

**Minutes**  
**University of West Florida Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**UWF Conference Center**  
**December 12, 2008**

Board Chair K.C. Clark called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. welcoming those in attendance. Chair Clark then asked Faye Bowers to call roll with the trustees present listed below. Those participating via conference call are designated with an asterisk\* following their names.

Mr. Honor Bell

Mr. K.C. Clark

Ms. Nancy Fetterman

Mrs. Marny Gilluly

Mrs. Jeanne Godwin\*

Mrs. Sharon Hess Herrick

General Chuck Horner retired

Ms. April Jardine

Mrs. Catherine Kelly\*

Mr. Collier Merrill

Dr. Richie Platt

Mr. Roy Smith

Mr. J.T. Young\*

Others attending:

Dr. Judy Bense, President

Dr. Chula King, Provost, and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Hal White, Executive Vice President

Dr. Dean Van Galen, Vice President for Development

Mrs. Patricia Lott, General Counsel

Ms. Faye Bowers, Executive Specialist/Assistant Corporate Secretary/BOT

Mr. Michael White, ITS

Mr. Matt McKinney, UC Sound

Mr. John Macdonell, W-UWF webcast

**Chair's Greetings**

Chair Clark expressed his appreciation to ITS, UC and WUWF for their assistance in preparation of and during the meeting.

The chair asked for a moment of silence **in memoriam** of former UWF Coach Jim Spooner, UWF honor student, Tyler Knisley, and ITS staff member Billy Colvin who passed away recently. Clark noted that Mr. Colvin worked closely with the Board of Trustees.

## **President's Report**

Dr. Bense expressed her pleasure in being at the meeting and serving as President. She addressed the Board providing updates on:

### **Visibility Campaign**

- President Bense said UWF has had great response from our visibility campaign. UWF is a GREAT place, but unfortunately many people right here in our own region don't know much about us. For too long we have not taken the time to tell our story.
- So, our first marketing effort was called the "Creating Great Futures for Northwest Florida" public awareness campaign. It was designed to be a comprehensive effort to increase awareness of UWF's quality, and our important impact on the region.
- Our efforts have included billboards, radio, and TV, print ads, editorials submitted to local newspapers, speaking engagements, and the web. Many of the billboard statistics were on the poster-boards around the room.
- Also, for the benefit of Board members who do not live in the area, here are the three 30-second ads that were produced and have been showing on television in the region...they can also be found on the UWF website.
- Let me stress that this is only the beginning. We are looking now at the next campaign which will be focused on recruitment, my next goal.

### **Recruitment**

- Bense said if we want to be successful as an institution then we must have a critical mass of students. We must play a role in sustaining the intellectual vitality of this region, and we must be able to attract top notch faculty and merit scholar students
- Our goal is 12,000 students by 2012, and we believe we can maintain our quality as we proceed toward this goal. Let's remember that while FL has the worst faculty/student ration in the nation, UWF has the best with only 18 students to every faculty member. That is an excellent ratio and gives us a little room to grow while still maintaining that personal touch, which is the hallmark of a UWF education.
- So, we have infused new resources in recruitment efforts. We are using non-recurring funds now to ensure that we will be able to go forward with recruitment efforts that are integrated with our marketing efforts.
- We are expanding our horizons and looking further into the state toward those areas where students might really want that personal attention, small class sizes.
- Additionally, we are holding 14 events from here to the Apalachee River to talk with the K-12 teachers who are our alumni. As you know 56% of the teachers in Escambia County and 57% in Santa Rosa are our alumni. So, we are reaching out to them and asking them to send us students.
- Then in the Spring we will hold 14 more events that are recruitment events. These will be supported by the teachers and contacts we made in the first 14 events.

- Additionally, I have been out meeting civic organizations, economic development organizations, chamber members, the business community, and in every forum I am asking them to send us qualified students.

### **Retention**

- Bense said now, we also realize that if we are to retain these students then we must pay attention to student life.
- We are looking at housing. We believe that the residential experience is one of the key elements that will distinguish us from the new State College System. So, with your approval today we will be releasing an (ITN) Intent To Negotiate later this month to begin the dialogue about a new residence hall. This will play a key role in helping us recruit, as well as, in creating that sense of connectedness, through living learning environments, and residential programs, that will ultimately lead to greater retention.
- We are also looking at Athletics. We are pursuing an Athletic Visioning Team to look at our full range of Athletic programs. We have had some tremendous success with our current programs (which you will hear more about later) but I believe we have some real opportunities to build on those successes. This team will look at all of our programs and also study the feasibility of football. The community has really gone wild and we have seen a tremendous amount of support already. Let me mention here, that E&G funds can't be used for Athletics, and so community support will be vital to this effort.

### **Partnerships**

- Another cornerstone of my time in this role is building partnerships and friends for this institution. We have so much to do, but there is no way we can achieve it alone. We must know what our regional needs are and we must do what we can to meet them. This means aligning our programs to meet critical workforce needs, it means playing on the strengths of our educational partners in this area, it means partnering with business, with organizations such as (FGNW) Florida's Great North West, the Chambers, the Economic Development Councils, etc.
- I am extremely pleased to have coordinated the Coalition of North West Florida Presidents and we are teaming up with the Provosts and Vice Presidents of these schools as well.
- The thing that makes UWF so unique is that we are a small institution, we are nimble and can be responsive to the needs of our region, and so I am working to create alignment and partnerships in every way possible to ensure that we meet this challenge.

### **Legislative Update**

Dr. Bense noted that later on the agenda she would give an update on the state picture, which will cover the budget situation and the Governor's initiative to enable local

boards of trustees the ability to raise tuition by 15% per year until we meet the national average.

### **Recognitions**

Then, Dr. Bense shared a few of the exciting recognitions UWF has recently received:

- The Academic Technology Center recently received the International Sloan-C Award for their excellence in faculty development and online teaching. It is a very prestigious honor. Congratulations to Dr. Pam Northrup and her team.
- In addition, December 2008 Issue of Military Magazine cited UWF as a Military Friendly School which Dr. Northrop provides leadership.
- We have just been notified that we have received the 'StormReady' designation from the National Weather Service. Hopefully, we will not need the designation, but we are among only 29 Universities in the country that enjoy this designation. Kudos to Peter Robinson, John Warren, and all of our crisis management team members.
- We have also been named as a 'Best Place to Work' by the Chronicle of Higher Education.
- Our Athletic teams have gotten some recognition this year (which is quite an understatement)! She said Dr. Debbie Ford will tell you about it as part of the Student Accomplishments area of the meeting.
- Also, later on the agenda we will get a Creating Great Futures campaign update from Dean Van Galen but I just want to express the gratitude of this institution for his work. Dean is a real gem and has accomplished things with this campaign that no one thought was possible. My gratitude to him and his wonderful team.

Bense then said, Mr. Chair that concludes my report.

### **Faculty Recognition**

Provost Chula King said that centers are an extremely valuable component to UWF's success. She called on Dr. Richard Podemski, Associate Vice President for Research who provided the Board with a list of 10 such centers. He then introduced Mr. Jerry Cartwright, Director of the Small Business Development Center. Mr. Cartwright shared a PowerPoint presentation regarding higher education, outreach, community, and economic development.

### **Staff Recognition**

Dr. Hal White, Executive Vice President recognized posthumously, Mr. Billy Colvin who passed away suddenly in October saying that Billy was a vital member of the ITS BOT support team. However, Dr. White noted that wherever Billy had worked at the University, he had gone above and beyond in his duties.

In Kim Spear's absence, Dr. White acknowledged her respect and admiration for Billy and the ITS crew. He noted that Kim will be making her fourth national presentation in 2009 regarding technology and Board of Trustees.

Billy was a retired Lieutenant Commander in the US Military and was a 14 year employee at UWF and loved power-walking.

Dr. Bense met Mrs. Kathy Colvin at the podium for a presentation of a framed photograph of the UWF flag which is lowered to half staff upon the death of an employee. At Mrs. Colvin's request, Faye Bowers shared of Billy's joy and delight in preparation for and during BOT meetings as well as his work at UWF. It was Billy's pleasure to serve the Board and the University of West Florida. The only ones Billy cared for more than UWF are his wife Kathy, daughter, Kristina who is a doctoral student at Emory University and his siblings.

### **Student Achievements**

Dr. Debbie Ford, Vice President for Student Affairs prefaced the introduction of Jarrod Brown, Electrical Engineering major graduated in December. Dr. Ford noted that Jarrod, a transfer from PJC had served as an intern with NASA Launch during the summer regarding Flight Analysis and Flight Dynamics. Jarod has been nominated as Co-op Intern of the Year.

Jarrod spoke about his internship with NASA through the (USRP) United States Research Project dealing with unmanned rockets, control analysis efficiencies, and mission specifics. During the 10 week internship Jarrod credits UWF technology with ensuring his term quite successful.

Dr. Ford provided updates from the Fall 2008 Intercollegiate sports programs and post-season playoff trophies were presented to the Board by the following employees:

Dave Scott, Athletic Director; Meghan Bartar, Assistant Athletic Director; Tony Nguyen, Assistant Athletic Director; Bill Elliott (GSC Soccer Coach of Year) and Melissa Wolter (GSC Volleyball Coach of Year)

Dave Scott, Melissa Wolter, and Bill Elliott expressed their appreciation for the BOT and President's Office for their support for Argo Athletics.

Coaches Wolter and Elliott gave overviews of their programs, the pleasure, and importance of their roles in student's lives and vice versa.

Chair Clark complimented Dave Scott and his ability to foster such outstanding coaches and athletic programs. This is great representation for the University of West Florida said the Chair.

Chair Clark then recognized Trustee Richie Platt who complimented the UWF Theatrical Productions faculty and students including two young ladies who have been nominated for national awards. Dr. Platt urged everyone to attend any of the spectacular productions.

## Committee Reports

### **Finance, Administration & Audit Committee**

Committee Chair Sharon Hess Herrick brought before the Board items (1 - 14) listed below for ratification through a motion seconded by Trustee Gilluly. Discussion regarding Item #10 Acquisition\* of Additional Student Housing follows that item respectively.

1. **Interlocal Agreement Between UWF & City of Pensacola**  
[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/Interlocal\\_Agreement.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/Interlocal_Agreement.pdf)
2. **BOT Internal Improvement Trust Fund (BTIITF) Lease Agreement**  
[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/BTIITF\\_WFHPI\\_Bill\\_Amend267\\_173\\_12\\_2008.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/BTIITF_WFHPI_Bill_Amend267_173_12_2008.pdf)  
[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/BTIITF\\_WFHPI\\_Amend4Lease\\_2722\\_12\\_2008.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/BTIITF_WFHPI_Amend4Lease_2722_12_2008.pdf)
3. **Amendment to Operating Agreement between UWF BOT and WFHPI**  
[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/Agreement\\_First\\_Amend.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/Agreement_First_Amend.pdf)
4. **Merger with Historical Society**  
[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/Plan.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/Plan.pdf)  
[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/Funding\\_Mechanism.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/Funding_Mechanism.pdf)
5. **UWFREG 6.0054 Competitive Solicitation Requirements**  
[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/UWFREG6\\_0054\\_Amend.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/UWFREG6_0054_Amend.pdf)  
[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/BOGRG\\_18\\_002.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/BOGRG_18_002.pdf)
6. **Campus Master Plan Update**  
[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/CMP.cfm](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/CMP.cfm)
7. **Campus Development Agreement**  
[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/CDA.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/CDA.pdf)
8. **West Campus Land Exchange Authorization**  
[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/West\\_Campus\\_Land.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/West_Campus_Land.pdf)
9. **FY2009-10-2013-14 Amended Fixed Capital Outlay Plan**  
[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/Prop\\_Amend\\_5YR\\_Plan.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/Prop_Amend_5YR_Plan.pdf)  
[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/June08\\_Approved\\_5YR\\_Plan.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/June08_Approved_5YR_Plan.pdf)
10. **Acquisition of Additional Student Housing**  
Resolution - [http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/Housing\\_Resolution.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/Housing_Resolution.pdf)

\*A friendly amendment\* was made to adopt the resolution only tentatively, authorizing the university to proceed with all the steps described, but with a requirement that the university

seek a final approval from the Board of Trustees to seek approval of the Board of Governors for the financing described in the resolution. The results of the due diligence would be returned to the full Board of Trustees for final approval, either at the next regularly scheduled meeting, or, should circumstances require, in a specially called meeting by conference call, prior to final approval of proceeding with financing the project. Trustee Merrill seconded.

This resolution thus provides tentative UWF Board of Trustees (“Board”) approval of for proceeding down two tracks for developing possible options for acquisition of additional student housing facilities:

1. The first, more traditional track, the same as used in prior student housing projects, would be to request the UWF Foundation, Inc. (“Foundation”), to proceed with the assumption of additional debt, not to exceed \$15,000,000, possibly through housing revenue bonds, to finance either all or the large majority of the cost of construction of additional student housing facilities.
2. The second option provides in the alternative for approval of a sublease of UWF property to a private developer, after receiving competitive proposals, to construct a student housing facility using private financing.

The resolution authorizes and directs staff of the University to examine market studies, financial analyses, and competitive proposals to determine which structure is the most advantageous to the University. The resolution provides that whichever construction method or structure is chosen, the University will work with the Board and staff of the Foundation to insure that projected proceeds from housing system operations remain sufficient to meet all requirements of the Foundation’s outstanding bonds and/or additional debt undertaken at the University’s request.

UWF staff will examine market studies, financial analyses, and competitive proposals in order to develop the most advantageous structure and amenities. If UWF chooses the first option, UWF staff will work with the Florida Board of Governors and the State Division of Bond Finance to provide appropriate information and to obtain necessary approvals for the issuance of additional debt. In such event, the Foundation sublease of the property upon which the student housing system is located will be amended to permit the Foundation to finance the additional student housing facility. If UWF chooses the second option, it will identify a private developer through competitive proposals and execute a sublease with that developer that would be consistent with UWF’s desire to construct and acquire additional student housing facilities under the best terms possible.

The details of the fiscal implications of the two structures will be known in more detail following the receipt of reports from the planning and financial consultants and will be shared at future meetings prior to final approval of the financing and construction model, as per this amended resolution.

\*(BOT will review all research data prior to University submitting to Board of Governors.)

## **11. DSO Audits**

- a. UWF Foundation

[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/UWF\\_FND\\_08\\_MGTLTR.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/UWF_FND_08_MGTLTR.pdf)

- b. West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc.

[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/2008\\_WFHPI\\_FINSTM.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/2008_WFHPI_FINSTM.pdf)

**12. Guidelines for Naming Opportunities**

[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/Naming\\_Opportunities.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/Naming_Opportunities.pdf)

**13. Student Activity & Service, Athletic A & S Fees**

[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/Exhibit\\_A.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/Exhibit_A.pdf)

[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/Exhibit\\_B.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/Exhibit_B.pdf)

**14. UWFREG 4.002 Waiver of Tuition & Fees**

[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/UWFREG4\\_002\\_W\\_TnF\\_Amend.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/UWFREG4_002_W_TnF_Amend.pdf)

[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/Academic\\_Merit\\_Scholarship.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/Academic_Merit_Scholarship.pdf)

[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/Freshman\\_Leadership\\_Scholarship.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/Freshman_Leadership_Scholarship.pdf)

Informational/Discussion Items

1. **Update - PCard Audits Quarterly** (July-September 08)
2. **Update on SUS Audit Committee Activities**
3. **Update - FY08-09 Operating Budget**  
[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/FY09\\_1Q.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/FY09_1Q.pdf)
4. **Financial Services Annual Report**  
[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/SOF\\_F78.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/SOF_F78.pdf)

**Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

Committee Chair Roy Smith brought before the Board (1-5) items for ratification through a motion seconded by Trustee Platt which passed unanimously.

1. **Request for Enrollment Exemption**  
[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/LTR\\_Chancellor.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/LTR_Chancellor.pdf)
2. **Designation of the (FSBDCN) Florida Small Business Development Center Network as a State of Florida Center**  
[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/SBDC\\_Application.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/SBDC_Application.pdf)  
[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/CAVP\\_Memo.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/CAVP_Memo.pdf)  
[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/quickfacts.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/quickfacts.pdf)
3. **UWF REG 3.003 Applicants with Records**  
[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/UWFREG\\_3\\_003.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/UWFREG_3_003.pdf)
4. **Request to "Explore/Plan" for a New Degree - Master of Science (MS) Criminal Justice**

[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/Memo\\_MS\\_CJ.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/Memo_MS_CJ.pdf)

**5. Waiver of Request to “Explore/Plan” for BSBA in General Business**

[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/Memo.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/Memo.pdf)

Informational/Discussion Items

**1. Duplicative Courses and Programs**

**2. Renaming of Departments and Division in College of Professional Studies**

**3. Engineering Programs National Accreditation**

[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/ABET\\_20081103.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/ABET_20081103.pdf)

**4. Acquisition of Additional Student Housing Facilities**

[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/Housing\\_Resolution.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/Housing_Resolution.pdf)

**5. Student Recognition & Accomplishments**

[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/Excellence.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/Excellence.pdf)

**Full Board Items**

**Action Items**

**1. Minutes of September 4, 2008**

A motion was made to **approve the minutes from September 4, 2008.**

[http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/090408FBOTMN.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/090408FBOTMN.pdf) (correction made on P. 2 under National/Statewide change UWF News to US News.)

Motion by: Trustee Hess Herrick

Seconded by: Trustee Gilluly

Motion passed unanimously.

**2. Presidential Search**

Chair Clark began reading a letter from Senator Don Gaetz regarding SB0234\* a bill he will be introducing ‘relating to state university presidents’. This will require local BOT to hire and/or dismiss university president.

SB0234\* - [http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/s0234Gaetz.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/s0234Gaetz.pdf)

A motion was made to endorse SB0234.

Motion by: Trustee Collier Merrill

Seconded by: Trustee Fetterman

Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Clark called on President Bense to address the Board regarding the Presidential Search Bense said:

*“First, I want to express my deepest gratitude for the trust that you have placed in me to lead this great institution over these last months. It has truly been the highest honor of my life.*

*I have enjoyed every minute of it. I never dreamed I would have this opportunity and had I dreamed it, I couldn’t have made it better.*

*As you know I have been a part of this university community for 28 years. This is my home. I love it here. I’m not going anywhere. The rest of my career will be spent right here at UWF.*

*Over these last few months you’ve had the opportunity to learn of my strengths. I certainly can’t sit still. I am eager to connect this university with our community, build partnerships, strengthen our financial position, and to really move this institution forward in the ways that his board has expressed to me.*

*The public perception of my initiatives is positive. The University community is very supportive.*

*So, what I want you to know is that this board must do what is in the best interest of this institution. I understand that and I agree with it. We both have the same thing at heart. If the board wants me to stay I am able and willing. If the board chooses another option, I understand. It is your decision, and I will support it no matter.*

*I also know this is a mighty uncomfortable discussion to have in front of this grand audience, and in front of me. So, I am going to go have some coffee in the great hall. Someone come and get me when it is over.”*

Chair Clark then called on Trustee Collier Merrill who chaired the last Presidential Search Committee and who had been charged by Chair Clark to bring to the Board a report and proposal concerning a possible future search. Trustee Merrill addressed the Board regarding a search and provided the Chair with search firm information which will be distributed to the trustees.

Merrill asked that comments and feedback be withheld until he had completed his address, which included the following items and options:

- January 2009, appoint a committee, select a consultant/search firm, meet with consultant for candidate development, advertise, Sunshine compliance, update from firm, launch search,
- Late February – early March - target candidates, have firm contact candidates,

- advertise in publications, list prospects, seek nominations,
- End of March - Narrow to 10 candidates, due diligence, financial reviews, site visits
- Mid April - Off site visits
- Late April – Campus visits
- May - Negotiations with top candidates, campus feedback candidates come to campus,
- June - Press Conference/Introduce New President

Merrill continued, saying that with the economic downturn and the introduction of Senator Don Gaetz' Bill, *he suggested delaying the start of a Presidential Search until after July 1, 2009. Then, at the September 2009 BOT meeting, look at forming a search committee with a suggested goal to have a president on board by July 1, 2010.*

Trustee Platt, also Chair of the Faculty Senate conveyed two Faculty Senate resolutions on their behalf. The resolutions recommended:

- BOT delay search and not have someone on board prior to July 1, 2010
- Timeline very consistent with that submitted by Trustee Merrill

Chair Clark read a Staff Senate Resolution in support of Dr. Bense and noted receipt of letters and/or resolutions in support of Dr. Bense from the following.

Mr. J.T. Young, trustee  
 Dr. Bob Richburg, President of NW FL State College  
 Dr. Jim Kerley, President of Gulf Coast Community College  
 Dr. Ed Meadows, President of Pensacola Jr. College  
 Faculty Senate  
 Staff Senate

Trustee April Jardine, also SGA President noted the Student Senate is very pleased with Dr. Bense as president.

General Horner offered support to King Solomon (pointed at Trustee Merrill) and if the search is handled correctly it can be more widely advertised.

Trustees Bell and Gilluly discussed the suggestion of Trustee Bell of hiring Dr. Bense permanently.

After a very thorough discussion, Trustee Merrill interjected that his suggestion to be a motion as stated above noting a wide sense of satisfaction with Dr. Bense on campus.

Motion by: Trustee Merrill  
 Seconded by: Trustee Fetterman  
 Opposed: Trustee Bell  
 Motion passed.

**3. Naming of Randall K. and Martha A. Hunter Amphitheater** was presented by Dr. Dean

Van Galen, Vice President for University Advancement. A motion was made to approve the naming of the **Randall K. and Martha A. Hunter Amphitheater** which will be located at the southeast portion of the CMPA property. The Hunters made a \$1,000,000 to the Foundation in December for CMPA and Maritime Museum. Van Galen said the Board may now name facilities in honor of living donors.

Rendition - [http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12\\_08/Hunter Amphitheater.pdf](http://uwf.edu/trustees/Dec12_08/Hunter_Amphitheater.pdf)

Motion by: Trustee Fetterman

Seconded by: Trustee Horner

Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Merrill excused himself from the BOT meeting to attend the (CMPA) Community Maritime Park Association meeting on whose board he, also, serves.

#### 4. Election of Officers

(Chair Clark bypassed this item and moved the meeting to Informational Items)

#### Informational/Discussion Items

1. The **Legislative Update** was presented by President Bense who reminded the trustees of:  
Governors Initiative (tuition bill)
  - BOT may raise 15%, per year (up to 7 years) until we meet national average
  - BOT can determine what percentage goes to financial aid, staffing, advising
  - U Presidents were asked by the Chancellor to avoid end runs
  - FL tuition is the lowest in the nation at \$3,800 compared to \$6,400 nationally
    - SUS has lost \$271 million in our budget over the last few years
    - We have the worst class sizes in the country
    - Bait and Switch
    - Increase revenue and then lower appropriation to SUS

Chair Clark reported that, at Governor Crist's request, he attended the Press Conference with President Bense.

President Bense noted that 4% of the budget is being held back with a possible 5% more and that next year maybe a 12% reduction. UWF has enough reserves to withstand the reduction this year but this will be studied carefully before a decision is made.

(Chair Clark called for a brief break at 2:50 p.m.)

(2:58 p.m. meeting re-convened)

#### Action Item

##### 1. Election of Officers –

Chair Clark opened the floor for nominations. General Horner made a motion to

nominate K.C. Clark for Chair and to suspend the bylaws.

Motion by: Trustee Horner

Seconded by: Trustee Godwin

Motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair – General Horner nominated Roy Smith.

Motion by: Trustee Platt

Seconded by: Trustee Fetterman

Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Clark recognized and thanked Honor Bell for his service as the Vice Chair.

Nancy Fetterman excused from meeting to attend CFPA meeting, as well.

- 2. Update – University Advancement & Creating Great Futures Campaign** was presented by Dr. Van Galen who reported surpassing the \$35 million goal ahead of time. Van Galen thanked the Board for their support especially Trustee Gilluly who had served as the Foundation Board Chair. Van Galen said that fundraising will continue although the goal was reached early.

Chair Clark commended the entire advancement team for their efforts.

- 3. Review 2009-2010 Meeting Schedule** was addressed by Chair Clark. March 2<sup>nd</sup> is opening session and Clark suggested moving the meeting to avoid the conflict. He asked Trustees to review the 09-10 schedule and report concerns to Faye Bowers.

#### **4. Update - Strategic**

Chair Clark mentioned the joint dinner with PJC Board and that all expressed a desire for an annual event due to the success of their first gathering.

**Other** – Chair Clark reminded trustees of the following events.

- **Dec 13**

- 8:45 a.m. UWF Fall Commencement at Civic Center
- 2:45 p.m. UWF Fall Commencement at Civic Center

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to conduct, Chair Clark called for adjournment at 3:09 p.m. and asked all except the Board and Bargaining Teams to be excused.

Motion by: Trustee Bell

Seconded by: Trustee Jardine

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye H. Bowers  
Recording Secretary

**The meeting entered into Closed Session following adjournment.**