MINUTES
UWF Special Board of Trustees Conference Call Meeting
UWF Conference Center, Bldg. 22
August 14, 2019

FULL BOARD

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair O’Sullivan called the full Board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. CST.

Becky Luntsford called roll with the following trustees present: Dick Baker, Dave Cleveland, Zenani Johnson, Bob Jones, Sherry Schneider, Alonzie Scott and Jill Singer.


Others in attendance:
President Martha D. Saunders; Provost & Senior Vice President George Ellenberg; Dr. Pam Northrup, VP, Innovation and Strategic Research; Mr. Howard Reddy, VP, University Advancement; Dr. Kim LeDuff, VP Academic Engagement; Dr. Kimberly McCorkle, Vice Provost; Ms. Betsy Bowers, VP, Finance & Administration; Ms. Pam Langham, General Counsel; Dr. Melinda Bowers, Director, Facilities Operations & Emerald Coast Campus; Ms. Jamie Sprague, Director Human Resources; Ms. Karen Rentz; Dr. Eric Bostwick, Interim Dean COB; Dr. Steve Brown, Dean CASSH; Dr. William Crawley, Dean CEPS; Dr. Jaromy Kuhl, Dean MMCOSE; Dr. Matthew Schwartz, Dr. Brandon Frye, Dean of Students; Dr. Ed Ranelli, CEO, BEI; Dr. Denise Seabert, Dean, College of Health; Dr. Kijuan Li, Dean Graduate School; Dr. Greg Tomso, Kugelman Honors Program; Ms. Michele Manassah, Director Health and Wellness; Ms. Angie Jones, Director, Procurement and Contract Services; Mr. Vito Hite, Chief Audit Executive, Internal Auditing & Management Consulting; Mr. Matt Packard, Compliance Officer, Internal Auditing; Ms. Jamie Calvert, SGA Vice President; Ms. Katie Condon, Admissions; Mr. Pat Crawford, Executive Director, WUWF; Dr. Elizabeth Benchley, Archaeology; Mr. Dan Lucas, CFO, UWF Foundation; Mr. Dave Scott, Athletics Director; Mr. Neil McMillion, Director Housing and Residence Life; Ms. Elizabeth Mrachek, PCard Auditor, Internal Auditing & Management Consulting; Ms. Colleen Asmus, University Controller; Mr. Jeff Djerlek, Assistant Controller; Mr. Ross Dahlstrom, Network Engineer; Mr. Chuck Bell, Telecommunications; Mr. Chase Green, BOT IT; Mr. Cody Thurber, BOT IT; Mr. Angel Sedillo, Sound Engineer; Ms. Kat Zatapkova, BOT Graduate Assistant and Ms. Becky Luntsford, Recording Secretary.
II. **CHAIR’S GREETING**

Chair O’Sullivan thanked everyone for their attendance and participation in this special meeting of the full board.

Chair O’Sullivan welcomed the newest member of the Board, Dr. Sherry Schneider, newly-elected President of the UWF Faculty Senate. Currently, Dr. Schneider is Assistant Professor in the Psychology Department masters program. She received her Ph.D. and Masters degrees in Psychology from the University of California. Before coming to UWF, Dr. Schneider taught at the University of New South Wales in Sydney and at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia.

III. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair O’Sullivan stated that time had been set aside on the agenda to allow public comment. He asked if anyone wanted to speak. No requests were made.

IV. **ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Ratification of the Spring 2019 UWF and United Faculty of Florida Collective Bargaining Re-Negotiation Agreements.** UWF’s Chief Negotiator and Counsel, Mr. Michael Mattimore presented this item to the Board. Mr. Mattimore answered questions from the board and following his presentation, Chair O’Sullivan asked for a motion to Ratify the 2019 Re-negotiations to the University of West Florida and United Faculty of Florida, UWF Chapter, 2017-2020 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Motion by: Trustee Bob Jones  
Seconded by: Trustee Dave Cleveland  
Chair Mort O’Sullivan Aye  
Vice Chair Dave Cleveland Aye  
Trustee Dick Baker Aye  
Trustee Lewis Bear, Jr. Aye  
Trustee Greg Britton Aye  
Trustee Adrianne Collins Aye  
Trustee Suzanne Lewis Aye  
Trustee Zenani D. Johnson Aye  
Trustee Bob Jones Aye  
Trustee Sherry Schneider Aye  
Trustee Alonzie Scott Aye  
Trustee Jill Singer Aye  
Trustee Bob Sires Aye  
Motion passed unanimously.
2. Approval of the Additional 2020-2021 Legislative Budget Request. President Martha Saunders presented this item to the Board. President Saunders explained that UWF is gaining national recognition for several of its top programs and this Legislative Budget Request (LBR) is requesting $3,777,840 from the legislature to boost several programs that are backed by regional government and industry partners and graduate students that are in high demand in Florida.

The LBR will provide funding to expand the programs and initiatives listed below, increase UWF’s ability to keep up with the talent demand of Florida, and enhance the university’s visibility by investing in some of the top programs in the nation.

1. UWF’s Cybersecurity – Creating Florida’s Cyber Coast. UWF will advance cybersecurity preparedness, expand the cybersecurity workforce across the region, state, and nation, and increase the number of qualified cybersecurity professionals, including under-served and under-utilized populations. As we continue to see growth in the cybersecurity field there is a need to expand our program offerings to our Emerald Coast Campus in Fort Walton Beach. This will allow UWF to increase program offerings to current and recently discharged military members seeking improve their skills in the cybersecurity industry.

• Ph.D. in Intelligent Systems and Robotics. This program is in need of additional support to keep up with current and future demand. The program is a collaborative endeavor between UWF and Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition. The program is the first of its kind in the State University System and is in a field that is growing in demand but has a serious lack of Ph.D. programs nationwide.

• UWF’s Supply Chain Logistics Management. This program is key to the Southeast United States. Our graduates are sought by some of the most prestigious logistics companies around the country. The program’s success is attributed to our top-notch faculty, as well as, innovative and hands on instruction and experiences.

• UWF’s Archaeology Program. UWF Archaeology is a world class program that is a destination for the top archaeology students in the country and one of only 3 underwater archaeology programs nationwide. UWF’s Archaeology program is one of the most sought-after programs by students serious about being an archaeologist.

• Advanced Manufacturing. UWF’s Advanced Manufacturing Sea3D lab is a state-of-the-art 3D printing lab that utilizes and supports the intellectual expertise of several programs including: Workforce and Industrial Innovation, engineering, archaeology, fine arts, business, IT and psychology.

• **Cooperative Education (Co-op).** UWF is looking to create and cooperative education model for some of high demand degrees. Cooperative education is an educational model in which a student alternate traditional academic semesters with semesters spent working full-time in the field.
Following President Saunders’ presentation, Chair O’Sullivan asked for a motion to approve the additional 2020-2021 Legislative Budget Request as presented.

Motion by: Trustee Jill Singer
Seconded by: Trustee Dave Cleveland
Chair Mort O’Sullivan Aye
Vice Chair Dave Cleveland Aye
Trustee Dick Baker Aye
Trustee Lewis Bear, Jr. Aye
Trustee Greg Britton Aye
Trustee Adrianne Collins Aye
Trustee Suzanne Lewis Aye
Trustee Zenani D. Johnson Aye
Trustee Bob Jones Aye
Trustee Sherry Schneider Aye
Trustee Alonzie Scott Aye
Trustee Jill Singer Aye
Trustee Bob Sires Aye
Motion passed unanimously.

V. INFORMATION ITEM
1. Florida Code of Ethics and the UWF Conflict of Interest Policy. UWF General Counsel, Pam Langham made this presentation to the Board. She explained the presentation was an ongoing and continuing effort to provide education and training to the Board of Trustees regarding their fiduciary responsibilities.

Chair O’Sullivan thanked Mr. Mattimore, President Saunders and General Counsel Langham for their presentations.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS
Chair O’Sullivan reminded trustees that the Campus Engagement Opportunity planned for the day will be a tour of WUWF Public Media and Gallery 88. He announced that golf carts will depart from the Conference Center main entrance immediately following lunch.

With no other business to come before the board, Chair O’Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Luntsford, recording secretary