



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 16, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Dr. Jeffrey P. & Barbara S. Feingold Board of Trustees Room**  
**777 Glades Road, Boca Raton, FL 33431**

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

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

Mr. Daniel Cane, Mr. Shaun Davis, Dr. Michael Dennis, Dr. Malcolm Dorman, Ms. Emily Lawless, Mrs. Mary Beth McDonald, Mr. Robert Rubin, Dr. Kevin Wagner, and Mr. Thomas Workman

The following university officials participated: Dr. John Kelly, University President; Mr. David Kian, VP Legal Affairs and General Counsel; Mr. Arthur Kite, Interim VP Financial Affairs and Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Gary Perry, University Provost and Chief Academic Officer; Ms. Stacy Volnick, VP Administrative Affairs & Chief Administrative Officer; and Mr. Andrew LaPlant, BOT Director and Chief Aide.

**Roll was taken and a quorum was present.**

**II. Chair's Report**

Chair Barbar opened by welcoming Trustee Lawless and Trustee Wagner to the board. He mentioned that FAU awarded 3,200 degrees during the spring semester. During commencement ceremonies Chair Barbar presented the University service award to Marilyn Link, who started the Link Foundation in 1965 with her brother Edwin Link and served on the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute board. He also thanked the team who worked to put together the FAU Gala.

In late March, the FAU Diplomacy Program received a transformative \$1 million gift from Tzili Charney, widow of Leon Charney. Chair Barbar thanked Trustee Dorman for introducing the Charney family to FAU. FAU also received a generous gift from the Sandler Family. Chair Barbar thanked the faculty, Dr. Corey King, and the student affairs department for engaging the students.

### **III. President's Report**

President Kelly stated that this could be FAU's best year ever with the legislature. Each of the vice presidents have been presenting their budget requests toward the strategic plan. The budget could help build the Honors College and the Jupiter campus relationship with Scripps and Max Planck. Jeff Atwater, who is the head of strategic initiatives and CFO, will be working with the Honors College and looking for expansion opportunities.

President Kelly praised Vice President Nias for improving the development operations and increasing gifts to the University. He also thanked Trustee Dorman for introducing Leon Charney to FAU. He acknowledged Phil Smith, who graduated from FAU and established the Phil Smith Center for Free Enterprise at the College of Business. President Kelly showed his appreciation for the \$7.2 million gift from Harvey Sandler. He mentioned a \$1 million gift from the Mangurian Foundation. He also mentioned Aubrey Strul as another generous donor to the university. President Kelly stated that all these people's names and legacies will stay with FAU forever.

President Kelly stated that FAU is close to having its largest fundraising year for private giving. FAU has had the largest number of research applications by the faculty with 570 proposals from 630 tenure-track faculty. President Kelly reported that the starting salary of bachelor's degree graduates has increased from \$36,500 to over \$40,000.

President Kelly concluded his report by thanking Chair Barbar for accompanying him to the legislative meetings.

### **IV. Public Comments**

No public comments.

### **V. Approval of the Minutes**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 14, 2017 meeting minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

## **VI. Consent Agenda**

Chair Barbar stated that all items were discussed and approved unanimously in their respective committee. Item AS: A-1 Approval of New Degree Program – Master of Science in Marine Science and Oceanography from the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs was pulled from the consent agenda. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agendas for the Budget and Finance Committee, Audit and Compliance Committee, Strategic Planning and Initiatives Committee, and Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, as modified. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously. A motion was made and seconded to approve item AS: A-1 Approval of New Degree Program – Master of Science in Marine Science and Oceanography. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed with Trustee Rubin objecting.**

## **VII. New Business**

### **a. Approval of Naming of University Elements**

#### **i. The Quantum Foundation High Tech Multipurpose Room**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of The Quantum Foundation High Tech Multipurpose Room. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **ii. Leon Charney Diplomacy Program**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Leon Charney Diplomacy Program. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

### **b. Approve Amendment of the Board's 2017 Meeting Calendar to Include June Meeting**

The Board of Trustees decided to have June 27<sup>th</sup> as the date for the next meeting.

## **VIII. BOT Member Comments**

Trustee Dorman stated that he is excited about the interest in the medical school and the residency programs. He is also excited about the advances in the science programs such as the marine science

program and the diversity provided by international students. Trustee Dennis is happy to see the presence of FAU throughout the country. Trustee McDonald is happy to see Trustee Lawless and Trustee Wagner join the board. She thanked President Kelly for his accomplishments since arriving to FAU. Trustee Davis congratulated and welcomed the new board members. He mentioned having a review for the Audit and Compliance committee along with the Budget and Finance committee. Trustee Workman welcomed the new board members and stated that he is proud of FAU's staff and faculty. Trustee Rubin welcomed the new board members. Trustee Lawless thanked the board for welcoming her and stated that she is excited to learn more from the board. Trustee Wagner thanked the board. He praised the faculty at FAU stated that his position is to serve the faculty.

## **IX. Adjournment**

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