



Microsoft Teams
Special Meeting
October 10, 2023
Microsoft Teams – 9am

Vice Chair Mike Griffin welcomed and thanked everyone for making themselves available today for the Special Full Board meeting and called it to order.

The Vice Chair announced that today was a great day to celebrate an icon at USF. Mr. Sam Bell was an incredible leader for our state, community, and the University of South Florida.

Vice Chair Mike Griffin asked Kiara Gayle to call the Roll

Kiara Gayle called the Roll

Trustee Sandra Callahan
Trustee Mike Carrere
Trustee Rogan Donelly
Trustee Cesar Esmeraldi
Trustee Mike Griffin
Trustee Oscar Horton
Trustee Jasinski Schneider
Trustee Luran Monbarren
Trustee Shilen Patel - No
Trustee Fredrick Piccolo
Trustee Melissa Seixas
Trustee Will Weatherford – No

A quorum was established.

New Business – Action Items

a. Naming Resolution

Sr. Vice President Jay Stroman presented.

The approval of the naming of the College of Public Health (COPH) Building in recognition of both philanthropic and leadership contributions of Samuel P. Bell. Samuel P. Bell III devoted

himself to advancing the USF College of Public Health (COPH) during his time in the Florida legislature and has been described as the “Father of USF Public Health”. In addition, Bell and his wife, Betty Castor have supported the USF COPH through philanthropic contributions over many years. Upon Sam’s passing this year, family, friends, and colleagues made contributions in his honor and memory supporting both scholarships Sam established during his lifetime as well as support funds he established for the College.

In recognition of his volunteer service, leadership, and support of USF COPH during his time in the Florida legislature as well as philanthropic giving, it is proposed that the College of Public Health building be named “*The Samuel P. Bell the third College of Public Health Building*”.

Sr. VP Stroman commented that information related to this recommendation has been included in the Trustees’ packets. Sr. VP Stroman and President Law have signed the necessary forms and recommend the Boards approval.

Vice Chair Griffin asked if there were questions or comments from Board members or President Law.

President Law commented that this is a great opportunity to honor the man who was considered as the Father of the College of Public Health at USF. It was because of Sam Bell’s love and support; we were the first College of Public Health in the State. This is a fitting recognition for Mr. Bell.

Vice Chair Griffin requested a motion to approve item a. The naming Resolution. The motion was given by Trustee Carrere and seconded by Trustee Esmeraldi. The Resolution to name the USF College of Public Health the Samuel P. Bell the Third College of Public Health Building was approved.

b. Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE)

College of Nursing Dean Usha Menon presented.

The Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) fund provides an opportunity for each state university to receive dollar for dollar matching funds to match contributions from a healthcare partner. Gift funds and matching funds may be used for any of the following priorities: Student Scholarships, recruitment of additional faculty, purchasing or repairing equipment to support the delivery of nursing education, and or updating nursing simulation centers.

Dean Menon reported that the proposals they submitted to the BOG for \$1.3 million have been approved. This has helped to establish solid healthcare partnerships.

The Dean reported that the Board of Governors have opened a round two of funding. There is \$1.8 million left on the table. Dean Menon is seeking approval of a proposal to submit an initiative for the USF Nursing and Baycare Health System. This will help with the critical nursing faculty shortage in addition to the nursing shortage at USF. It will assist in increasing enrollment at USF, as well as enlarge our nursing programs.

There are plans to use these funds by creating a USF College of Nursing Master Class Academy at BayCare Health System. This will provide a tiered education program for BayCare nurses who on completion of one or more of these pathways, will be prepared to serve as a preceptor to our students, a Master preceptor, a clinical adjunct faculty or a classroom adjunct faculty. We plan to develop formalized training programs and plans and will support nursing faculty to serve as a coordinator for this particular program.

These funds will support USF Nursing programs by increasing the number of trained nursing preceptors, the number of clinical opportunities for our students and thereby increasing the pipeline of qualified nursing faculty. These nursing faculty are critical for us to fulfill our ambitious 500 new graduate commitment that we've made to the legislature in 2022. This item is presented to you today with hopes that the BOG will also approve it at their next meeting.

Dean Menon reported that we've had a 40% increase in enrollment this year without the expanded building.

Having no questions or comments from the Board members, Vice Chair Griffin requested a motion to approve item b. Linking Industry to Nursing Education. The motion was given by Trustee Monbarren, seconded by Trustee Horton and approved.

President Law announced that this is Homecoming week at USF and encouraged everyone to come out and participate in the festivities as well as congratulate our students. Go Bulls!

Having no further business or comments, Vice Chair Griffin adjourned the meeting.