The newly formulated Finance & Facilities Committee was provided with orientation presentations from Facilities Planning and Construction, IFAS Facilities, and Finance and Accounting as well as a financial overview of the University. A question and answer session followed.

The respective minutes from the December meetings were approved. Mr. John Boyles was introduced as the new Student Body President and incoming student Trustee.

The revised 2006-2007 Capital Improvement Program / Facilities Enhancement Challenge Grant was presented to the committee. Changes to this document included additional funding for the Pathogen Research Facility which brings the 2006-07 PECO allocation to $74 million. Pugh Hall (Graham Center) gift match was amended to reflect an additional gift of $1.5 million. In addition the Band Rehearsal Hall project was added to the Courtelis match request. The committee approved the revised report, which is part of the consent agenda.

Two proposed facility namings were presented; Biopharm Turf Grass Hall and Lemerand Field House. This is a consent agenda item and was approved.

The 2005-2015 Campus Master Plan was presented by Linda Dixon. Linda briefed the Trustees on the changes requested by the community agencies and the UF responses. The University will now begin negotiating the Campus Development Agreement. The committee approved the Campus Master Plan. This culminates a multi-year process that included faculty, staff, students and the community.

The committee also approved the proposed changes to Board Internal Operating Memorandum 03-6 pertaining to Campus Master Plans and Campus Master Plan amendments. These changes were required to bring the Internal Operating Memorandum into compliance with changes to the Florida Statute governing master planning.
Several University of Florida Regulation changes were presented to the committee for approval.

1. Regulations concerning use of firearms were rewritten to include IFAS and clarify certain definitions.

2. Traffic & Parking rule that clarified the use of metered spaces by visitors. The annual decal price increase was also approved.

3. Updated the regulations language that governs the local fees and reflects the previously approved increases.

4. The Library fine rule was removed from the consent agenda pending further review of the Library process.

The committee then approved the transfer of 59 acres of IFAS property to the State Department of Parks to complement the San Falasco State Park and the Fox Park Preserve. This property is not needed by IFAS.

The committee heard a brief presentation by Dedee Delongpre concerning the University’s comprehensive Sustainability initiatives.

Due to the lengthy agenda a number of discussion agenda items were not heard. The Trustees did pose questions to staff regarding the financial reports. Answers were to be provided to the individual Trustee. Chair Morgan suggested that the Finance and Facility Committee hold preparatory meetings prior to the Board of Trustees meeting to assure adequate time and review was devoted to each topic.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.