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**USF Board of Trustees
Strategic Initiatives Committee
May 22, 2018, 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM
Marshall Student Center Room 3707**

Present:

Committee Members: Chair Hal Mullis, Mike Carrere, Les Muma, Charlie Tokarz, Nancy Watkins

Trustees: Brian Lamb, Stephanie Goforth, Oscar Horton, Deanna Michael, Byron Shinn

President: Judy Genshaft

Senior Associate Vice President: Dr. Donna Petersen

I. Call to Order and Comments

Chair Hal Mullis called the meeting to order at 11:15 AM. A quorum was confirmed by President Judy Genshaft, with the following Trustees present:

Trustee Hal Mullis

Trustee Mike Carrere

Trustee Les Muma

Trustee Charlie Tokarz

Trustee Nancy Watkins

II. Public Comments Subject to USF Procedure

Chair Mullis confirmed that no requests for public comments had been received.

III. New Business – Action Items

a. Approval of Minutes – February 13, 2018

A motion was made and seconded. Approved by all committee members present.

b. Institute of Applied Engineering

College of Engineering Dean Robert Bishop provided a status update on the Institute of Applied Engineering (IAE) and asked for approval of the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and initial Board of Directors membership. His presentation explained that, although the USF College of Engineering is successfully transitioning to a nationally recognized public university program, they have limited capability to provide solutions based on their known strengths to the government and industry through commercial-based contracts. The Institute of Applied Engineering was conceived to address these challenges, with the ultimate goal of receiving Department of Defense designation as one of a select number of University Affiliated Research Centers. The IAE plans to focus initially on supporting the United States Special Operations Command, which is headquartered at MacDill Air Force Base and has a \$500M annual budget for research, development, testing, and engineering.

There was discussion regarding the IAE's proposed research expenditures and the background on why the IAE should be structured as a Direct Support Organization. There was also discussion regarding additional future outside partners, such as the United States Central Command.

The Committee voted to recommend to the full Board of Trustees the certification of the IAE as a USF Direct Support Organization so that the IAE may finalize its governance and legal status and structure. This Committee's recommendation for certification, and the Board's ultimate approval of IAE certification, is contingent upon university management returning for budget and final business plan approval at the next Finance Committee meeting. Pending the Board's final approval of a budget and business plan, there will be no incremental increase in funding for the IAE initiative beyond approved operating funds already allocated to the College of Engineering.

IV. New Business – Information Items

a. USF System Strategic Plan Update

Special Advisor to the President for USF System Strategic Planning Gregory Teague provided a status update on the USF System Strategic Plan. He reported on recent activity regarding USF BOT priorities relative to the current USF System Strategic Plan, including convening the advisory committee, identifying metrics, providing a mechanism for longer-range strategic planning, and anticipating enhancement of an eventual consolidated strategic plan.

Chair Mullis thanked Dr. Teague for assuming the responsibility of chair and moving the group forward.

IV. Adjournment

Chair Mullis adjourned the meeting at 11:52 pm.