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The Chair, Carolyn K. Roberts, convened the meeting of the Board of Governors in the Live Oak Pavilion, University Center, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida, at 12:40 p.m., January 25, 2007, with the following members present: Sheila McDevitt, Vice Chair; Dr. Arlen Chase; John Dasburg; Ann Duncan; Charles Edwards; Frank Harrison; Dr. Stanley Marshall; Frank Martin; Lynn Pappas; Ava Parker; Tico Perez; John Temple and Dr. Zach Zachariah.

1. Call to Order and Chair's Report

Mrs. Roberts thanked President Brogan and his staff for their warm hospitality. She said she had been advised that Dr. Desai had resigned from the Board of Governors and had been appointed to the State Board of Education. She commented that while she would miss him, Dr. Desai would be an excellent point of contact for this Board with the State Board. She also advised the Board that two University Boards had elected new Chairs. Mr. Norm Tripp at FAU had been selected to succeed Ms. Sherry Plymale, and Mr. Rick Walsh at UCF had been selected to succeed Mr. Dick Nunis.

Mrs. Roberts reported that she had been in Tallahassee for the inauguration of Governor Crist. She said the excitement of a new administration was palpable. She thanked Board members who worked on the Transition Team, Jorge Arrizurieta, A.K. Desai, and Tico Perez. She noted that President Delaney had also assisted the Transition Team.

She said the Agenda included a proposed selection process for this Board's appointments to the University Boards of Trustees. She thanked Mr. Edwards and Ms. Vikki Shirley for their work in developing this process. She said the Board currently had two vacancies to fill, one at FIU and one at UNF.

Mrs. Roberts reported that President Bill Merwin had announced his intention to retire last week. She extended the Board's thanks to Dr. Merwin, the second President of Florida Gulf Coast University, for his contributions and for the tremendous growth at FGCU since his tenure began in 1999. She also thanked the Chair of FGCU's Board of Trustees, Mr. Scott Lutgert, for the thoughtful and deliberate manner in which the

Board had handled a difficult situation. She said the Agenda included the ratification of the appointment of the Interim President, Dr. Richard Peggnetter.

Mrs. Roberts also noted that Commissioner John Winn had announced his intention to retire, effective at the end of February. She said that Commissioner Winn had given 35 years of dedicated service to the State of Florida. She said in his service to the Department of Education and as Commissioner, he had always been focused on student learning and on raising expectations for student performance.

She noted that the previous day, the Board had heard from its consultants, Dr. Alceste Pappas and Dr. Steven Portch, on the future structure of the State University System. She said their report had been widely distributed throughout the state. She credited Mr. Dasburg for his leadership of this project, noting that the Board had asked for, and had received, an independent and unbiased assessment. She said this was just the beginning of the conversation regarding these recommendations. She said the Board would begin statewide hearings on the report with a Public Hearing at UCF, scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

She said that since the Board was meeting at FAU, she wanted to acknowledge the generosity of Carole and Barry Kaye, and thank them. She reported that they had made a \$16 million gift to FAU's College of Business, the largest single gift in the history of FAU. She also commented on an important gift to the Board's Foundation in December. The Helios Education Foundation had made a donation of \$5 million which had been placed in an endowment. The income from the endowment would be matched by the State, and the funds would be used to provide grants for first generation college students.

Mrs. Roberts reported that on January 10, 2007, this Board and the State Board of Education were able to reach a Settlement Agreement in the litigation brought by Floridians for Constitutional Integrity, et al. She said that the Board's Counsel in the case, Former Justice Stephen Grimes, had advised the Board of the status of the litigation and the agreement as to all matters, except as to the award of baccalaureate degrees by community colleges. She said she had been advised that it was in the Board's best interest to settle the case. She said these discussions had been lengthy and complicated, and that she had consulted with many throughout the negotiations. She said the Agreement stated that the State Board should continue to support baccalaureate degrees at community colleges limited to the areas of teaching, nursing and applied sciences. She emphasized that the Agreement did not guarantee automatic approval of baccalaureate degree requests. There was a specific State Board process to be followed prior to the baccalaureate degree approval. She said the "2 plus 2" articulation between community colleges and universities continued to work well. She said both Boards were committed to quality in the degree programs offered to students, and that this was a good agreement to benefit the needs and interests of the state's citizens. She noted that Judge Ferris had not yet ruled on the Agreement.

She said the Legislative Session was just around the corner. She said the Chancellor and the staff had already spent a great deal of time meeting with Legislators about the priorities of the SUS. She said that she had also met with many Legislators over the past several months.

Mrs. Roberts congratulated the University of Florida and all the coaches for their win in the BCS National Football Championship game. She noted that this was the first time one university held both the football and the basketball national championship trophies. She also congratulated FSU and USF, as well, for their successful bowl games.

Mrs. Roberts said the next meeting of the Board would be March 28 and 29, 2007, at the University of Florida, in Gainesville.

2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held November 16, 2006, and Minutes of BOG Foundation Meeting held November 16, 2006

Mr. Dasburg moved that the Board approve the Minutes of the meeting held November 16, 2006, and the Minutes of the BOG Foundation meeting held November 16, as presented. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

3. Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Rosenberg said that one year ago, he had called on the Board to show courage, as to the nature of the deliberations on the shape of things to come and to tackle the issues. He said that the Chair of the Board, Board members, and staff had worked hard to develop a spirit of collaboration with Legislators. He said that all of them had received copies of the Pappas Report and their input had been solicited. He said he would continue the conversations as there were further deliberations.

He said he had met with Senator Evelyn Lynn who had served on a Blue Ribbon Commission of the National Commission of State Legislatures to discuss action steps to improve the higher education environment in Florida. He said he had also met with Representative Mealor and with Representative Joe Pickens, both of whom were interested in SUS and student issues.

Dr. Rosenberg said he had worked closely with members of the FGCU Board of Trustees over the past several weeks. He commended them for the manner in which they had handled the announcement of the retirement of President Merwin. He said they had recognized that senior leadership of a university could not be compromised.

He said he had received the final report from Dr. Sandra Flake and the Emergency Management Task Force he had appointed last summer. He said he would review the recommendations and report back to the Board with a plan of action.

He said there had been a number of meetings over the past few months on System Coordination, which had included Board members and chairs of the University Boards of Trustees. He thanked them for their active participation in these discussions.

Dr. Rosenberg introduced the new Director of External Affairs, Ms. Diane McCain. He said Ms. McCain had held several positions with the Department of Education over the past several years and brought a great deal of experience to her new position with the Board.

Mr. Perez advised the Board that the State Board of Education, which was also meeting, had announced that Ms. Jeanine Blomberg had been named as the Interim Commissioner of the Department of Education.

4. Report on the SUS Facility Initiative

Dr. Rosenberg said he and Ms. Parker, Chair of the Facilities Committee, had appointed a statewide university facilities task force to make recommendations to address the gaps between the System's needs for facilities to support world-class economic development ambitions and enrollment growth and the current projections for available space. He said the University System had faced similar facilities challenges before. In the 1950's and 1960's, the state recognized the need for facilities to address booming student enrollment. The University System responded, and five new universities were chartered and opened. Enrollment grew from 54,000 students to 116,000 students.

He said the SUS now faced similar infrastructure challenges in the face of global competition. He said the SUS was projecting 50,000 new students by 2012. He said the data showed more students taking the SAT; the SUS needed to be ready for these students. The universities would need to hire 2500 new faculty for these additional students. He said the key words from the facilities task force were efficiency, preservation, sustainability and funding.

Dr. Rosenberg explained that the universities within the SUS had 30 percent less space per student than the average four-year public university. He noted that the universities had recently received an increase over the original PECO allocation made last fall. At the current rates of PECO growth, however, the universities would not reach the Board's 2012 targets for FTE enrollment until 2023, due to space limitations.

He said the task force had proposed several options. He said the task force recognized first the need to improve efficiency at the universities to stretch existing space. This would entail more creative scheduling and asking the universities to begin serious conversations about greater efficiencies and greater utilization of space. This might involve Saturday classes, night classes and increased summer utilization. He

said the universities should strive for an objective of instructional use 24/7, 365 days a year.

He commented that before the universities could ask for major new facilities, they needed to improve upon the investment of facilities already in place. He noted that some space had not been remodeled in over 25 years. He said the ideal would be that a visitor could walk into any space at random and it would be attractive for recruiting students. He said it would also help if the universities received the funds in accordance with the statutorily prescribed depreciation formula for maintenance funding. He said the universities would need \$123.8 million this year to match the unfunded maintenance and repair needs. He said it was also important for Florida's universities to lead the nation in sustainability. He said he would be working with the campuses to that end. He explained the final recommendation, the need to invest in the next generation of facilities. He said the SUS would need approximately \$3.5 billion in capital funding. He said that after a year of trying to address the issues of efficiency, accelerating repair and renovations, and ensuring sustainability, the Board should address the needed funding so the universities could obtain the facilities needed to meet the identified Strategic Plan goals. He said he had sent a letter to each university president asking them to find ways to increase utilization. In addition, four workgroups would be established to examine four critical factors the facilities task force had recommended to be addressed/improved: Plant Surveys; Plant Operation and Maintenance; Space utilization; and Space needs formula. He said the Board needed to approve the implementation of the Facilities Initiative.

Ms. Parker said she had learned that it was important to conduct studies; it was also critical that these recommendations be implemented. She thanked Chancellor Rosenberg and Mr. Bill Merck, Chair of the task force, for this excellent report. She moved that the Board authorize the Chancellor to take all necessary steps to proceed with the SUS Facilities Initiative, as proposed. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

5. Consideration, 2007 Legislative Agenda: Proposed Governance Legislation

Mrs. Roberts said that various statutes presently contained incorrect references to the entities responsible for the State University System as these statutes were in place prior to the Constitutional amendment that established the Board of Governors. She said the Chancellor had submitted proposed language for the Legislature's consideration that would conform the statutes to the Constitution while respecting the role and responsibilities of the Legislature. She said the Board had reviewed the proposed governance bill.

Mr. Perez moved that the Board approve the State University System Governance Bill, as proposed. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

6. Consideration, Selection and Reappointment Process, University Board of Trustee Members

Mr. Edwards said that this Board was responsible for appointing five citizen members of each university board of trustees, subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate. He said he had been asked by the Chair to develop a formal process for the selection of these trustees. He said he began by contacting the University Presidents and the Chairs of the University Boards of Trustees for their suggestions. He noted that after further discussion, the minimum eligibility requirement of holding a bachelor's degree or equivalent, had been removed.

Ms. Vikki Shirley described the proposed process. She said a Trustee Nominating Committee of six Board members would be appointed by the Chair to receive applications. She said the Chancellor would notify the Chair of the university board and the university president of upcoming vacancies on the board and would request nominations. This notification would occur 180 days before the term expired, or four weeks after the resignation or removal of a trustee. She said the Chair and the president would provide a list of at least two but no more than five nominees. In addition, the vacancy would be posted on the Board's website. She said Board staff would assist the Committee in reviewing the applications and conducting the initial background checks. She said the nominees' qualifications would be discussed at an open meeting of the Committee, which would vote and recommend one nominee to the full Board to fill the vacancy.

Ms. Shirley said the proposal outlined a number of general qualifications the Committee would consider in reviewing nominees. She said nominees should demonstrate prior relevant experience, as well as the willingness to perform the responsibilities and duties of a trustee. The qualifications also included knowledge of the roles of the Board of Governors and of the boards of trustees, personal integrity and the ability to work well with others. She commented that the proposal indicated that reappointment would not be automatic.

Ms. Duncan said she was concerned that if a trustee left unexpectedly there would be a lengthy vacancy. Dr. Rosenberg said the Committee could expedite the process, if necessary. Mr. Edwards said it was important that this be an open process and that the public be aware of these vacancies. He added that it was also important that proper background checks be done.

Mr. Edwards moved that the Board adopt the proposed Selection and Reappointment process for University Board of Trustee Members, as amended. Mr. Dasburg seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

Mrs. Roberts said that she would ask Mr. Edwards to serve as chair of the University Governance Committee. She said she would soon name the other members of the Committee.

7. Consideration, 2006 Accountability Report, as required by the General Appropriations Act

Mr. Dasburg commented that the Academic Programs/Strategic Planning Committee had heard a presentation on degree production, which was one of this Board's accountability measures.

Mr. Dasburg moved that the Board approve the document, "Report on State University System Accountability Measures Referenced in General Appropriation Act Implementing Bill," as presented. Ms. McDevitt seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

8. Approval, Creation of a Subsidiary of the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute

Mr. Edwards moved that the Board approve the creation of a subsidiary, Moffitt Genetics Corporation, of the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, as presented. Mr. Dasburg seconded the motion. Ms. McDevitt said this Board should receive periodic reports and audits of this new subsidiary. There were no further comments, and members of the Board concurred.

9. Approval, Certification of the New College Foundation, Inc., as a direct support organization of New College of Florida

Mr. Edwards moved that the Board approve the certification of the New College Foundation, Inc., by the New College of Florida Board of Trustees as a direct support organization of New College of Florida, as presented. Ms. McDevitt seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

10. Ratification of Appointment of Interim President, FGCU

Chancellor Rosenberg extended his compliments to Mr. Scott Lutgert, the Chair of the FGCU Board of Trustees, and the members of the Board for their careful handling of President Merwin's resignation. He said the Board of Trustees had met the previous week and had selected Dr. Richard Pegnetter to serve as interim president of the University, pending ratification by this Board. He said that Dr. Pegnetter had served as the founding dean of the Lutgert College of Business, since 1995, before the University had enrolled any students.

Mr. Edwards moved that the Board ratify the appointment of the Interim President at Florida Gulf Coast University, Dr. Richard Pegnetter, as recommended by the FGCU Board of Trustees. Ms. McDevitt seconded the motion.

Mr. Temple inquired whether the FGCU Board would begin a presidential search to fill the position. Mrs. Roberts said the Board planned to conduct a search. Mr. Temple inquired whether Dr. Pegnetter would be a candidate for the position. Mrs. Roberts said he would not be a candidate. She added her compliments to the FGCU Board. She said the process demonstrated how the university boards of trustees could work together with this Board. There were no further comments, and members of the Board concurred.

Mrs. Roberts recognized Dr. Pegnetter. Dr. Pegnetter thanked the members of the Board. He said he appreciated their endorsement and the opportunity to serve FGCU. He said that FGCU had grown dramatically since its opening in 1997. He said he hoped to sustain this upward momentum and looked forward to the challenges of leading the University. He expressed his thanks to Mr. Lutgert, but also to Mrs. Roberts, Dr. Rosenberg, Ms. Shirley and Mr. Bill Edmonds, for their valuable assistance to the Board of Trustees. He said he had an excellent administrative team in place and there was nothing to fix internally in order to move forward. He said the FGCU Board had already discussed the search process. He said he would encourage the Board with the search in order to hasten his return to the College of Business.

11. Endorse Initiative of Special Task Force to Plan a Partnership to Manage State-owned Historic Properties in St. Augustine, UF

Dr. Machen explained that a Special Task Force on State-Owned Historic Properties in St. Augustine had been appointed in September 2006 to consider options for improving the management and preservation of historic properties in the community.

He said responsibility for the historic buildings in the City of St. Augustine had been transferred to the city from the state. The properties had fallen into disrepair. He said the University of Florida had been involved with the historic buildings for more than 20 years. He said the Task Force had recommended a "University Model" which would prioritize education and restore and maintain the buildings and grounds. He said the Board had been asked to endorse the University of Florida as the principal to manage the properties, noting that the UF Board of Trustees would have to adopt a plan for the properties, and that any funding would be provided outside E & G and PECO allocations for the SUS.

Ms. McDevitt inquired whether UF had the expertise to maintain this partnership. Dr. Machen said UF had a program in historic preservation which would

be involved. Dr. Chase said that a faculty member at UF, Kathleen Deagan, would be an excellent resource for this partnership.

Mr. Dasburg moved that the Board endorse the proposed initiative, as presented. Dr. Chase seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

Dr. Rosenberg said there was the possibility of a similar initiative coming from the University of West Florida. He said that President Cavanaugh was supportive of that initiative.

12. Consideration, BOG-BOT Communication and BOG-BOT Action Protocols

Ms. Pappas said the System Coordination Committee had met to discuss BOG-BOT Communication and BOG-BOT Action Protocols for the Board of Governors, for the University Boards of Trustees, and for the Office of the Chancellor. She said there had been excellent participation by Board Chairs from the University Boards of Trustees. She said that during the discussion regarding attendance by the university presidents at Board of Governors meetings, the word "major" had been deleted relating to a scheduling conflict of the president with BOG meetings. She moved that the Board adopt these BOG-BOT Communication and BOG-BOT Action Protocols, as presented and amended. Mr. Temple seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

Ms. Pappas extended her thanks to Chancellor Rosenberg and Ms. Shirley for their contributions and assistance on this project. She also thanked the many Trustees who participated and worked to develop these Protocols.

13. Action Items, Academic Programs/Strategic Planning Committee

- A. Approve Termination, Ph.D. and Ed.D., Comprehensive Vocational Education, FSU

Mr. Dasburg moved that the Board approve the termination of the Ph.D. and the Ed.D. in Comprehensive Vocational Education, at FSU, CIP Code 13.1320, as presented. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

- B. Approve Ph.D., Biostatistics, FSU

Mr. Dasburg moved that the Board approve the proposed Ph.D. in Biostatistics, at FSU, CIP Code 26.1102, as presented. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

C. Approve Notice of Regulation, Academic Program Authorization

Mr. Dasburg moved that the Board approve the Public Notice of the Intent to Promulgate a new Board of Governors Regulation for Academic Program Authorization, as presented. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, noting that the Board had reserved the right to have further discussion on the proposed regulation at the March Board meeting. Members of the Board concurred.

D. Approve Notice of Regulation, Academic Program Termination

Mr. Dasburg moved that the Board approve the Public Notice of the Intent to Promulgate a new Board of Governors Regulation for Academic Program Termination, as presented. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, noting that the Board had reserved the right to have further discussion on the proposed regulation at the March Board meeting. Members of the Board concurred.

E. Approve Notice of Regulation, Limited Access

Mr. Dasburg moved that the Board approve the Public Notice of the Intent to Promulgate a new Board of Governors Regulation for Limited Access, as presented. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, noting that the Board had reserved the right to have further discussion on the proposed regulation at the March Board meeting. Members of the Board concurred.

F. Approve Notice of Regulation, Exception to the 120 Credit Hour Requirement for Baccalaureate Programs

Mr. Dasburg moved that the Board approve the Public Notice of the Intent to Promulgate a new Board of Governors Regulation for Exception to the 120 Credit Hour Requirement for Baccalaureate Programs, as presented. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, noting that the Board had reserved the right to have further discussion on the proposed regulation at the March Board meeting. Members of the Board concurred.

G. Approve Notice of Regulation, Academic Program Review

Mr. Dasburg moved that the Board approve the Public Notice of the Intent to Promulgate a new Board of Governors Regulation for Academic Program Review, as presented. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, noting that the Board had reserved the right to have further discussion on

the proposed regulation at the March Board meeting. Members of the Board concurred.

H. Approve Notice of Regulation, Academic Learning Compacts

Mr. Dasburg moved that the Board approve the Public Notice of the Intent to Promulgate a new Board of Governors Regulation for Academic Learning Compacts, as presented. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, noting that the Board had reserved the right to have further discussion on the proposed regulation at the March Board meeting. Members of the Board concurred.

14. Action Items, Facilities Committee

A. Approve University Debt Management Policies, FAU, FIU, UCF, and USF

Ms. Parker moved that the Board approve the Debt Management Policies of Florida Atlantic University, Florida International University, the University of Central Florida, and the University of South Florida, as presented. Mr. Martin seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

B. Authorize Release of Funds, University Concurrency Trust Fund, UF

Ms. Parker moved that the Board approve the allocation and authorize the Department of Education to release funds in the amount of \$8,353,110 to Alachua County, Florida, and the City of Gainesville, Florida, as partial payment towards amounts negotiated in the Campus Development Agreement between the University of Florida Board of Trustees and Alachua County and the City of Gainesville, as presented. She noted that the parties had signed the Campus Development Agreement consistent with this action. Ms. Pappas seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

C. Approve Resolution approving the Issuance of Parking System Revenue Bonds to Finance Parking Garage, Phase II, FGCU

Ms. Parker moved that the Board adopt the resolution approving the issuance of fixed rate, tax-exempt, revenue bonds, by the Florida Gulf Coast University Financing Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 for the purpose of financing the construction of Parking Garage, Phase II, on the main campus of Florida Gulf Coast University, as presented. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

- D. Approve Resolution approving the Issuance of Revenue Bonds to Finance Student Union Addition, Phase I, FGCU

Ms. Parker moved that the Board adopt a resolution approving the issuance of variable rate, tax-exempt, revenue bonds, by the Florida Gulf Coast University Financing Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 for the purpose of financing the construction of the Student Union Addition, Phase I project on the main campus of Florida Gulf Coast University, as presented. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

- E. Approve Resolution approving the Issuance of Revenue Bonds to Finance Athletics Stadium Expansion Project, FIU

Ms. Parker moved that the Board adopt a resolution approving the issuance of variable rate, tax-exempt, and variable rate, taxable revenue bonds by the FIU Athletics Finance Corporation, on behalf of Florida International University, in an amount not to exceed \$35,000,000 for the purpose of financing the Athletics Stadium Expansion, Phase I, and related infrastructure on the main campus of Florida International University, as presented. She said that issuance of the revenue bonds would be contingent upon the execution of the Campus Development Agreement by the Florida International University Board of Trustees, to include the proposed athletics stadium project. Mr. Martin seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

- F. Approve Site Transfer for Biomedical Science Center, UCF

Ms. Parker moved that the Board approve a site transfer authorizing the University of Central Florida to construct and equip the Biomedical Research Building at the Lake Nona site of the University of Central Florida, as presented. She said the Bio-Medical Science Center project had received previous appropriations totaling \$28,323,500, and was slated to be constructed on the main campus. She said this action approves the facility to be constructed at the newly created University of Central Florida Health Sciences site at Lake Nona as a new Center, in accordance with Regulation 6C-8.009 (1)(d) and (f). Mr. Perez seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

- G. Approve 2007-2008 SUS Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request, As Amended

Ms. Parker moved that the Board approve the 2007-2008 SUS Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request, as amended, and further,

authorize the Chancellor, State University System of Florida, to make technical adjustments. Mr. Dasburg seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred, with Mr. Temple voting no.

- H. Approve an Amendment to the 2007-2008 Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request, for Critical Deferred Maintenance Needs

Ms. Parker said she had toured the FAU campus and now had a first-hand awareness of the urgent need for funding the universities' deferred maintenance needs. She said in the library she had been stuck in an elevator.

Ms. Parker moved that the Board approve the request for additional funding to supplement the amount provided by PECO cash to meet the full statutory need indicated in Section 1013.64, Florida Statutes. This was a request for an additional \$123.8 million for critical deferred maintenance needs. Mr. Martin seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

- I. Approve Proposed Legislation, Concurrency Trust Fund

Ms. Parker moved that the Board approve proposed legislation which would recreate the Concurrency Trust Fund, create a new revenue source for concurrency requirements, and expand the scope of the fund to include effected local governments, in addition to host governments. She said the proposed legislation increased the minor projects threshold from \$1 million to \$2 million, and other technical adjustments. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

- J. Statewide Coastal Ocean Research Vessel, Florida Institute of Oceanography

Ms. Parker said the Board had had previous discussions about seeking funding for the statewide Coastal Ocean Research Vessel at the Florida Institute of Oceanography. She moved that Board staff continue to explore various options for funding. Ms. McDevitt seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

15. Status Report, Economic Development Committee

Ms. Duncan said the Economic Development Committee had not met, but she advised the Board that the work of the Committee continued on several economic development initiatives. She said she had asked for recommendations from the universities on ways to improve the process for the World Class Scholars program and

for the Centers of Excellence program. The Vice Presidents for Research had convened as a group to discuss how the process could work more effectively. She said Florida Trend would have a four-page spread in the February issue about research in the State University System.

16. Status Report, Lawsuit, *Floridians for Constitutional Integrity, Inc., et al.*

Mr. Edwards reported that the Board had delegated the Chair as its representative during the mediation discussions between the parties in the lawsuit. He said there was now a Settlement Agreement which clarified the areas of responsibility and authorized community colleges, following a prescribed process, to offer baccalaureate degrees in the areas of teaching, nursing, and applied sciences.

He moved that the Board reconfirm that it had authorized the Chair to serve as the Board's designee in the mediation discussions, and ratify the Settlement Agreement reached and signed by the parties. Mr. Temple seconded the motion, and members of the Board concurred.

17. Status Report, Student Affairs Committee

Ms. McDevitt reported that the Student Affairs Committee had heard a presentation on Student Health Insurance from Ms. Lesley Sacher of the Thagard Health Center, FSU. She said the Committee had decided to undertake a project to look at the feasibility of various options regarding the procurement of health insurance centrally and whether there were more cost effective ways of obtaining this insurance.

18. Adjournment

Having no further business, the Chair adjourned the regular meeting of the Board of Governors, State University System of Florida, at 2:00 p.m., January 25, 2007.

Carolyn K. Roberts,
Chair

Mary-Anne Bestebreurtje,
Corporate Secretary