



CUTR Advisory Board Meeting CUTR Board Room/Teleconference

July 28, 2010

MINUTES

The meeting was held via teleconference. Board Chair Kimberlee DeBosier called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and welcomed board members and guests. Self-introductions of participants were made as follows:

Advisory Board Members and Designees:

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| Kimberlee DeBosier | Ysela Llor |
| John Forney | Jo Penrose for Sec. Pelham |
| Sen. James Hargrett | Dr. Manual Rose |
| Marion Hart w/ Sec. Stephanie Kopelousos | William Sheppard |

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| Ed Mierzejewski | Steve Polzin | Joel Volinski |
| Dennis Hinebaugh | Steve Reich | Kristine Williams |
| Pei-Sung Lin | Ken Short | Phil Winters |
| | Lisa Staes | |

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the May 26, 2010 meeting were approved.

Chair's Comments: Ms. DeBosier reported that she had a very productive meeting with President Genshaft and Dwayne Smith, Senior Vice Provost, on July 14th. She was very encouraged by their reaction to the request that the Advisory Board be involved in the executive search and that it be moved forward expeditiously. She also requested that there be representation from the Advisory Board and staff in the external review. President Genshaft directed that the search be moved up and that Advisory Board members be involved. In the discussions with the President and the Vice Provost, Kim stated that there is no criticism of what CUTR has done and that the external review is designed to help CUTR become even better.

Director's Report: Dr. Mierzejewski reported:

- CUTR has had a good response to our selection of Ben Watts as our 2010 CUTR Transportation Achievement Award Recipient. We have received several table sponsorships.
- We just learned that the Florida DOT has received the national Governor's Highway Safety Association Special Achievement Award for its impact on motorcycle safety in Florida. Dr. Lin and his team have provided primary technical support to the coalition.
- When Peter Appel, Administrator of USDOT's Research and Innovative Technologies Administration, visited CUTR, he was so impressed by Martin Akerman, one of our

graduate students, that he invited Martin to serve as a special assistant to the Administrator. Martin has been invited to White House briefings and has gained an amazing perspective on the federal government.

- CUTR recently executed an agreement with USDOT's Transportation Safety Institute that allows CUTR instructors to teach TSI classes and issue TSI certificates to participants. It's our understanding that this is the first agreement that TSI and RITA have executed to entrust an outside organization to provide their course materials.
- CUTR is working with the Florida Rail Enterprise on how best to connect high speed rail to local areas. We're also exploring with USDOT the possibility of developing an educational and training program centered around skilled people needed to operate high speed rail.
- CUTR hosted Clint Shoupp, District staff director for US Congressman Gus Bilirakis, for a two hour briefing on CUTR and various transportation issues.
- CUTR initiated a Transportation Revenue Study sponsored by the MPO Advisory Council. The study will document Florida's existing surface transportation needs, identify future revenue options, analyze the impacts of funding options, and develop legislative recommendations for consideration. An advisory committee has been formed to assist the MPOAC in its efforts.
- FDOT District 7 has contracted with CUTR to conduct outreach on pedestrian safety; this will include presentations to hundreds of communities. Five more schools have been added to our Safe Routes to School program, bringing the total to 15.
- As requested by Provost Wilcox, Dean Wiencek has begun to assemble an external review committee for CUTR. He submitted the names of Curt Tompkins, Dennis Christiansen and Bob Skinner, all from CUTR's recommended list. The committee has not been finalized.
- In addition to the external review requested by the Provost, Dean Wiencek has retained an outside expert to work with CUTR to structure a search for a new director. The Dean hopes the search can begin in November. It is anticipated that the Advisory Board will have some participation in both of these efforts.

Member Updates:

Discussions followed about Public/Private Partnerships. John Forney remarked that P3 enterprises for toll roads in the United States have been very problematic but doesn't believe that it is an indictment of the entire P3 system. P3 runs the entire spectrum from 100% private concession to true partnerships. The key is finding the right spot where there is the right amount of contribution from the public entities and the right amount of risk taking from private entities. With this combination, we could have a system that works well. No one in the world has mastered this, but we can learn from what has been done in Europe and apply it to the specific circumstances in the U.S. and have success. The bottom line is that if the underlying economics of the project don't work, it won't work whether it's private, public or a public/private partnership. It was suggested that CUTR might be involved in the studies tying transportation to a new baseball stadium in the Tampa Bay area.

Update on the 2010 CUTR Award Dinner:

Lynn Federspiel announced that the dinner will be held on Wednesday, October 27th with the reception at 5:30 and the dinner and program at 7:00 p.m. in the Marshall Student Center Ballroom. We have one platinum sponsorship (\$5,000), 2 gold (\$2,500) and 3 green (\$1,250) sponsorships. Ed Mierzejewski requested that board members encourage sponsorships and attendance. A mass mailing will go out mid August to over 1,500 individuals/organizations.

New Business: There was no other business.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Next Meeting for 2010:

October 27 at 1:30 p.m. in the CUTR Board Room; the 2010
Transportation Achievement Award dinner will follow at 5:30 p.m. in the Marshall Student
Center Ballroom