



*Board of Trustees*

*Minutes*

*November 1, 2007*

The meeting was called to order at 5:10p on Thursday, November 1, 2007. All trustees were on the telephone call, except Carlos Alfonso, Courtney Cunningham, and Ryan Moseley. Brian Beach confirmed that a quorum was present.

Chair Morgan stated that the purpose of the board meeting is to approve presidential goals and tuition rates. With that said, Chair Morgan called on Trustee McGriff to present the presidential goal information from the Committee on Governance.

Trustee McGriff noted that the committee met by conference call on October 24. Trustees Alfonso, Daniels, Fernandez, and McGriff were on the call. The committee approved the short and long term goals that you received prior to this telephone meeting, and recommends them for your approval. The format is similar to last year, with new short-term goals for the same topics/issues. Of the long-term goals, three (items A, B, and F) remain from last year.

Two are new (items D and E), as two of last year's long-term goals were met. One of the new long-term goals (item C) is the same as last year with a bit of refinement.

A motion and second were made to approve the goals.

A lengthy discussion ensued. Trustee Warrington felt that the short term SAT goal should be an increase over the prior year, rather than flat as it shows. The recent national trend of declining SAT scores was discussed, as was the potential impact of UF's new admissions process that will utilize only one application cycle instead of multiple. Trustee Warrington also questioned the short-term goal of no additional faculty hires (compared to an increase of 99 faculty during the prior year). The group discussed UF's hiring freeze that was just implemented as a result of recent State of Florida budget cuts. The unpredictability as to additional budget

cuts and the overall state of Florida's economy were discussed. The capital campaign short-term goal was also discussed and clarified.

Trustee Warrington reiterated that hiring faculty and pursuit of financial resources remain our primary focus and goal, and that the goals, particularly the long-term goals, do not necessarily reflect that in his opinion.

Trustee Daniels noted that perhaps including very long-term, or rephrasing some of the long-term goals, might be considered.

Trustee Fernandez suggested that we should discuss this issue and review some long-term and very long-term goals at a later meeting or the retreat.

The original motion was amended to separate approval of short and long-term goals.

A motion and second were made to approve the short-term goals and the board approved the short-term goals unanimously.

A motion and second were made to approve the long-term goals. Al Warrington voted against, while the remaining members voted for the motion. As such, the long-term goals were approved.

The board then discussed the 5% tuition rate increase as approved by the Board of Governors, the Legislature, and Governor Crist. A motion and second were made to increase tuition by 5%, which was approved unanimously.