

**Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees  
June 20, 2006**

**SUBJECT:** Minutes of April 18, 2006 Meeting

---

**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Approve minutes

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees met on April 18, 2006. Minutes of the meeting were kept, as required by Florida law.

---

**Supporting Documentation Included:** Minutes of April 18, 2006 Meeting

**Prepared by:** Barbara Krell, Executive Assistant to the President

**Legal Review by:** General Counsel Wendy Morris (June 2, 2006)

**Submitted by:** President Bill Merwin

MINUTES  
FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2006  
9:45 A.M. – NOON  
STUDENT UNION BALLROOM

Chairman Lutgert convened the meeting of the University Board of Trustees in the Student Union Ballroom at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006 with the following members presents:

Andres Andrade  
Sharon Irish Bevins  
Brian Cobb  
Lindsay Harrington  
Larry Hart  
Bernie Lester  
David Lucas  
Scott Lutgert  
James Malone (via conference call)  
Edward Morton  
Jerry Starkey  
Michael Villalobos

Members of Staff Present:

William Merwin  
Susan Evans  
Steve Magiera  
Wendy Morris  
Joseph Shepard  
Bonnie Yegidis  
Barbara Krell

Kathy Bottoms Guests: Jorge Lopez, Kirt Gallatin, Jameson Yingling,  
Christine Andrews

1. Call to Order – Chair Scott Lutgert

Chair Lutgert greeted the Trustees and welcomed Trustee Malone to the Board of Trustees. Trustee Malone greeted the group and thanked the Governor for the opportunity to be of service to Florida Gulf Coast University.

2. Remarks from FGCU Faculty Senate – President Sharon Irish Bevins

President Merwin introduced Trustee Bevins who reported on the various activities of the Faculty Senate for the past semester. Trustee Bevins has been re-elected to the Faculty Senate and will continue to serve as a University Trustee.

3. Remarks from FGCU Student Government – President Andres Andrade

President Merwin introduced Trustee Andrade who updated Trustees regarding student activities. He introduced the new President and Vice President of the Student Body, Mr. Gallatin and Mr. Yingling.

4. Remarks from FGCU Staff Advisory Council – President Robert Harris

President Merwin stated Chief Harris was unable to attend today and Mr. Jorge Lopez would give the Staff Advisory Report on the Chief's behalf.

5. Remarks from FGCU Foundation Board of Directors – Chair Joseph Catti

President Merwin stated Mr. Catti was not able to be with us today and Mr. Magiera updated Trustees regarding recent Foundation activities.

6. President's Report – President Bill Merwin

President Merwin welcomed Trustee Malone and stated he was looking forward to working with Trustee Malone in his new role. President Merwin stated that Mr. Charlie Edwards had recently been appointed to the Florida Board of Governors and that he has invited Mr. Edwards to any Board meetings he is able to attend.

President Merwin announced that we have recently purchased acreage in Naples that will be the future site of FGCU's new Naples Center and that a fundraising campaign has begun.

President Merwin stated that we continue to receive high marks for the University Lecture Series featuring former President Mikhail Gorbachev. President Merwin thanked Provost Yegidis and the hard work of many staff members from Academic Affairs, Advancement and Administrative Services.

President Merwin reported that in the last few weeks we have been approached by Mr. Syd Kitson and Partners who have offered us fifty acres of land and \$5 million which is matchable in the Murdock area. The other prior offer was from Stock Development and O.J. Buigas/Private Equity Group for 150 acres on Bermont Road, \$5 million and a transfer fee mechanism that is anticipated to generate approximately \$750,000. President Merwin stated that there has been a great deal of interest in Charlotte County and there have been a number of ideas mentioned including one regarding Edison College's Charlotte Campus located in Punta Gorda. He stated we have not given a great deal of consideration to that idea. The Charlotte County Commission will make a decision later this month regarding this matter.

President Merwin reported on a recent proposal to Edison College submitted at a meeting with President Walker and others last week. The proposal addresses lower division course offerings Edison does not offer in Charlotte County and yet are necessary for a timely degree path toward the FGCU bachelor's degree. He stated the group also discussed that FGCU would like to have the right of first refusal for bachelor's degree offerings in Charlotte County, and as such, serve as the primary partner in the Edison College University Center. A copy of the proposal was handed to each Trustee.

President Merwin stated that at the Board's last meeting, the Trustees authorized contacting the NCAA to inform them that we would be interested in moving to Division I provided we could have an affiliation with a Division I Conference. He stated that in that spirit, Mr. McAloose has notified the NCAA and also has made contact with the Atlantic Sun Athletics Conference, who paid a visit to us. Commissioner Bibb and the visiting team were very positive about FGCU, and we hope to hear back within the next couple of months regarding our membership. President Merwin stated that we are adding men's and women's soccer and women's swimming and that we are currently recruiting coaches for each of these sports.

President Merwin reported that the Transportation Management Center (TMC) is an initiative we proposed on our campus during a Town Meeting hosted by Congressman Connie Mack and attended by U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Don Young. He stated that the TMC would provide an electronic means for providing information to drivers on interstate highways. President Merwin reported this project is related to the Coconut Road interchange and we have supported this interchange for three reasons: 1. the TMC, 2. improved access to the FGCU campus for local citizens, and 3. opportunities for greatly needed alternative access to FGCU through a proposed connection between Coconut Road and CR 951 extension. President Merwin stated that we will eventually have twenty thousand students on our campus and it is unacceptable for us to have only one road, Ben Hill Griffin Parkway, and two access points onto the campus.

President Merwin reported that there will be three honorary degrees awarded at the April 29<sup>th</sup> spring Commencement. At the 9:00 a.m. ceremony we will be honoring Drs. Ruth and Burt Holmes. At the 2:00 p.m. ceremony we will honor retired FGCU professor, Roy Mumme.

President Merwin updated Trustees regarding the ongoing Legislative Session which is going well. He stated that in the next week or so the budgets will be drawn and there is some disagreement between the House and the Senate. President Merwin reported that we have requested \$5 million for infrastructure; we have nearly \$8 million for the Lutgert College of Business

Building; that there is another portion for \$16 million eight hundred thousand for another classroom building. President Merwin stated there is a Performing Arts Center in this budget. President Merwin reported that there are two other issues that we made requests for funds for a chiller plant and some student recreation fields that total \$7 million. We also requested \$2 million for the renovation of the not yet completed Library. President Merwin stated we have asked for \$100,000 for the Center for Positive Aging in recurring money.

7. Consent Agenda – Chair Scott Lutgert

Chairman Lutgert asked for approval of the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Trustee Lucas to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lester. Motion carried unanimously with Trustee Malone abstaining.

8. Resolution of Appreciation to Dr. Harry Moon

Chairman Lutgert stated there is a resolution of appreciation for Dr. Harry Moon, who served as a member of this Board from 2001 through January of 2006. Dr. Moon is on vacation with his family this week and is unable to be with us. Ms. Evans read the resolution into the record. (Addendum A)

9. Academic/Student/Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting – Committee Chair Larry Hart

Chairman Hart introduced Provost Yegidis who reported on the following action items:

- New Degree Program: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Philosophy
- New Degree Program: Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Chemistry
- New Degree Program: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Sociology

A motion was made by Chair Lutgert to approve the three new degree programs. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lester. Motion carried unanimously.

- Dr. Yegidis reviewed the Satellite Centers Supplement to the FGCU Strategic Plan for 2005-2010. Motion was made to approve the Satellite Centers Supplement by Trustee Morton. Motion was seconded by Trustee Malone. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Finance & Administration Committee Meeting – Committee Chair David Lucas

Chairman Lucas introduced Dr. Shepard to present the Information Only item. Dr. Shepard introduced Dr. Andrews, President of the FGCU Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee. Dr. Andrews reviewed the highlights of the Environmental Stewardship Management Plan.

- Dr. Shepard outlined the Budget Authority Increase for 2005-06. Motion was made to approve the Budget Authority Increase for 2005-06 by Trustee Morton. Motion was seconded by Trustee Villalobos. Motion carried unanimously.
- Dr. Shepard reviewed the Parking and Traffic Regulations with Board Members. Motion was made by Chair Lutgert to approve the Parking and Traffic Regulations. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lester. Motion carried unanimously.
- Dr. Shepard outlined the Revision to the 2005-06 Educational Plant Survey. Motion was made by Trustee Morton to approve the Revision. Motion was seconded by Trustee Cobb. Motion carried unanimously.
- Dr. Shepard reviewed the Student Housing Rental Rates with Board members. Motion was made by Trustee Lester to approve the Student Housing Rental Rates. Motion was seconded by Chair Lutgert. Motion carried unanimously.
- Dr. Shepard outlined the Memorandum of Agreement with the South Florida Water Management District. Motion was made to approve this Agreement by Trustee Hart. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lester. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Old Business – Chair Scott Lutgert

There was no old business to come before the Board.

12. New Business – Chair Scott Lutgert

Chair Lutgert stated that President Merwin's contract will expire on June 30, 2007, and he believes everyone agrees President Merwin is doing an outstanding job as President of the University. Chair Lutgert would like to suggest that Trustee Lucas be empowered to meet with the President and staff to discuss extension of his contract and report back to the Board at a later date. Trustee Lucas accepted this nomination.

Chair Lutgert thanked Trustee Hart for again serving as this Board's representative on the Awards Committee for Faculty Excellence.

Chair Lutgert stated the next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, and this meeting will include the budget for the new year July 1.

13. Chair's Closing Remarks, & Adjourn Meeting – Chair Scott Lutgert

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.