

Finance and Facilities Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Chair Al Warrington. Trustees Joelen Merkel, Ryan Moseley, Cynthia O’Connell, Richard Yost, and Courtney Cunningham were in attendance.

The minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting of November 29, 2007, were approved.

Action items were presented to the committee.

The proposed amendment to the Operating Budget for 2007-08 was reviewed by the committee and approved as presented.

Revenue bond covenants and Board of Governor regulations require the Transportation and Parking auxiliary budget to be approved by the Board of Trustees. The budget shall show the anticipated amounts to be deposited into the maintenance and equipment reserve. The fiscal year 2008-2009 budget was approved as presented.

The committee next approved a request that the Chemistry Research Building be renamed “Harry H. Sisler Hall” in recognition of the outstanding contributions of Professor Sisler.

A proposed sale of land was brought before the committee for approval. The parcel is located in Orange County, and is part of the UF/IFAS Mid-Florida Research and Education Center. The land is desired by the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority for the construction of a new interchange. Proceeds from the sale will be deposited in the UF/IFAS Relocation and Construction Trust Fund. The estimated sale price is \$1.1 million. The committee approved the request as presented.

Various University of Florida regulation changes were then brought before the committee, the most significant of which proposed increases to parking decal prices and fines for parking violations. The committee approved the proposed regulation changes as presented.

The committee reviewed a proposed resolution in support of the lease of a portion of the campus to Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc. for the purpose of developing a life science and technology facility on the site. Vice President Phillips informed the committee that Alexandria has similar operations at MIT, University of Washington – Seattle, University of California – San Francisco and is working on a site at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill. An 80,000 square foot facility will be constructed initially, with a second 80,000 square foot building as a possibility. The technology transfer operations of the University of Florida will be greatly enhanced by

the presence of the Alexandria facility. The committee approved the resolution as presented.

Agenda discussion items were then brought before the committee.

The Annual Financial Report of the University for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, was presented to the committee. Members of the committee complimented the report and the sustainability theme that was present throughout the report. Vice President Poppell recognized several University employees who worked diligently on the report. Chair Warrington commented that the report had been very useful at the recent Board of Trustees retreat.

The Quarterly Financial Reports as of December 31, 2007, were reviewed by the committee.

Assistant Vice President Carol Walker briefed the committee on the status of construction projects. A ground-breaking ceremony was recently held for the Emerging Pathogens facility. Pugh Hall and the Graham Center have been dedicated. The Nanoscale Research Facility was completed, and the clean room is being fitted out, which will take approximately 12 months. The Naples Dental Clinic at Edison College is under construction. Several projects are in design, including the Southwest Parking Garage.

The committee discussed parking in the northeast portion of campus and inquired as to the status of plans to replace parking that is lost when buildings are constructed. It was agreed that the committee would be provided with an update of the transportation and parking elements of the master plan at the next board meeting.

Mike Smith, Director of UFICO, provided the committee with an update on investment activities. In general, UFICO is reducing their exposure in equity markets and focusing on capital preservation. Endowed investments in private equity and real estate have been increased. The non-endowed funds are shifting investments to hedge funds. Returns have been reduced but the UFICO portfolio performance since inception is currently ranked in the top quartile for mid-sized endowments.

Vice President Telles-Irvin briefed the committee on the proposed six construction projects to be funded by the Capital Improvement Trust Fund. The Committee on Educational Policy and Strategy is charged with reviewing and approving this proposal. Capital improvement funds are collected from students as a component of their student fees. The University will have \$24, 243,900 available in the fall of 2008 for construction of student related facilities.

Three University employees were then presented for recognition by the committee.

- Mr. Joe Hayden, senior engineer for IFAS Facilities Planning and Operations
- Officer Jacob Pruitt of the University of Florida Police Department
- Mr. Bernie Rieg, high voltage distribution electrician supervisor for the Physical Plant Division

All three were commended by the committee for their loyalty and dedication to the University.

The committee meeting was adjourned.