

University of South Florida  
Board of Trustees  
Special Conference Call  
Thursday, April 19, 2018  
Unofficial Minutes

Chair Brian Lamb convened the USF Board of Trustees special conference call at 4:30 p.m.

Chair Lamb thanked everyone for joining this conference call of the Board of Trustees to provide an update on the USF Consolidation efforts.

Chair Lamb asked President Genshaft to call the roll.

**President Judy Genshaft called roll with the following Trustees present:**

Trustee Mike Carrere  
Trustee Stephanie Goforth  
Trustee Brian Lamb  
Trustee Hal Mullis  
Trustee Leslie Muma  
Trustee John Ramil  
Trustee Byron Shinn  
Trustee Charlie Tokarz  
Trustee Nancy Watkins  
Trustee Jordan Zimmerman

**New Business – Information Item**

**Task Force Committee.** The Chair provided an update on the task force appointments excluding the Speaker of the House (which is expected any day).

Chair: Dr. Jonathan Ellen, CEO JHACH and BOG appointment.  
Members include: Alison Barlow, St. Petersburg Innovation District/Senate appt.  
Anddrikk Frazier, President & CEO Integral Energy (BOT Chair appt.)  
Michael Griffin, Sr. Managing Director for Savills Studley (BOT Chair appt.)  
Rick Piccolo, President & CEO Sarasota Bradenton airport (USFSM CB Chair appt.)  
Kayla Rykiel, USF Honors College student (Alumni Association appt.)  
Melissa Seixas, VP Gov't & Community Relations Duke Energy (USFSP CB Chair appt.)  
Byron Shinn, Partner-in-charge Carr, Riggs & Ingram (Senate appt.)  
USF President Judy Genshaft  
USFSP Interim RC Martin Tadlock  
USF S-M RC Karen Holbrook

The Chair shared that the first meeting of the task force is April 25<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. at USFSP. It will be an orientation meeting to review the scope of their responsibilities, overview of the current USF System, sunshine laws and the BOT Chair's charter to the task force. The task force will submit recommendations for the Board to consider. The Chair shared that he expects the task force to keep two things in mind while doing their work and considering recommendations: how does this affect accreditation and how does this affect preeminence. He shared that he will work with Dr. Ellen to keep members educated.

The Chair shared that Dr. Visot has pulled together a USF System staff team to assist the task force with its work. The Chair asked if there were any questions about the task force. None.

**BOT Committee.** The Chair shared that he is establishing a Board committee to work with a USF System committee which will be appointed by the President, and has asked Trustee Mullis to serve as the chair so that he can oversee the process through his strategic initiatives authority. He shared that the Campus Board Chairs, Trustees Goforth and Shinn and former Chair Ramil who understands the complexity of this task due to his longevity on the Board will form the committee. He shared that he expects the President and her team to work with the BOT committee as they put a plan together. Trustee Mullis will update the Board periodically.

The Chair asked GC Solis to review the document specific to the Board committee. GC Solis shared that the committee will work to Submit a plan to the Florida BOG by March 15, 2019 that: a. establishes a timeline to implement a single accreditation no later than June 30, 2020 and that permits no lapse in accreditation in the process; b. reinforces the ability of USF students to pursue their degrees and graduate in 4 years from date of first attendance; and c. maintains Preeminence based on reporting as a single accredited institution by the first regular reporting date after July 1, 2020. He also recommended that the BOT committee adopt and communicate principles to guide the task force in its functions and to inform the BOT committee's own actions to carry out its statutory priorities; and task the USF System President to carry out the actions required of the Board in sec. 1004.34, including retaining external subject matter experts. The President's actions should also be consistent with guiding principles established by the BOT committee. As normal, the President will update the BOT committee regularly; the BOT committee will be the primary liaison between the Board and the task force; and the BOT committee will not replace the Board's established structure and processes (i.e., new programs and initiatives will still come to the Strategic Initiatives Committee; academic programs will still come to ACE).

Trustee Mullis addressed the need for external experts to assist the Board and university with the consolidation and that he had an opportunity to talk with a prospective group with the President. He also mentioned that he will set up an organizational meeting very soon to address these issues.

President Genshaft mentioned that she has engaged SACS as soon as she saw the legislative language and will be going to visit their team in a couple weeks along with the regional

chancellors. She stated that the SACS experts will be assisting the team to produce quality results.

At this time, the Chair opened for questions/comments. Trustee Muma asked whether preeminence status would be affected. The Chair explained the process and timeline and the President and Provost shared that plans are already underway to address the metrics and action we can take to move the regional institutions forward. The Chair requested that the Provost spend time with Trustee Muma reviewing the process. Trustee Shinn reported his campus board had established ad hoc committees to aid with their community. No other questions.

The Chair thanked the members for joining the call.

Having no further business Chair Lamb adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.