



*Minutes*  
*University of Florida*  
*Board of Trustees Conference Call*  
*September 24, 2001*  
*1:00 P.M.*

President Charles Young and Board Chair Marshall Criser asked that telephone conference meeting of the University of Florida Board of Trustees be called regarding emerging budget issues. Trustees O'Connell, Adler, Alfonso, Courtelis, Criser, Daniels, Dasburg, Fernandez, Merkel, McGriff, Thweatt and Warrington participated on the call.

After welcoming the Trustees to the call, President Young discussed the legislative and Governor's request that the University prepare a proposed FY 2002-03 budget reflecting a 5% reduction in general revenue and a 5% reduction to include trust funds. He indicated the cuts would total \$36.5 million for the University of Florida; the trust funds would represent \$8.4 million in cuts for the University of Florida.

The participants on the call discussed various options for the proposed budget reductions, including eliminating summer A and C terms. Provost Colburn noted that he and his staff had considered the importance of the University of Florida's high graduation rates and that care should be taken not to negatively impact those rates. He also noted that a cut of this magnitude would negatively impact other semesters as well.

Participants discussed the proposed reductions as they would relate to certain health center programs.

The participants discussed the issue of tuition and fees. A proposal was made to look at the issue of tuition more carefully. There also was discussion about the Bright Futures Scholarship Programs.

The telephone conference call concluded at approximately 1:15 p.m.