Chair Jordan Zimmerman convened the regular meeting of the University of South Florida Board of Trustees at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the spring meeting.

**Chair Jordan Zimmerman’s Announcements**

Chair Jordan Zimmerman thanked Senior Vice President Sanberg for hosting the BOT meeting at the beautiful USF Research Park.

The Chair reminded the trustees that immediately following the meeting, there will be a groundbreaking for the new research building.

Chair Zimmerman shared that there will be an update on the Legislative Session and the Coronavirus later during the meeting.

Congratulations to Dr. Paul Dosal and his Student Success team for hosting an unbelievably successful National Student Success Conference. In only its third year this event attracted 450 professionals and researchers from 140 colleges from across the nation.

Congratulations to College of Engineering Dean Robert Bishop and his team. Last year we approved the development of a new DSO, the USF Institute of Applied Engineering. Last week the Institute signed a 5 year contract valued at $85 million from U.S. Special Operations Command. This contract will allow our researchers and scholars to provide solutions for complex problems and provide SOCOM access to world-class education and training resources supporting their global mission.

USF Football Coach Jeff Scott opened spring football practice this morning and could not be in attendance for the Board of Trustees meeting. We are all looking forward to the spring game April 18th. Coach Scott will hopefully provide an update at a future meeting.

The USF Dean of Admissions Glen Besterfield reported that over 6,500 applications have been admitted for the summer and 10,775 for fall 2020 with a GPA average of 4.19, which is up from last fall.

In the upcoming months for the first time in USF history we are expected to report that we have met all 12 performance benchmarks necessary for continuing our designation as a preeminent research university. Further strengthening our academic and research outcomes is a high priority. We expect to show overall gains year over year with improvements in 8 of the 10 metrics. We also expect to exceed our goals in 7 of the 10 metrics without losing points awarded
by metric. This is a tribute to the hard work and discipline shown by talented USF faculty and students and the tireless efforts of our dedicated professional staff.

Vice President Cynthia Visot called the Roll with the follow Trustees present.

Trustee Sandra Callahan
Trustee Michael Carrere
Trustee Britney Deas
Trustee Stephanie Goforth – By Phone
Trustee Michael Griffin
Trustee Oscar Horton – By Phone
Trustee Deanna Michael
Trustee Lesley Muma
Trustee John Ramil
Trustee Byron Shinn
Trustee Charles Tokarz
Trustee Nancy Watkins – By Phone
Trustee Jordan Zimmerman

President’s Update

USF President Steve Currall provided an update on the following:

- President Currall announced the new Senior Vice President for University Advancement and Alumni Affairs, Mr. Jay Stroman. Mr. Stroman joins USF after serving as Senior Associate Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations at the University of Georgia. He will begin on June 1, 2020.

- President Currall announced that Cyber Florida has named Vice Admiral Mike McConnell as the new Executive Director. McConnell, is a retired US Navy Vice Admiral and former Director of the National Security Agency (NSA).

- USF will break ground on the new Research Park Building today.

- Coronavirus Update:
  - USF College of Public Health Dean Donna Petersen will Chair an advising task force.
  - The President congratulated Provost Ralph Wilcox and Associate Vice President for Innovative Education Cindy DeLuca and their teams on the Tool Kits.
  - There is an active web page for updates on the Coronavirus.

- Legislative updates – The legislature is in high gear negotiating many topics on higher education. The legislative budget request have been submitted as well as other financial implications.
• Principles of Community – Dean of the Judy Genshaft Honors College Charles Adams chaired the strategic task force.

• USF Consolidation Update – March 15th is the deadline to submit the Substantive Change Prospectus to SACSCOC.

• Learn More – There is a USF Consolidation Website and Blog Series.

• Dr. John Sinnott, Chair of Internal Medicine, Dr. Jen Fleischman Director of Emergency Procedure, Dr. Joe Puccio Executive and Medical Director of the USF Student Health Center, Dean Donna Petersen of the College of Public Health and Sr. Vice President of USF Health Charles Lockwood were available to answer questions concerning the Coronavirus.

Trustee Oscar Horton asked if testing on campus was available.

Vice Chair Les Muma asked if other universities have switched to online courses.

BOT Chair Jordan Zimmerman had questions concerning the strains of the Coronavirus and asked for advice. He also questioned if students will maintain the graduation rates and on the USF alert system.

President Steven Currall question if the County had a facility on campus.

Trustee Michael Carrere questions concerning coronavirus testing.

• Provost Ralph Wilcox and Dean Donna Petersen commented on academic continuity and support services for USF students.

• Jen Fleischman of Emergency Management gave a summary of recent communications with local and state government.

Trustee Michael Griffin asked if the Board will need to approve anything in advance as it relates to academic continuity or support services.

• Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer Joe Hice commented on the process of how updated information relating to the Coronavirus is discussed, gathered and distributed to the USF website.

• Dr. Joe Puccio, Director of the USF Student Health Center, commented on the aggressive screening and monitoring of education abroad students and providing services to them that are needed.

• Dr. John Sinnott, Chair of Internal Medicine commented that we are working on having access and management of the health of faculty and staff as well as the students.
Trustee John Ramil congratulated President Currall and everyone involved on the task force for providing knowledgeable updates as it relates surrounding the Coronavirus. Trustee Ramil had questions concerning cash flow scenarios.

Trustee Charles Torkarz had a question pertaining to effective therapies being developed for the Coronavirus.

**New Business – Action Items (Minutes and Consent)**

**FL 101 – Approval of Minutes**

December 3, 2019  
February 3, 2019  
February 18, 2019

Having no changes to the minutes Chair Jordan Zimmerman asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Deanna Michael motioned for approval, which was seconded by Trustee Byron Shinn and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Consent Agenda (FL 102 – FL 105)**

**ACE Committee Approved Items**

**FL 102** - Tenure as a Condition of Employment

**Audit & Compliance Committee Approved Items**

**FL 103** – Approval of Revised Audit Charter

**Governance Committee Approved Items**

**FL 104** – Approval of Direct Support Organization Board Member – USF HPCC  
**FL 105** - Approval of Revisions to USF Board of Trustees Operating Procedures

Trustee Charles Tokarz commented on behalf of the ACE Committee. The ACE Committee approved unanimously to award Tenure as a Condition of Employment to the incoming faculty members recommended.

Trustee Nancy Watkins commented on behalf of the Audit and Compliance Committee. The Audit and Compliance Committee unanimously recommended approval for the Revised Audit Charter to report to the Board of Governors. The Preeminence Audit will be completed at a later date.

Vice Chair Les Muma commented on behalf of the Governance Committee. The Governance Committee unanimously recommends approval of both items: Direct Support Organization Board Member – USF HPCC and Revisions to USF Board of Trustees Operating Procedures.

There was no United Faculty of Florida Representative in attendance for comment.
Having no changes to the consent agenda, Chair Jordan Zimmerman moved for approval with a second from Trustee Byron Shinn. The Board unanimously approved the consent agenda.

**New Business – Action Items**

**FL 106 – Approval of USF/TGH Partnership Agreement**

This is an action item to approve the enhanced affiliation between the University of South Florida and Tampa General Hospital based on the due diligence representations of management and the Board’s governance level review of the transaction.

The West Coast of Florida and the Tampa Bay area do not have an AMC. Creation of a comprehensive, clinically integrated AMC would bring advanced clinical programs, promote the conduct of translational and clinical research, attract top faculty, medical and other health professional students, strengthen residency and fellowship programs, and enhance the overall health care of the region. The University of South Florida (USF) and Tampa General Hospital (TGH) are embarking on an effort to integrate clinical and academic programs in ways that will make Florida and the Tampa Bay region prominent destinations for quality health care and medical education.

Vice President for USF Health Charles Lockwood and TGH President John Couris provided an update on the USF/TGH Partnership Agreement. A power point was presented which highlighted information on:

- USF – TGH Affiliation
- Building Marquee Programs
- Augmenting Academic Support Funds
- Assessing Revenues
- Academic Support Funds
- Investing in Primary Care Networks
- Protecting the Interest of the University
- Retaining Employment
- Identifying Risk Factors
- Growing Clinical and Academic Enterprise
- Assess Medical Center Revenue
- Assess Operating Margins at TGH
- Access to Capital
- Professional Service Agreement with TGH
- Academic Structure Group – President and Board
- Strategic Affiliation Planning Committee
- Identifying Risk Factors
- Structure and Infrastructure
TGH President John Couris commended USF President Steve Currall and BOT Vice Chair Les Muma for their leadership. Couris stated that TGH and USF will be unstoppable together as it will benefit the people served in the state of Florida.

Trustee John Ramil made comments concerning the Partnership Agreement being a great path for both USF and TGH to move forward.

Trustee Deanna Michael commented on the thorough work and participation of the committee.

“Move to approve the enhanced affiliation agreement between Tampa General Hospital and the University of South Florida based on the representations of management and materials presented regarding objectives, structure, governance, due diligence and legal considerations. This approval is contingent upon: 1. the finalization of a mutually agreed upon comprehensive affiliation agreement, which materially conforms to the representations of management and is approved as to form and legality by the USF office of the General Counsel; and 2. Consultation with the Florida Board of Governors regarding this affiliation.”

Vice Chair Les Muma made the motion to approve which was seconded by Trustee Oscar Horton. FL 106 was approved unanimously.

New Business Informational Items
a. USF Research Park

Vice President for Research and Innovation Paul Sanberg welcomed everyone to Discovery Hall and provided an update on the Research Park and Research activity. A power point presentation was presented which highlighted the following:

- Promoting a Culture of Innovation at USF In Florida and Beyond
- Research Strategic Plan
- Life Cycle of Innovation
- Ranked in the Top 10 American Public Research Universities for U.S. Patents for the past 9 years.
- Intellectual Property Commercialization
- Global Center for Hearing and Speech Research
- USF Center for Global Health & Infectious Disease Research
- 4th Worldwide for AAAS Fellows for the past Five Years
- Honoring Our Faculty - Faculty Outstanding Research Achievement Award and Excellence in Innovation Award
- Florida Inventors Hall of Fame – Annual Gala September 11, 2020 at the downtown Hilton
- USF Chapter of the National Academy of Inventors – NAI Fellows - President Steven Currall was welcomed as an Honorary Member for his work and support over the years of academic innovation.
- Tampa Bay Technology Incubator
Celebrating the New building in the Research Park
Student Innovation Incubator
Office of Corporate Partnerships
Celebrated the opening of Jabil Innovation Institute
National Shriners Genomics Institute

A short video was presented that will market the new Research Building. Dr. Sanberg shared that the groundbreaking ceremony was occurring today outside of Discovery Hall. There will also be 22 Research Park Companies set up on site eager to share their work with all attendees.

Vice President Paul Sanberg encouraged everyone to visit the Florida Hall of Fame Exhibit, the Walk of Fame and the Inventors Commons which displays the engraved bricks of the USF Chapter of NAI including President Steve Currall’s new brick.

Vice President Sanberg thanked everyone for their support and because of it, the USF Culture of Innovation is thriving.

Round Table Discussion

Trustee Deanna Michael reported that the faculty governance process is moving along smoothly. Senate elections will be held this spring. The Tenure and Promotion documents will be distributed to faculty for votes and to the Provost’s Office.

Trustee Britney Deas reported that on the Conference on Student Government Association, the University of South Florida SG won the Outstanding Rising to the Challenge for our efforts on Consolidation.

Trustee Mike Carrere congratulated Trustee Deas and her Student Government team on their efforts supplying certain USF students with food and nutrition when needed. Trustee Carrere had questions surrounding the Tallahassee funding, legislative issues and Preeminence.

Having no further business USF Board Chair Jordan Zimmerman adjourned the meeting of the Board of Trustees at 11:35 a.m.