

Board of Trustees
Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2004

Trustees Present:

Roland Daniels, Chair
Albert Thweatt
Jamal Sowell
Pierre Ramond

Trustee Roland Daniels called the meeting to order. The minutes of the June 3, 2004 meeting were approved.

The Capital Improvement Trust Fund projects were approved for the consent agenda. Trustee Thweatt asked what the student involvement in this process was. Trustee Sowell indicated that the students have a tremendous amount of input and involvement in determining these project priorities that ultimately get recommended for approval by the Legislature.

The Spending Plan for Minor Monies was approved for the consent agenda with discussion about the types of projects this money is used for and the flexibility with these monies. There was considerable discussion about how these items might be prioritized and what they might be used for, given the many needs. There was a general discussion with regard to their utilization with input from the Health Science Center and IFAS.

A presentation on the Master Plan amendment process was given. Linda Dixon also gave an update on the Master Plan process that is currently underway.

Carol Walker gave an update of construction projects on campus, noting some of the recent completed projects such as Constans Theatre renovation and the Orthopaedics Center.

The committee was also briefed that the College of Dentistry would build a facility on the St. Petersburg campus, somewhat like the College of Pharmacy had done, for the purpose of training dental graduates in the St. Petersburg area. It would serve a dual purpose of service and educational training.

Ed Poppell gave a brief update on the damage to campus as a result of Hurricane Frances. He reported campus did have a number of trees lost but throughout the storm, the campus never lost electricity. The President's home suffered the greatest loss of trees and PPD employees had worked exceptionally hard to restore the campus. IFAS reported that at least 4 centers in South Florida had suffered damage, the worst being Ft. Pierce.

The Committee suggested the University recognize the efforts and hard work of the plants and grounds employees in the aftermath of Hurricane Frances.

Given the inaugural events, two items, the sustainability presentation and the deferred maintenance update presentation, are re-scheduled for the December trustee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.