

**New College of Florida Board of Trustees  
Approved Minutes  
Teleconference Meeting of July 30, 2003**

**Members Participating in Person:** Rev. Jerome Dupree; Dr. Stephen Miles; Jane Smiley; Maxeme Tuchman. **Via Teleconference:** John Cranor; Kenneth Misemer; Col. Mickey Presha. **Ex Officio:** Gordon E. Michalson, Jr., President. **Not Participating:** Bob Allen; Bob Johnson; Dr. Meg Lowman; Dr. Vicki Raeburn; Alexis Simendinger.

**Call to Order**

Vice Chairman Cranor called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

**Acknowledgement of Notice of Meeting**

Mr. Cranor requested and received acknowledgement that the meeting had been duly noticed. It was established that a quorum was present, results indicated above.

**Approval of Minutes**

Col. Presha moved and Rev. Dupree seconded a motion that the minutes of the meeting of June 24, 2003 be approved as submitted; it was approved unanimously.

**Action on Proposed Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2004-2009**

Vice President John Martin stated that the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a five-year plan that each state university develops and updates annually for five projected budget years. The State University System (SUS) CIP program is funded by the State of Florida from PECO (Public Education Capital Outlay) sources. This year's New College of Florida CIP for 2004-2009 lists the College's top three priorities in the same order as last year: (1) Utilities/Infrastructure/Capital Renewal/Roofs; (2) Land Acquisition; (3) New Academic Facility for Social Sciences. Last year, New College received \$2,025,000 associated with its top priority, essentially fully funding the Utilities/Infrastructure request for both FY 03-04 and FY 04-05. Even though very little PECO funding will be available this year for SUS CIP requests across the system (usually there is about \$300 million projected to be available; this year the projection is only \$50 million for the entire SUS.) The CIP projects spreadsheet provided to Board members in advance of the meeting showed no funds requested for FY 04-05 for the #1 priority (Utilities/Infrastructure) given the funding received in FY 03-04 for this priority. After discussion of the CIP funding process with State Board of Education staff at a just-completed SUS data workshop, Vice President Martin recommended that the Board advance the Utilities/Infrastructure request so that \$1.417 million would be requested in FY 04-05, \$1.265 million in FY 05-06, \$1.557 million in FY 06-07, \$1.044 million in FY 07-08 and \$1 million in FY 08-09. For priority #2, Land Acquisition, the request is \$2 million to purchase property adjacent to the College, likely along 58<sup>th</sup> Street. For priority #3, \$800,000 is requested for planning, construction, and equipment for the new Social Sciences classroom/office/laboratory facility. These three priorities have not changed from those approved by the Board last year. While there is no assurance that funding will be received this year, it is prudent to keep the New College CIP request current and on the table. Col. Presha moved to approve the New College CIP priorities for FY 2004-2009 as described by Mr. Martin; Mr. Misemer seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously. The CIP for 2004-09 was approved as presented and adopted.

**Action on Proposed Legislative Budget Request for FY 2004-2005**

Mr. Martin stated that the Chancellor's Officer, the Board of Governors, and the State Board of Education request that each state university prepare its FY 2004-05 Legislative Budget Request (LBR) to support

funding identified for campus initiatives, with the understanding that the cost-to-continue items such as salaries, fringe benefits, insurance, etc. will be addressed as part of the overall Board of Governors/SBOE budget request. The Board of Trustees of each university must approve the request for their university. The New College of Florida LBR totals \$1,095,690 and presents two priorities: (1) provision of \$720,050 of base budget funding to allow for the redirection of funds provided by the annual “grant” from the New College Foundation toward quality improvement and (2) \$375,640 to enhance resources for quantitative reasoning and technological skills programming at the College. New College Foundation is the only foundation in the SUS whose supplemental funding is required as part of the institution’s budget base. President Michalson noted that the first priority, the request for \$720,000 to redirect the Foundation’s funding, would be familiar to Board members because it has been included in the College’s two previous Legislative Budget Requests. He confirmed for Mr. Misemer that if the request were approved, the \$720,000 in additional base budget funding would be a permanent, continuing addition to the College’s budget base. General Counsel David Smolker noted that the Foundation’s contribution of the funding would not change; the only change would be in the way the State treats it. Vice Chairman Cranor added that it would enable the Foundation to use all of its funding for enhancement of the New College program, a very appealing idea to donors, who would prefer to have their funds used for program enhancement, rather than to be used for the College’s operating budget. Provost Callahan described the second priority, \$375,640 to fund enhanced qualitative reasoning and technological skills programming, as a request that had developed from a convergence of campus-wide assessment outcomes collected over a three-year period. She explained that the results of the College’s internal program evaluation measures had strongly highlighted the need for increased opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to hone quantitative and technological skills across the liberal arts disciplines. The quantitative reasoning request would provide enhanced resources (such as computer equipment, software licenses, additional staff position to support the hardware, software, and training initiatives, and funding for student peer tutors) to increase these opportunities. The quantitative literacy initiative is being coordinated with planned growth in the mathematics department, where funding for a faculty position in applied math is in place, pending state matching funds. The faculty member and future hires in areas of mathematics and statistics would be involved in coordinating these quantitative literacy efforts. Ms. Smiley moved, seconded by Dr. Miles, that the Legislative Budget Request for FY 2004-05 be approved as presented; the motion carried unanimously. The Legislative Budget Request will be submitted to the Board of Governors, for discussion at their August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **Other Business**

President Michalson mentioned that a letter from the Board, requested at the last meeting, to Governor Bush, one to Senate President King, and one to Speaker of the House Byrd, will be sent round-robin to the Trustees for signature. He asked them to sign the letters and send them on, per directions.

**Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 A.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne L. Janney  
Assistant Secretary  
Board of Trustees