

Full Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 16, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.
Schmidt Family Complex
777 Glades Road, Boca Raton, FL 33431
and Virtual Meeting

### I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Abdol Moabery convened the full board meeting of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees with the following members participating:

Mr. Brent Burns, Mr. Daniel Cane, Mr. Shaun Davis, Mrs. Barbara Feingold, Mr. Brad Levine, Ms. Elycia Morris, Ms. Celine Persaud, Mr. Bob Stilley, and Dr. Kevin Wagner

The following university officials participated: Dr. John Kelly, University President; Mr. David Kian, VP Legal Affairs and General Counsel; and Mr. Andrew LaPlant, Board of Trustees Operations.

Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

## II. Chair's Report

Chair Moabery recognized the continued hard work of the students, faculty and staff, with the oneyear anniversary since the pandemic started. He and President Kelly have had many Zoom meetings with legislators, and they are pleased with the support for FAU. Chair Moabery concluded by reviewing some positive increases in a number of key FAU statistics.

### III. President's Report

President Kelly opened that it was about a year ago that he and Chair Moabery were at an event for the hospital and they were talking about a virus. FAU's incoming undergraduate applications are 3% down from 2020, but our overall enrollment has held strong. FAU has lowered the cost of undergraduate degrees by about \$5,000 by graduating students earlier.

President Kelly went over some recent personnel changes. The Division of Advancement will report to him until a new vice president is named. The Board of Governors chair and chancellor have been hosting phone calls with the chairs and presidents of the State University System twice a week during the pandemic. Dr. Kelly is looking forward to hosting commencement again in person.

#### IV. Public Comments

No public comments.

# V. Consent Agenda

Chair Moabery stated that all items were discussed and approved unanimously in their respective committees. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Audit & Compliance Committee and the Governance Committee consent agendas. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

### VI. New Business

- a. Approval of Full Board Minutes
  - i. November 17, 2020

Chair Moabery asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 17, 2020 Full Board Minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

### b. Approval of University Elements

a) Myrna Gordon Skurnick Writing Nest at Theatre Lab

A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Myrna Gordon

Skurnick Writing Nest at Theatre Lab. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

### b) Kimberly V. Strauss Tennis Lounge

A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Kimberly V. Strauss Tennis Lounge. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

## VII. Information Agenda

## a. SACSOC Required Board Evaluation

Mr. David Kian presented the item, which had first been introduced at the Board's fall retreat. He shared a draft questionnaire that mirrors the Board of Governors' self-evaluation. He asked the trustees to send him any suggested changes or comments. Mr. Kian said the administration will send the finished online questionnaire to the trustees for completion later this spring.

### **VIII. BOT Member Comments**

Trustee Davis said he was sad to see two of our trustees roll off. He welcomed new trustees Cane and Feingold. He also thanked the faculty and staff for doing an outstanding job this past year during Covid. Trustee Levine thanked Trustees Rubin and Feingold and welcomed Trustees Cane and Feingold. Trustee Burns echoed the sentiments on the trustees and on the faculty and staff. He noted this economy is resilient and bouncing back with FAU in the right spot to take advantage. Trustee Wagner said it has been a tumultuous year. He is impressed by the faculty and staff and how we have dealt with this adversity. Trustee Persaud noted the April meeting will be her last one as Student Government President. She said she knows the next president will do a great job and continue to do great things with the students. Trustee Stilley said this is a great opportunity for the university. We need to take advantage of it. Trustee Feingold thanked the governor for appointing her to this board. She recognized her husband for his contributions to FAU these past 11 years. She was impressed with the board meeting and the reports from the chair and the president. Trustee Cane said he was very happy to be back on the board. He noted that it's the board's job to lead and give President Kelly the latitude to make some changes where appropriate. Chair Moabery followed up on Trustee Feingold's comment that thanks to the governor, this state is flourishing. With many people coming in from different states, this is an exciting time for the state.

### IX. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.