

United Teachers of Dade  
2200 Biscayne Boulevard  
Miami, Florida 33137

Special UTD Executive Board Meeting  
July 27, 2007

**Approved Minutes**

This special meeting of the UTD Executive Board was called to order by Artie Leichner at approximately 1:30 p.m. (President Aronowitz was giving a speech at the Latin Chamber of Commerce meeting and would be late).

**Present:** Karen Aronowitz, Artie Leichner, Fedrick Ingram, Magda Brooks, Linda Cohen, Joyce Cook, Beverley Dowell, Pablo Gomez, Peter Hill, Cassandra Holmes Valarie Johnson, Paul Moore, Maggie Palmer, Shirley Person, David Prince, Chris Radney, Carol Robinson and Wendi Werther.

**Absent:** Sony Ambroise (excused) Joan Cortez (excused) Peggy Green (excused) Thomas Nunn (excused) Ingrid Robledo (excused) Richard Downer (excused)

**Adoption of Agenda**

It was moved by Magda Brooks and seconded by Chris Radney to adopt the agenda as revised. Motion carried.

**Agenda**

**Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Fedrick C. Ingram**

***UTD Financial Management Review (April)***

Secretary/Treasurer Ingram reviewed the Financial Management April report with the Board. Mr. Ingram reported that as of April 2007, we had a total of 14,665 FTE's, UTD's budget is based on an FTE of 13,500. Secretary/Treasurer Ingram responded to questions from Board members.

***Financial Oversight Committee Report***

Secretary/Treasurer Ingram read the letter to the Board members, received and signed from Dr. Fernando V. Egea, on behalf of the Financial Oversight Committee. The members of the Financial Oversight Committee reviewed the Financial Management report for the Third Quarter, and the Operational Budget, stating that there is control in the expenses at all levels by the UTD administration.

In the letter, the FOC committee expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the work of Ms. Joyce Beamer, committee member, who has retired from the Miami-Dade Public Schools.

***Recommendation of the UTD Strategic Planning Financial Committee***

Secretary/Treasurer Ingram reported that the UTD Strategic Planning Committee had met with Mr. Charles Kunda, Morgan Stanley Financial Planners on June 7<sup>th</sup> and after extensive questioning by the committee, it was the consensus of the UTD Strategic Planning Financial committee to recommend the firm of Morgan Stanley to the UTD

Executive Board for UTD's financial services. Ms. Linda Cohen, member of the Strategic Planning Financial committee addressed the Board members and gave a report.

After extensive discussion by Board members, it was recommended to table discussion until the August 2<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting. Secretary/Treasurer Ingram announced that all materials pertinent to the Morgan Stanley presentation would be available to the Board members on Monday – this way the Board can read and review all of the materials prior to the Thursday Board meeting.

**First Vice President's Report: Artie Leichner**

***Report from the Field***

Mr. Leichner reported that the next Turn Conference will be held in Miami, Florida. Electronic Grade-Book: We are getting closer to resolving this issue. Indoor Air Quality: Mr. Leichner reported that AFT will be conducting a training session with all of the organizers on this issue (the UTD point-person for this issue is organizer, Marlene Desdunes).

First Vice President Leichner asked Board members, that if they have any issues at their work-sites, to please e-mail the information. We are presently working on the issue of planning time – it was reported that during the summer session, elementary schools did not get planning time. Mr. Leichner also asked Board members to help in their work sites in getting the master schedules—we are in need of the data. It was recommended by Mr. Radney to have the principals included and the Stewards when there is EESAC training.

**President's Report: Karen Aronowitz**

***Teamsters Negotiations***

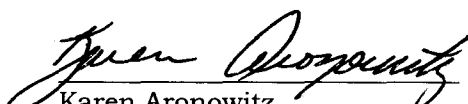
President Aronowitz reported that we will be involved in Teamsters Negotiations beginning on Monday and reminded the Board members, that Teamsters represents the Staff at UTD.

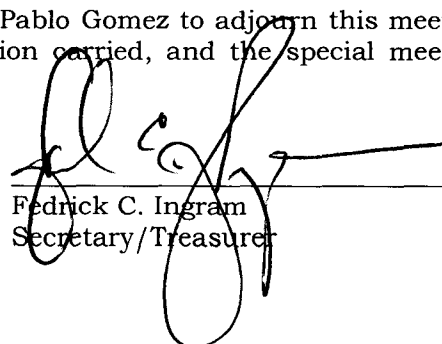
***Resignation of Board Member – Natalie Moton***

President Aronowitz informed the Board that Ms. Natalie Moton, Vice President Office Personnel is now working for UTD and has resigned from her position on the Board. President Aronowitz reported that her resignation letter will be shared with the Board at the regularly scheduled Board meeting, and now we will have a vacancy. President Aronowitz also stated that Richard Downer has indicated that he will be retiring in October.

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Magda Brooks and seconded by Pablo Gomez to adjourn this meeting and call the Board into Executive Session. Motion carried, and the special meeting adjourned.

  
Karen Aronowitz  
President

  
Fedrick C. Ingram  
Secretary/Treasurer