

**Board of Trustees  
Government Relations Committee Meeting  
Minutes of June 3, 2004**

**1. Overview by Carlos Alfonso, Chairman, Government Relations Committee**

**Chairman Alfonso called the meeting to order. There was a motion by Cindy O'Connell to approve the minutes of the last meeting of the Government Relations Committee and it was seconded by Joelen Merkel.**

**Carlos gave a general overview of the 2004 legislative session, reviewing the various contacts that had been made with legislators and the Governor by President Machen and members of the trustees.**

**2. Presentation by Marion Hoffmann, Interim Vice President for Government Relations**

**Ms. Hoffmann presented a legislative session update, speaking on the highlights of the 2004 session including key bills that passed and bills that did not pass. Marion discussed the major budget issues and their impact to the University of Florida.**

**Ms. Hoffmann also spoke on the issue of funding for medical schools/physician UPL which became a priority issue at the end of the 2004 legislative session. She indicated that the government relations team would be meeting with key legislative leaders and staff on the UPL issue over the summer.**

**One of the highlights of the legislative session was Gator Day which was held on April 15<sup>th</sup>. The involvement of Danny Wuerffel as our VIP guest created a "buzz" at the Capitol and was a huge hit with Gators and non-Gators alike. The House and Senate recognized President Machen on this special day in the legislature and allowed special time for photo opportunities with President Machen, Danny Wuerffel and Albert. It also gave the Gator Caucus and opportunity to show their Gator spirit during these sessions. Partnering with Alachua County was also a plus this year and gave great visibility to the University of Florida and the Alachua County area.**

**Ms. Hoffmann announced that April 6, 2005 has been chosen as the date for Gator Day 2005 and asked that the Trustees mark their calendars now so all UF Trustees would come to Tallahassee to participate in Gator Day 2005.**

**Ms. Hoffmann gave a Gator Caucus update indicating Gator Caucus Chairman, Representative Jerry Paul had been nominated by President George Bush to become Principal Deputy Administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration at the Department of Energy. Ms. Hoffmann announced that Senator Paula Dockery had agreed to serve as Co-Chair of the Gator Caucus with a member of the House who had not been announced.**

**Ms. Hoffmann shared with the Trustees the proposed legislative visits by President Machen and the Government Relations Team for the summer. (see attachment)**

**In summary, Ms. Hoffmann spoke about where we were, where we are, and where we want to be. (see attachments)**

**Following a discussion of Ms. Hoffmann's presentation, it was recommended by Chairman Alfonso that Ms. Hoffmann's power point presentation should be sent to all members of the UF Board of Trustees.**

- 3. Representative Larry Cretul was recognized and introduced by Chairman Alfonso. Representative Cretul gave a short summary of his views of the 2004 legislative session, thanking the members of the University of Florida lobbying team and the UF Trustees for their support during the session.**

**Having no other business, the meeting was concluded.**