

**New College of Florida Board of Trustees
Approved Minutes
Special Meeting of June 19, 2002**

Members in Attendance: Bob Johnson, Chairman; Rev. Jerome Dupree; Gen. Rolland Heiser; Dr. Meg Lowman; Jane Smiley. **Members participating by telephone:** John Cranor, Vice Chairman; Robert N. Allen; Robert Blalock; Kenneth Misemer; Col. Mickey Presha; Alexis Simendinger; Ex Officio: Gordon E. Michalson, Jr., President. **Not Present:** Andrew Hossack; Dr. Vicki Raeburn.

Call to Order

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and called the roll.

Acknowledgement of Notice of Meeting

Chairman Johnson requested and received acknowledgement from General Counsel David Smolker that the special meeting had been duly noticed and the Notice of Public Meeting had been published.

Action on Out-of-State Tuition and Fees and Waiver Authority

Vice President for Finance and Administration John Martin invited Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Joel Bauman to present a summary of the complex issue of tuition pricing and the Board's new authority to set out-of-state tuition and to exercise waiver authority. Mr. Bauman explained that in the past, tuition and waiver authority was determined annually by the Board of Regents for each SUS institution. Last year, New College's waiver authority was \$328,000. This year the Legislature mandated tuition and fee increases of 5% for all levels of in-state students and 10% for out-of-state students, and gave University Boards the authority to increase out-of-state tuition by an additional 10% and to set the level of waiver authority. Mr. Bauman clarified that the NCF BOT is manipulating two variables – tuition pricing (the cost of tuition) and the authority to waive tuition – to achieve two outcomes – maximum revenue and full enrollment. Mr. Martin added that most other UBOTS are raising tuition to the maximum, but they are already overenrolled and have fewer adverse consequences in charging the maximum tuition allowed. The New College situation is more complex. Mr. Martin endorsed the NCF staff recommendation contained in a June 18, 2002 White Paper on Tuition and Fees and Waiver Authority previously distributed to the Board as "a fiscally responsible recommendation."

1. Mr. Cranor moved that the Board authorize tuition/fee waiver authority for FY 2002-04 up to a maximum of \$500,000, an increase of \$172,000 over the current waiver authority of \$328,000; Colonel Presha seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

2. Mr. Cranor moved that the Board authorize a 4% increase in NCF out-of-state tuition and fees (over FY 2002-03 levels) to be added to the 10% increase mandated by the Florida Legislature, yielding a total out-of-state increase of 14% over 2001-02 levels for FY 2002-03; Reverend Dupree seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Colonel Presha thanked the staff for clarifying a highly complex matter.

Action on Emergency Rulemaking

Mr. Cranor moved that the Board authorize initiating Emergency Rulemaking to implement Items 1 and 2 above, plus previously authorized fees including student housing fees, laboratory fees, transcript fee, activity and service fee, and student health fee; Ms. Smiley seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Determination of Date and Time of Next Meeting – Another Teleconference

It was agreed that the next BOT meeting would be a teleconference on Monday, July 15, 2002 at 10 A.M.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Janney
Assistant Secretary and Agency Clerk