

**University of North Florida
Board of Trustee
Conference Call**

**July 25, 2006
Minutes**

Trustees in Attendance: Dr. Edythe Abdullah, Mr. Luther Coggin, Mrs. Toni Crawford, Mr. Justin Daminao, Mr. Wilfredo Gonzalez, Mr. Steve Halverson, Mrs. Wanyonyi Kendrick, Mrs. Joan Newton, Dr. Judith Solano, Dr. Bruce Taylor.

Trustees absent: Mrs. Ann Hicks, Mrs. Carol Thompson, Mr. Kevin Twomey

Item 1: Call to Order (Chair Taylor). Chair Taylor called the meeting to order.

Item 2: Chair's Report (Chair Taylor). Chair Taylor stated that a schedule was being finalized to discuss the presidential evaluation plan. Information would be forthcoming and all trustees were encouraged to review the schedule.

Chair Taylor stated that the August 17th workshop might include one agenda item that would be briefly discussed during this conference call – the trustee appointment process. Unless there were other issues, the workshop may be cancelled.

Item 3: President's Report (President Delaney). President Delaney referred to the new agenda format, stating that he thought it was easier to follow. He asked for comments or suggestions – everyone agreed that the new format was a positive change.

Item 4: Minutes (June 20, 2006). Chair Taylor asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 20th meeting. Trustee Solano offered the motion and Trustee Halverson seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Item 5: Modified Schedule of Tuition and Fees (Vice President Serwatka). Vice President Serwatka stated that at its June 20th meeting, the Board of Trustees approved a schedule of tuition and fees that increased in-state undergraduate and graduate tuition by 3% and kept out-of-state undergraduate and graduate tuition the same as last year. Since that date, the Board of Governors passed a policy that required the University to alter its schedule of tuition and fees for out-of-state students, keeping the out-of-state fees the same as last year while adding in the 3% in-state tuition increases to the amount that out-of-state students would pay.

Vice President Serwatka stated that the University was committed to the fact that out-of-state tuition was higher than it should be, but for this schedule, the University needed to comply with the BOG policy.

Trustee Coggin asked that in the future, we seek greater flexibility in setting the overall cost for out-of-state students. Chair Taylor and Trustee Halverson agreed with Trustee Coggin and asked that the University stay faithful to this principle.

Chair Taylor asked for a motion to approve the modified schedule of tuition and fees. Trustee Newton offered a motion and Trustee Crawford seconded. The motion was carried.

Item 6: Regulations (Vice President Stone). Vice President Stone stated that when the Board approved tuition and fees, they were also asked to approve the regulation in this same category. She referred the Board to Regulation 8.1001, Schedule of Tuition and Fees (Attachments 6A) and Regulation 8.1002, Special Fees, Fines and Penalties (Attachment 6B), stating that a separate motion was required for each regulation.

Vice President Stone stated that prior to bringing this item to the Board, the proper notice period had ended with no comments received.

Chair Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Schedule of Tuition and Fees regulation. Trustee Solano offered a motion and Trustee Crawford seconded. The motion was carried.

Chair Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Special Fees, Fines and Penalties regulation. Trustee Solano offered a motion and Trustee Crawford seconded. The motion was carried.

Item 7A: PECO Submissions (Vice President Shuman). President Delaney stated that the University was approached about an opportunity to purchase the AOL building and if UNF was able to secure this building it would provide a number of advantages that were not considered in the master planning process. This opportunity prompted a revision to the items on last year's PECO list.

President Delaney stated that the purchase of the AOL building would be good for the University and would fit within the strategic plan. This purchase would eliminate the need for a number of projects on the original list and would save money over time.

Trustee Gonzalez asked if the revision affected the original priorities on the PECO list. President Delaney stated that the list did change and if this opportunity was funded, the scope of other projects may be reduced and several other projects may also be removed from the CIP budget request.

Trustee Halverson offered his support for the purchase of the AOL building, stating that he would like to discuss the details at a later time.

Chair Taylor asked for a motion to approve the PECO submissions. Trustee Newton offered a motion and Trustee Crawford seconded. The motion was carried.

Item 7B: Amending the Master Plan to Include the Purchase and Use of the AOL Building (President Delaney). President Delaney stated that approval of the PECO submissions would require amending the recently adopted Master Plan to include the purchase and use of the AOL building and would therefore require Board approval.

Chair Taylor asked for a motion to approve amending the Master Plan to include the purchase and use of the AOL building. Trustee Newton offered a motion and Trustee Crawford seconded. The motion was carried.

Item 8: Trustee Appointment Process (Chair Taylor). Chair Taylor stated that the Board of Governors (BOG) had indicated that they were in the process of developing a set of policies concerning the appointment of trustees and input was being solicited from various universities.

Chair Taylor stated that the Board should be proactive and assume a leadership role in this process. This Board should have considerable input to the Governor and the BOG to ensure trustee skills and compatibility.

President Delaney stated that he sent out a memo addressing the trustee appointment process and hoped these would clarify this item. The process would begin with a discussion to debate the input. This discussion would include the entire Board and then move to consolidation and refinement within the Executive Committee. The Board would then be apprised of the consensus. The Chair and the President would communicate with the Governor and the Board of Governors.

Trustee Halverson stated that the Board needed to take a distinctly proactive approach and articulate this to the Board of Governors. He stated that the Board also needed to identify some names that could be recommended.

Trustee Crawford agreed and stated that this Board should take advantage of the offer to participate – the local community was most familiar to the local landscape.

President Delaney stated that the input was needed to make some considered response by August 1st.

No motion was required for this item.

Item 9: Resubmission of LBRs (President Delaney). President Delaney stated that when the first set of requests was presented, the University thought the requests for more teachers and nurses would become part of a system-wide effort; however, the BOG took a different approach, supporting the increase of nursing faculty as opposed to nurses and relying solely on SUCCEED grants for increasing teacher supply.

President Delaney stated that because nursing and education were major priorities within the strategic plan, UNF's LBR requests were retooled to accommodate the community and the institution. The Global Health Center was deleted – these additional funds were redirected to nursing and education. The four requests now listed on the LBRs were key elements of the strategic plan:

- The Coastal and River Ecological Research Initiative was soon to become a flagship program.
- The Center for Community-Based Learning will provide Transformational Learning Opportunities.
- The School of Nursing addresses the state's targeted workforce priority of producing more new nurses and new nursing faculty.
- The College of Education and Human Services is an access to produce teachers.

Trustee Halverson stated that this was a much improved version with obvious attention to questions in the last meeting. He was quite pleased with the work done. Trustee Crawford also stated her support for this version.

Chair Taylor asked for a motion to approve the revisions to the LBRs. Trustee Halverson offered a motion and Trustee Gonzalez seconded. The motion was carried.

Additional Item: ASFCME Union Negotiations (President Delaney). President Delaney said union negotiations with ASFCME were in final stages. These negotiations were within the budgetary framework previously discussed, including a focus on strengthening the merit process. When the paperwork was completed, a conference call would be arranged for approval.

Item 11: Adjournment (Chair Taylor). Chair Taylor stated that the workshop scheduled for August 17th might be cancelled. Further communication would follow.

Chair Taylor adjourned the meeting.