

University of South Florida
Board of Trustees
Board Conference Call
Monday August 21, 2017

Chair Brian Lamb convened the USF Board of Trustees Conference Call on August 21, 2017 at 9:01 a.m. Chair Lamb explained that the reason for the ad hoc meeting was to meet the submission deadline for Metric 10 to the Florida Board of Governors (BOG).

President Judy Genshaft called roll with the following Trustees present:

Trustee Mike Carrere – Not in attendance
Trustee James Garey
Trustee Stephanie Goforth
Trustee Moneer Kheireddine
Trustee Brian Lamb
Trustee Stan Levy
Trustee Hal Mullis
Trustee John Ramil
Trustee Byron Shinn
Trustee James Stikeleather – Not in attendance
Trustee Nancy Watkins
Trustee Jordan Zimmerman – Not in attendance

President Genshaft reported first day enrollment figures for the USF System as 50,279, the highest enrollment in USF history. She detailed specific numbers by category:

- Total Students: 50,279 (+2% over fall 2016 first day)
- Undergraduates: 37,020 (+1.6%)
- FTICs: 3,076 (+3.2%)
- New Transfers: 5,088 (+5.9%)
- New Grad I students: 2,807 (+7.1%)
- New Grad II students: 453 (+6.3%)
- Professional Grad (Health): 417 (+8.6%)
- Fundable SCH: 536,843 (+3.5%)
- Gross SCH: 553,204 (+3.0%)

New Business FL 101 – Performance-Based Funding Metric 10

Trustee Stan Levy thanked Trustee Byron Shinn for chairing the August 17 BOT Academics & Campus Environment Committee meeting. He also noted that the ACE Committee approved three choices for Metric 10 (required submission to the BOG by September 1, 2017) but, that

upon further analysis, it was determined a change in one of the three selections was needed. He introduced System Provost Ralph Wilcox to explain.

Dr. Wilcox explained that five principles guided the decision:

- Strategic alignment with priorities of USF System
- Ability to impact a positive performance
- Confidence in the ability to improve over time
- Metrics should be clearly defined and auditable
- All members of the USF System can contribute

Through a collaborative process across the USF System, Dr. Wilcox reported the three metrics recommended, in rank order, for consideration are:

1. 4-Year Graduation Rate for First Time in College (FTIC) Fulltime Students
A caveat to this recommendation is if the BOG changes the current Metric 4 to the 4-Year Graduation Rate. If that occurs, the recommendation reverts to the 6-Year Graduation Rate for both fulltime and part-time students.
2. Percentage of Graduate Degrees in STEM & Health
This is the same #2 recommendation from the ACE meeting, as it aligns with USF Institution Strategic Plans and, though the “floor” is already high, continued growth is expected.
3. Post-Doctoral Appointees
This is the current Metric 10 and also the same #3 recommendation from the ACE meeting. Last year’s number was 282 with the Preeminence benchmark set at 200. This selection is not ranked as strongly with federal funding for research in question.

The Trustees discussed, including confirmation that the BOG provided a list from which to choose, and consensus that the graduation rates are the most important relative to student success. Chair Lamb said that other institutions are taking a similar approach, and that the recommendations are consistent with how the BOG wants the SUS to look at metrics. The Trustees unanimously approved FL 101.

Chair Lamb adjourned the meeting at 9:24 a.m.