UCF BUSINESS INCUBATOR
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
February 13, 2017

Call to Order:

The Board was called to order at 3:02 p.m. in the conference room of the UCF Business Incubator on Monday, February 13, 2017.

Members in Attendance:

John Ledgerwood
Pedro Leon
Edith Shelley
Dave Spitzer

Heather Vargas and Rick Hawes were excused.

Staff Present:

Gordon Hogan, Director, UCF Business Incubation Program
Connie Bernal, Daytona Beach Incubator Manager
Rob Ehrhardt, Volusia County Economic Development Director
Sally Sprague, Volusia County Staff Liaison

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Gordon Hogan welcomed the board members.

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Incubator Update by Connie Bernal – Ms. Bernal referred to the recently distributed fourth quarter incubator report. She referred to the total number of companies, and pre-incubation clients by name.

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UCFBIP Veterans Initiative – Gordon Hogan spoke about the Florida Veterans Entrepreneurship Program noting that UCF program has been in existence just a few years. He spoke of this last year and showed a PowerPoint presentation, Introduction to the UCF Business Incubation-Veteran’s Florida Program. He notes the purpose, eligibility, curriculum and military branch breakdown as well as participant locale. Mr. Hogan felt the program could very well work into something more based on the enthusiasm.
Client presentation -- Mr. Arthur Register and Anthony Cesar of Rubicon Business Services was present and displayed a presentation. Rubicon provides web-based client services. Remote computer access that utilizes direct physical hardware connections coupled with a footprint-less cloud portal. This hardware-based approach towards remote connection eliminates the limitations present with software only solutions. Rubicon provides cloud services, network and server maintenance, security solutions, and custom applications.

Guest speaker – Dr. Stephanie Miller, Director of Technology Transfer and Research Park Initiatives, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. She distributed several publications in relation to innovation and research at ERAU, what has happened and what is envisioned. Dr. Miller spoke of their vision for entrepreneurs being drawn to ERAU and how it ties in. She also had a prepared electronic presentation (not received for the record)

Next meeting: Not discussed.

Mr. Ehrhardt bought to the board’s attention that all memberships will expire this summer. If one is interested to stay on the board, you still must complete an application form. Contact Ms. Sprague for a copy of the application or the link. He asked that if they knew someone interested, feel free to give them the application or contact him.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.