UWF Special Board of Trustees Meeting  
UWF Conference Center  
November 16, 2017

FULL BOARD

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair O’Sullivan called the full Board meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Janice Gilley called roll with the following trustees present as noted here. Dick Baker, Lewis Bear, Jr., Dave Cleveland, Bob Jones, Suzanne Lewis, Mort O’Sullivan, Kishane Patel, David Ramsey, Bob Sires.

Trustees Greg Britton; LuTimothy May, participated by phone.

Trustees Adrianne Collins was absent.

Others attending:
Dr. Martha Saunders, President; Dr. George Ellenberg, Interim Provost; Ms. Betsy Bowers, IVP Administrative Services; Dr. Pam Northrup, VP, Innovation and Strategic Research; Dr. Joffery Gaymon, Vice President Enrollment & Student Affairs; Dr. Kim LeDuff, Vice President, Academic Engagement; Ms., Pam Langham, General Counsel; Ms. Janice Gilley, AVP External Affairs; Mr. Dave Scott, Athletic Director; Dr. Melinda Bowers, Director, Emerald Coast Campus; Ms. Cynthia Talbert, Internal Auditor III; Ms. Karen Rentz, Executive Director, Office of Equity & Diversity; Dr. Jenae Burkart, Faculty Technology Support Specialist, ITS; Ms. Sandra Thompson, Director, ITS; Mr. Ross Dahlstrom, Network Engineer; and Mr. Chase Green Technology Engineer, ITS.

II. CHAIR’S GREETING

Chair O’Sullivan thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He congratulated Trustee Suzanne Lewis on her reappointment to the Board approved by the Board of Governors the previous week. Trustee Lewis’ term will extend for five year.

Chair O’Sullivan announced that former UWF Trustee Jay Patel was appointed to the Florida Board of Governors. By accepting the appointment to the BOG, Mr. Patel was required to resign from the UWF Board of Trustees. Chair O’Sullivan congratulated Mr. Patel and stated that UWF is looking forward to Governor Patel’s leadership and representation at the state level.
Chair O'Sullivan announced that Trustee Adrianne Collins will serve in the role of Chair of the UWF BOT Academic Affairs effective November 16, 2017. He went on to explain that the UWF Board has one vacant seat and we await the Governor’s appointment of a new trustee soon.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair O'Sullivan reminded those present that time has been set aside on the agenda to allow public comment on matters coming before the Board. He instructed anyone wanting to speak to complete a Request to Address the UWF Board of Trustees form as required. The forms were available on a table in the rear of the room and should be provided. No requests were submitted.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Ratification of UWF Collective Bargaining Agreement 2017-2020 was presented by Mr. Michael Mattimore, Esquire.

Mr. Mattimore explained to the Board that the conclusion of the UWF Collective Bargaining Agreement 2017-2020 was successfully negotiated. He thanked UWF General Counsel and the UFF Team for working together toward a better contract for UWF faculty and students.

Mr. Mattimore stated that he works with all the universities within the Florida State University System and in his observations, the demeanor, dedication and cooperation at the University of West Florida surpasses all other universities.

Chair O'Sullivan thanked Mr. Mattimore and asked for a motion to Approve the Ratification of the UWF Collective Bargaining Agreement 2017-2020

Motion by: Trustee Lewis Bear, Jr.
Seconded by: Trustee David Ramsey
Chair Mort O'Sullivan Aye
Vice Chair Dave Cleveland Aye
Trustee Dick Baker Aye
Trustee Lewis Bear, Jr. Aye
Trustee Greg Britton Aye
Trustee Bob Jones Aye
Trustee Suzanne Lewis Aye
Trustee LuTimothy May Aye
Trustee Kishane Patel Aye
Trustee David Ramsey Aye
Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Approval of UWF Board of Trustees Delegation of Authority to the President Resolution** was presented by General Counsel Pam Langham.

The Florida Board of Governors (“BOG”) amended Regulation 1.001, “University Boards of Trustees Powers and Duties,” at its June 2016 meeting which supersedes the delegation of authority to the boards of trustees contained in the Board of Governors’ Resolution dated January 7, 2003. The BOG requested that all Florida State Universities provide one document identifying all the delegations of authority that the individual boards of trustees have granted to their respective president. In compliance with the BOG’s request, the Office of the General Counsel prepared the Resolution on Presidential Authority and compiled all of the current delegations of authority and current practices at UWF into one document.

The benefit of the Resolution is that all of the Board’s delegations of authority to the President and all of UWF’s current practices are compiled into one document. Implementation will take place immediately upon approval by the Board.

Chair O’Sullivan thanked General Counsel Langham for all her hard work on the Resolution and asked for a motion to Approve the UWF Board of Trustees Resolution on Presidential Authority as presented.

Motion by: Trustee Lewis Bear, Jr.
Seconded by: Trustee Dick Baker
Chair Mort O’Sullivan Aye
Vice Chair Dave Cleveland Aye
Trustee Dick Baker Aye
Trustee Lewis Bear, Jr. Aye
Trustee Greg Britton Aye
Trustee Bob Jones Aye
Trustee Suzanne Lewis Aye
Trustee LuTimothy May Aye
Trustee Kishane Patel Aye
Trustee David Ramsey Aye
Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Approval to Award Honorary Doctorate of Laws Degree to Fredric G. Levin** was presented by Interim Vice President for University Advance, Howard Reddy.

The criteria for an honorary degree or other personal recognition are the following: excellent character; extraordinary achievement or distinction in the arts and sciences, the fine arts, education, the professions, public service, or private enterprise; a connection with or a history of support of the
University; or a record of distinguished contributions to the area served by the University; or distinction on a national or international level.

The recommendation for an honorary award or recognition requires an affirmative vote of the Honorary Awards and Recognition Committee. On October 17, 2017 the Honorary Awards and Recognition Committee met to consider the nomination of Frederic G. Levin for an Honorary Doctorate of Laws. The committee reviewed the written nomination as presented by Acting Chair Howard Reddy including biographical information, professional affiliations /accomplishments, educational background, service to the community and connection/service to the University of West Florida along with three letters of recommendation. The committee recommended the awarding of the degree. UWF President Martha Saunders submits the recommendation on behalf of the committee to the University Of West Florida Board Of Trustees.

Presentation of honorary degrees normally occur at a university public gathering such as Commencement or the Honors Convocation. Pending approval by UWF Board of Trustees, the Honorary Doctorate of Laws will be presented to the awardee at the appropriate Undergraduate Ceremony at Commencement on Dec. 16, 2017.

Chair O’Sullivan asked for a motion to Approve Awarding Honorary Doctorate of Law Degree to Fredric G. Levin as presented.

Motion by: Trustee Dave Cleveland
Seconded by: Trustee Lewis Bear, Jr.
Chair Mort O’Sullivan Aye
Vice Chair Dave Cleveland Aye
Trustee Dick Baker Aye
Trustee Lewis Bear, Jr. Aye
Trustee Greg Britton Aye
Trustee Bob Jones Aye
Trustee Suzanne Lewis Aye
Trustee LuTimothy May Aye
Trustee Kishane Patel Aye
Trustee David Ramsey Aye
Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval to Award UWF Founders’ Medallion to Mrs. Martha ‘Marny’ A. Gilluly was presented by Interim Vice President for University Advance, Howard Reddy.

The Founders’ Medallion, awarded by the university president, was established in 2006 to coincide with the celebration of the University of West Florida’s 40th anniversary in honor of those UWF faculty, staff and community visionaries who were leaders in establishing the University. The Medallion
symbolizes the founding ideals and vision of the University and is awarded to those who have exemplified those ideals.

The Founders’ Medallion recipients are individuals of accomplishment who recognize the transforming power of education; have records of substantial and sustained service and/or leadership to the University and leave a distinct and positive impact on the University; embody UWF’s values of caring, collaboration, distinctiveness, inclusiveness, innovation, integrity, quality, relevance, and stewardship; and value the worth of the individual and relationships.

The process involves two official levels of consideration: formal recommendation by the UWF Honorary Award and Recognition Committee (HARC) followed by official confirmation from UWF Board of Trustees upon request of the UWF president.

On October 17, 2017, the Honorary Awards and Recognition Committee met to consider the nomination of Mrs. Gilluly for the Founders’ Medallion. The committee reviewed the written nomination as presented by Acting Chair Howard Reddy including biographical information, professional affiliations/accomplishments, educational background, service to the community, and connection/service to the University of West Florida along with three letters of recommendation.

After nomination review, the committee recommended the awarding of the Founders’ Medallion to Mrs. Gilluly, a former UWF Board Trustee, UWF Foundation Board Past President, UWF cum laude graduate class ’71, and a generous supporter of UWF’s international programs for eight consecutive years. Dr. Martha Saunders, president of the University of West Florida, submits the recommendation on behalf of the committee to the University Of West Florida Board Of Trustees.

The awarding of the Founders’ Medallion may take place at the appropriate Fall 2017 UWF Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony, at which Mrs. Gilluly, as Commencement Speaker, will address the undergraduates.

Chair O’Sullivan asked for a motion to Approve Awarding a UWF Founders’ Medallion to Mrs. Martha ‘Marny’ A. Gilluly as presented.

Motion by: Trustee Dick Baker
Seconded by: Trustee Lewis Bear, Jr.
Chair Mort O’Sullivan Aye
Vice Chair Dave Cleveland Aye
Trustee Dick Baker Aye
Trustee Lewis Bear, Jr. Aye
Trustee Greg Britton Aye
Trustee Bob Jones Aye
Trustee Suzanne Lewis    Aye
Trustee LuTimothy May    Aye
Trustee Kishane Patel    Aye
Trustee David Ramsey    Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. **Triumph Gulf Coast Proposal.** Dr. Pam Northrup, Vice President, Division of Research and Strategic Innovation presented this item to the Board.

Dr. Northrup provided an update on UWF’s progress toward the establishment of a UWF Innovation Network. Included will be an update on community engagement activities, our Phase 1 plans to launch the UWF Innovation Network in 2018 and the opportunity to make a transformational impact in Northwest Florida through a visionary investment from Triumph Gulf Coast. An investment from Triumph Gulf Coast would enable UWF to move forward with Phase 2 of the Innovation Network by establishing an epicenter of innovation to prepare students and existing employees in the region for future occupations and careers that promote economic recovery, diversification and enhancement to communities in Northwest Florida. A specific focus for future development will be in downtown Pensacola and our UWF Joint Campus in Ft. Walton Beach. With an award from Triumph Gulf Coast, UWF will be able to move faster to partner with industry, accelerate its multidisciplinary degree programming and better prepare our students for future jobs in a world-class, innovative facility. In this ‘Innovation Epicenter’ with an award from Triumph Gulf Coast, we will launch a Cybersecurity Innovation Center, an Advanced Manufacturing Fab Lab and will build strong partnerships with K12, industry and the military to NETWORK across the region and build pathways to needed jobs in the future. These efforts will support the four goals of the UWF Innovation Network:

1. **Regional Talent Development.** Invest in key education and training in Cybersecurity and Advanced Manufacturing to prepare and train talent that enhances our graduates’ career opportunities and provides employers with a diverse and qualified workforce.
2. **Infrastructure and Climate of Entrepreneurship.** Develop a world-class facility to promote a climate of entrepreneurship with a world-class Cyber Range, Advanced Manufacturing Fab Lab, Intelligent Systems Labs and overall innovation experiences that enable education, training, research and regional innovation as well as public and private usage across the network from cradle to career.
3. **Business Vitality.** Provide opportunities for industry co-location in new Innovation Network Facilities in Pensacola that will support business vitality, collaboration and the synergy to innovate and educate in an energetic, exciting environment.
4. **Economic Development for our Future.** Produce graduates in Northwest Florida that increase the average wage and consumer spending.
UWF submitted a pre-screening application on November 15 and is awaiting next steps.

2. **SGA Resolution.** Trustee Kishane Patel, Student Body President, presented SGA Resolution 17-18 RSI, passed by the SGA Senate on 09/29/2017, to the UWF Board of Trustees.

   The resolution informed the Board of SGA’s extreme dedication to giving hope to students, and to encourage them to take advantage of campus mental health resources.

   A Proclamation from Pensacola Mayor, Ashton Hayward was also read to the Board.

VI. **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Luntsford, recording secretary