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**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ST. PETERSBURG
REGIONAL CAMPUS TELEPHONE CONFERENCE MEETING
Tuesday, August 20, 2002, 2:30 p.m.**

Minutes

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Duncan welcomed all to the telephone conference and called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Board members present by phone were Ann Duncan, Rick Davis, Jeff Huenink, David Welch and Dennis Zank. Also in attendance by phone were President Judy Genshaft and Vice Provost Catherine Batsche. In attendance at the USF St. Petersburg public meeting location were : Outgoing Vice President Bill Heller, Incoming Interim Vice President & CEO Ralph Wilcox, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Winston Bridges and members of the campus community and media representatives.

Chairman Duncan welcomed Ralph Wilcox to the leadership position at USF St. Petersburg and asked if he would like to make a few comments.

Dr. Wilcox expressed delight at finally having arrived on campus on August 15 th . USF St. Petersburg is an exciting place with a host of opportunities and challenges on the close horizon. In his short time at USF St. Petersburg, Dr. Wilcox has sensed an air of deep anticipation and optimism surrounding the future of the campus. He thanked Drs. Batsche and Bridges, along with others on both campuses, for the hard work they have put into developing the revised Memorandum of Agreement between the USF St. Petersburg Campus Board and the USF Board of Trustees.

Dr. Wilcox stated that the revisions before the Campus Board will provide USF St. Petersburg with the autonomy, and accompanying responsibility, mandated by State law and essential as the campus seeks separate accreditation by SACS, and concurrently, by NCATE and AACSB. Dr. Wilcox urged the Campus Board to approve the revised Memorandum of Agreement and forward it for consideration by the USF Board of Trustees at their August 22, 2002 meeting.

Dr. Batsche explained the primary reasons for the revisions:

- The first Memorandum of Agreement was only the beginning of the processes for establishing USF St. Petersburg as autonomous and with additional time and discussion, it became clearer what more could be done to assist in this process.
- The answers to SACS' concerns and the revisions to the application USF St. Petersburg submitted last August are needed now for a decision to move forward by December by the SACS Board whether or not to schedule an on-site visit.

Dr. Batsche provided a brief introduction to the changes (which are provided on the Action Item Summary sheet).

President Genshaft concurred with Dr. Batsche as to the reasoning for the revisions but cautioned that the SACS Board has a very full docket and even with this submission, a decision may not come before December and will perhaps take longer.

Chairman Duncan opened the floor for discussion.
Dr. Welch congratulated Dr. Bridges for a job well done.
There was no further discussion.

Action Item 1. Approval of Revisions to Memorandum of Agreement between USF St. Petersburg Campus Board and USF Board of Trustees.

The motion to approve was made by Jeff Huenink and seconded by David Welch. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Minutes recorded and submitted by:

Donna Knudsen
Coordinator, Administrative Services
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Minutes approved by:

Ann Duncan, Chair
USF St. Petersburg Campus Board

Date