics will be changing and called on Provost Ralph Wilcox to present item FL 101.

For the coming year the BOG will be modifying the three metrics performance-based funding model, to include seven more measures. In addition, the $20 million in appropriated performance-based funding is a recurring item, and the BOG has requested an additional $50 million in the 2014-15 budget.
The Board of Governors has developed a 10 metric performance funding model, of which eight of the 10 metrics are common to all universities with two choice metrics; one chosen by the Board of Governors and one by the Board of Trustees.

For the USF System and seven other universities the BOG selected “Percent of Bachelor’s Degrees Without Excess Hours” as their choice metric.

The Board has to approve the 10th metric. Based upon careful strategic analysis, USF leadership recommends that the Board adopt the nationally recognized measure of the Number of Post-Doctoral appointees as the tenth metric, with benchmarks set at 300, 250, 200, for excellence plus 3%, 2% and 1% for annual improvement.

This metric is recognized by the nation’s leading rating or ranking agencies and it’s also included as a Florida Preeminence Measure. In recent years USF system has demonstrated a steady increase number of postdoc appointees from 261 for the 2009-2010 academic year to 303 for the current year.

Chair Ramil asked for a motion, it was seconded and FL 101 was approved.

Trustee Lamb asked that the ACE workgroup and university leadership provide recommendations to the Board on how to invest the performance funding the university receives from the achievement of the BOG metrics. The Chair and board agreed.

FL 102 – Approval of Master of Science (MS) degree in Cyber Security

Chair Ramil called on Provost Wilcox to present FL 102.

The MS in Cyber Security is the only program in the State of Florida and will serve as the anchor program for the Florida Center for Cyber Security. The program will be offered exclusive online although the university has the opportunity with appropriate localized cohort to deliver face to face classes. At this time the university has not received any funding to support the delivery of the program, therefore the MS in Cyber Security has been developed as a cost-recovery degree program, so is projected to be self-sustaining after a two-year start-up period.

Sr. Vice Provost Dwayne Smith provided an overview of the Executive Summary. The program will be administratively located in the Office of Graduate Studies. There is a critical need for the skill and the demand for cyber security jobs is very high with excellent starting salary. The proposal has been prepared with close scrutiny in meeting SACS accreditation requirements and for potentially gaining national accreditation.

Chair Ramil asked for a motion, it was seconded and FL 102 was approved.

FL 103 – Resolution Honoring Congressman Bill Young

Trustee Zimmerman acknowledged Chair Ramil’s resolution honoring Congressman Bill Young.
Trustee Zimmerman stated that Congressman Young was a responsible public servant and will be remembered and missed for helping shape the Tampa Bay Region in many ways. Trustee Zimmerman fully supported the resolution and thanked Chair Ramil for bringing it forward.

Chair Ramil added that the resolution identifies Congressman Young broad accomplishments and his strong support for many USF initiatives including the university’s vision in becoming a world class research institution, the USF Center for Biological Defense and the USF Joint Military Science Leadership Center. Chair Ramil read the final paragraph of the resolution and called for a moment of silence to recognize the passing of Congressman Young.

Chair Ramil asked for a motion, it was seconded and FL 103 was approved.

President Genshaft reminded the Board that the USF Unstoppable Gala will be held on November 25 to celebrate reaching the $600 million campaign goal.

Chair Ramil reminded everyone that is USF Homecoming week.

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

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John B. Ramil, Chair            Judy Genshaft, Corporate Secretary