



## **USF Board of Trustees**

Friday, August 19, 2022  
Microsoft Teams Meeting

### **MINUTES**

Chair Weatherford called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending, stating that the purpose of this special board meeting was to address certain items that could not wait for the September board meeting.

Chair Weatherford asked Kiara Guzzo to call the roll:

Trustee Sandra Callahan  
Trustee Michael Carrere  
Trustee Rogan Donnelly – did not participate  
Trustee Michael Griffin  
Trustee Oscar Horton – did not participate  
Trustee Jenifer Jasinski Schneider  
Trustee Lauran Monbarren  
Trustee Nithin Palyam  
Trustee Shilen Patel  
Trustee Fredrick Piccolo  
Trustee Melissa Seixas – did not participate  
Trustee Will Weatherford

A quorum was established.

#### **I. New Business – Action Item**

##### **a. FL 101 – USF FY 2022-23 Operating Budget**

Chair Weatherford called on Rich Sobieray to present.

Rich presented by stating that the finance committee approved the budget at the recent committee meeting. There was a slight change to the schedule 1 approved by finance committee, which was immaterially understated by under 1M.

Chair Weatherford called on Chair Griffin for any comments. On behalf of the Finance Committee, Chair Griffin recommended approval.

Chair Weatherford asked for a motion. Trustee Carrere motioned to approve the budget as submitted and was seconded by Trustee Piccolo. FL 101, the USF FY 2022-23 Operating Budget was approved.

**b. FL 102 – Ratification of the  
GAU Collective Bargaining Agreement**

Chair Weatherford called on Liz Gierbolini to present.

Liz stated that a tentative agreement is being presented, which has been ratified by the GAU and is now up for ratification by the board.

To summarize, the agreement contains the following key provisions:

- 3-year agreement
- Negotiated yearly increase for Graduate Assistants at the Masters and PhD levels
  - 10% first year
  - 5% years two and three
- Agreement to cover health insurance premiums up to maximum annualized amount.

Chair Weatherford thanked the Graduate Assistants for the critical role they play at the University.

Chair Weatherford called on Trustee Carrere for any comments on behalf of the Labor Committee.

Trustee Carrere commented on the good work of the bargaining teams and commented that competitively this will get USF caught up to our peer institutions in terms of what we offer our Graduate Assistants.

Rich Sobieray commented that this has been considered as part of the budget.

Chair Weatherford called for a motion, which was given by Trustee Carrere and seconded by Trustee Jasinski Schneider. FL 102, the GAU collective bargaining agreement was ratified by the board.

**c. FL 103 – Naming Resolution**

Chair Weatherford introduced the final agenda item by encouraging trustees to attend the event on the 24<sup>th</sup> where a very exciting announcement will be made.

Chair Weatherford called on Gerard Solis to present.

This naming resolution is being brought to the board pursuant to BOG reg. 9.005. The Board is being asked to approve the naming of an academic program.

The presentation of this agenda item consists of one slight deviation to accommodate the announcement being made next week. The name of donor and details of gift will not be shared today but have been shared with the board.

Donor information under Florida law is confidential and until formal announcement on the 24<sup>th</sup>, will not be shared.

Chair Weatherford asked for a motion which was given by Trustee Piccolo and was seconded by Trustee Patel. FL 103, Naming Resolution was approved.

Having no further business, Chair Weatherford adjourned the meeting.