Transition Committee for the New Era to meet May 11

President Morris Marx will charge the Transition Committee for the New Era during its organizational meeting at 9 a.m., May 11 in the conference room of Crosby Hall (Building 10).

That committee was established by Marx to study transition issues and develop recommendations and proposals for the Board of Trustees, the 11-member institutional governing board that will be named by Gov. Jeb Bush.

“With legislation expected to pass this week and the new board likely to be named by July 1, it is crucial that the university community prepare itself for the transition,” Marx said.

The Legislature is scheduled to adjourn Friday, and one of its major bills is the restructuring of the state education governance system. The pending legislation calls for the elimination of the Board of Regents and the creation of boards of trustees at each of the public universities. An appointed Florida Board of Education would coordinate all education in the state from pre-kindergarten programs through post-graduate work.

Members of the UWF Transition Committee for the New Era are:

- Chairman Parks Dimsdale, vice president for Academic Affairs.
- Linda Dye, vice president for Student Affairs
- Cornelius Wooten, vice president for Administrative Affairs.
- Michael Dieckmann, assistant vice president for Information Technology.
- James Miklovich, president of the Faculty Senate, who will be replaced by incoming President Klaus Meyer-Arendt on July 1.
- Desmond Peters, chair of the Administrative and Professional Council.
Karen Summers, chairperson of the USPS Staff Council.
Angela Bowler, president of the Student Government Association.

Julie Sheppard is the transition counsel, and Keith Goldschmidt is the communications officer.

The Transition Committee for the New Era will create sub-committees to study specific issues and submit its first report to Marx no later than July 1. All Transition Committee meetings will be noticed and open to all interested parties. Minutes of those meetings will be posted on the transition website.

Additional information and updates on UWF transition activities can be found at http://uwf.edu/transition.