



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, March 18, 2009**  
**Conference Call**

Chairwoman Nancy Blosser convened the full board meeting of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees at with the following members participating:

Trustees Scott Adams, Anthony Barbar, Abraham Cohen, David Feder, Armand Grossman, Rajendra Gupta, Lalita Janke, Sherry Plymale, Eric Shaw, and Thomas Workman.

Absent: Trustees William Bryant and Robert Stilley

The following university officials attended:

Mr. Frank T. Brogan, President; Mr. David Kian, Senior Vice President of Strategic Relations & General Counsel; Mr. Randy Goin, Chief of Staff & BOT Liaison; Dr. John Pritchett, University Provost; Dr. Ken Jessell, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration; Dr. Joyanne Stephens, Vice President for FAU's Broward Campuses; Ms. Gerri McPherson, Vice President for FAU's Northern Campuses; Dr. Kristen Murtaugh, Vice President for Strategic Planning; and Dr. Charles Brown, Senior Vice President of Student Affairs.

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**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chairwoman Nancy Blosser convened the full board meeting at 10:05 a.m.

**III. President's Report**

President Frank Brogan updated the BOT on various meetings and events. The Board of Governors meeting will take place via conference call on Friday, April 24, 2009. The administration participated in the Scripps dedication on the Jupiter campus took place on February 26, 2009. The administration participated in the Broward County President's Community Council by updating them on what FAU is doing relative to the budget issue. The administration participated in a press conference with Congressman Ron Klein on FAU's Sea Tech campus. President Brogan traveled with Trustee Nancy Blosser and Abraham Cohen to Tallahassee to speak with President, Speaker of the House, the Governor's office, members of the House and the Senate regarding the Differential Tuition Bill. President Brogan commented on the stimulus package and how it will affect higher education. He also discussed the anticipated passing of the Differential Tuition Bill and how it could benefit FAU.

**II. Chair's Report**

Trustee Blosser thanked everyone for participating via conference call. Chairwoman Blosser added that due to the fact that most of the items on the agenda will be covered under the consent agenda it would be more appropriate to have joint discussions with the Indian River State College Board of Trustees to discuss the coordination of educational offerings on the shared campuses. The next full board meeting was scheduled for May 27 on the Jupiter campus; Trustee Blosser asked for feedback on availability for the FAU BOT to meet on Tuesday, May 26 on the Treasure Coast campus to accommodate the meeting with the IRSC BOT. Trustee Sherry Plymale stated her calendar was clear. Trustee Lalita Janke and Trustee David Feder expressed concerns at the fact that May 26 is the day after a holiday. Trustee Tom Workman, Trustee Rajendra Gupta, and Trustee Lalita Janke added that they will be available to attend. She added that she spoke with the President and the Chair of the Board of Trustees for Broward College to coordinate a lunch

meeting to discuss coordination of the educational offerings on shared campuses. The April 15 committee meeting location will be moved from FAU's Boca Raton campus to the FAU's Downtown campus. Trustee Blosser discussed the events she attended on behalf of the Board since the BOT meeting in January.

- Provided greetings on behalf of the Board at the groundbreaking of the new FAU/UF joint-use facility on FAU's Davie campus, January 21, 2009.
- Served as a moderator at the panel discussion on public corruption and the need for reform at the opening of the Public Ethics Academy on February 4, 2009. .
- Participated in the webinar on sustainability on February 11, 2009.
- Attended the opening of FAU's Wellness Center on February 11, 2009.
- Attended the Scripps ribbon cutting on February 26, 2009.
- Traveled to Tallahassee for FAU Days, March 2-4, 2009.
- Attended an event at SeaTech on March 13, 2009, where Congressman Klein presented a check of approximately \$1.2 million for ocean energy research.
- Attended the medical affiliation meeting March 16, 2009. FAU just completed the LCME accrediting review

#### **IV. Consent Agenda**

The Consent Agenda items have been fully vetted and unanimously approved under the individual committees at the February 25 committee meetings.

**With no request to remove any items from the Consent Agenda for additional discussion, there was a motion to approve the items listed in the Consent Agenda by Trustee Lalita Janke. The motion was seconded by Trustee Thomas Workman. The motion passed unanimously.**

##### **a. Approval of the Minutes**

October 22, 2008  
January 21, 2009

##### **b. Audit and Finance Committee**

AF: A-1. Approval of Materials and Supplies Fees (for New Courses and Increases in Existing Fees)

AF: A-2. Approval of an \$8,750,000 Increase to Florida Atlantic University's 2008-2009 Educational and General Operating Budget

AF: A-3. Approval to Increase the 2008-2009 Athletics Local Budget to Reflect Increases in Revenues and Expenditures Associated with Participation in the Motor City Bowl

AF: A-4. Approval of a \$7,076,953 Reduction to Florida Atlantic University's 2008-2009 Educational and General Operating Budget

##### **c. Strategic Planning Committee**

SP: A-1: Approval of Revisions to the Guidelines on University Policy Development & University Policy in the Naming of University Elements

SP: A-2. Approval of Facilities Use Agreement with Max Planck Florida Corporation

SP: A-3. Approval of the Ground Lease for the expansion and relocation of St. Lucie County School Board's Marine Oceanographic Academy currently operating at the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at FAU

**V. Action Agenda**

Trustee David Feder reported that the Personnel Committee met on February 25, 2009. One agenda item resulted in motions to come before the committee for approval. Due to the excellent attendance at the meeting, this item was fully vetted.

**With no further discussion there was a motion to approve the Revision of Personnel Regulations by Trustee Feder. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sherry Plymale. The motion passed unanimously.**

**a. Personnel Committee**

PC: A-1. Approval of Revisions to Personnel Regulations

**VI. Old Business**

There was no old business.

**VII. New Business**

There was no new business.

**VIII. BOT Member Comments**

Trustee Abraham Cohen commented on his trip to Tallahassee to meet with other Student Government Presidents and the Governor to discuss the differential tuition bill, the stimulus package, and FAU's energy from the sea program at SeaTech. Trustee Lalita Janke informed the BOT that the First Annual Women's Leadership Conference will take place on March 25 at the Forkas Alumni Center.

Trustee Blosser asked Dr. Ken Jessell to provide a brief update on the budget situation. Dr. Jessell indicated that the administration is working diligently on the planned budget reductions. FAU's administration is still waiting to see what the House and Senate are proposing in respect to their budgets. There was a revenue estimating conference on Friday, February 20. The general revenue collections for the current year was reduced an additional \$1.1 billion which is 4.9% below the revised estimate. For the 2009-2010 fiscal year the projected revenues were reduced by \$2.3 billion which is 10% below the November forecast. The legislature will be using these numbers in developing the State's budget for 2009-2010. FAU is faced with a potential \$40 million to \$45 million cut between 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 or a 25% reduction to state appropriations over the next two years.

**XIII. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**XIV. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 am.