Chairman H. Wayne Huizenga, Jr. convened the Board of Governors Facilities Committee meeting at 1:02 p.m., January 15, 2014, at Florida Gulf Coast University. The following members were present: Vice Chair Dick Beard, Matt Carter, Manoj Chopra, Mori Hosseini, Alan Levine, Wendy Link and Edward Morton.

1. Call to Order

Governor Huizenga called the meeting of the Facilities Committee to order and welcomed the new member.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Meetings of the Facilities Committee held September 12, 2013

Dr. Manoj Chopra moved that the Committee approve the Minutes of the Meetings of the Facilities Committee held September 12, 2013. Ms. Wendy Link seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

3. Completed Projects Report

Mr. Chris Kinsley provided information of all the major facilities projects within the system, introducing state appropriated projects first, followed by those funded with bonds. Mr. Kinsley noted these half state, half bonded projects total $346 million in funding of $2 million square feet, and announced the completion of 16 projects in 2013.

4. Energy Conservation Report Update

The Facilities Committee’s Annual Work Plan called for this information to be collected and presented. Governor Huizenga asked that information for energy reports be provided on annual basis so there is a sense of the progress being made, and so that Committee members can ask questions on this topic. Governor Huizenga noted that even in the absence of formal sustainability policy or energy benchmarks by the state, the individual effort of State University System member institutions has been remarkable.
Mr. Kinsley affirmed this remark with the presentation on total utility costs for facilities, noting the data compiled is specific to energy cost, which does not include water, waste, etc. He was pleased to announce that with an 11% increase in space, there was also an 11% decrease in the amount paid for energy costs.

5. Florida Gulf Coast University Educational Plant Survey Validation

The first action item for the Committee was to review and validate the completed Florida Gulf Coast University Educational Plant Survey. Although it has not been the Board’s practice to validate the Educational Plant Survey, Governor Huizenga acknowledges the Board is charged statutorily with the responsibility and concurs with the importance in reviewing the information contained in the plant survey for each university. Mr. Edward Morton moved that the Committee approve the request. Dr. Chopra seconded the motion. The committee unanimously approved the item as presented.

7. Amendment of the 2014-2015 Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request

Information presented regarding the amendment of the Legislative Budget Request resulted from collaborations involving information from the October workshop, new Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) revenue estimates, and individual discussions Chris Kinsley has had with the new Chancellor Marshall Criser III, Board Chair Mori Hosseini and Vice-Chair Tom Kuntz; as well as Dick Beard and Wayne Huizenga.

Mr. Kinsley walked the Committee through changes that have occurred since the September meeting. First, Priority A in Attachment 1, reflects changes to from the PECO conference. Mr. Kinsley stated there is no bonding capacity coming back for PECO; PECO, as far as a significant state funding source, is gone. Next, he noted that projects under Priority B are partially funded by the Legislature and additional funding is needed to complete them. Both Priority B and C have been modified since the workshop – Mr. Kinsley explained each of the changes.

Mr. Kinsley addressed questions from the Committee about selected projects. Governor Fassi requested additional information regarding Attachment V and Mr. Kinsley indicated that is available and will be provided. No other follow-up items were requested by the Committee.

Vice Chair Dick Beard moved to approve the amendment to FCO LBR to fund $321 million for critical projects: priority A critical maintenance, priority B completion, and Priority C renovation projects. Dr. Chopra seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

Vice Chair Dick Beard then moved to approve the amendment to FCO LBR to fund $15.6 million for Priority D future projects. Dr. Chopra seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.
Mr. Beard then moved approval of Attachment V, which is a request for Legislative Authorization for State University System Fixed Capital Outlay projects requiring General Revenue funds to Operate and Maintain. This request provides legal authority for future operating budget requests for plant operations and maintenance (PO&M). Mr. Hosseini seconded the motion, and the motion passed by unanimous consent.

8. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m., January 15, 2014.

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H. Wayne Huizenga, Jr., Chair

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