



Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 20, 2010
Fort Lauderdale Campus
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Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301

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

Trustees Scott Adams, Anthony Barbar, William Bryant, David Feder, Armand Grossman, Rajendra Gupta, Lalita Janke, Timothy Lenz, Sherry Plymale, Robert Stilley, Tiffany Weimar, and Thomas Workman.

The following university officials attended:

Dr. John Pritchett, Interim President; Mr. David Kian, Senior Vice President of Strategic Relations & General Counsel; Ms. Mary Mertz, BOT Liaison; Mr. Dennis Crudele, Interim Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration; Dr. Joyanne Stephens, Vice President and Associate Provost for Regional Campuses; and Dr. Charles Brown, Senior Vice President of Student Affairs.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairwoman Nancy Blosser convened the full board meeting.

II. Chair's Report

Trustee Blosser provided an update on the presidential search and asked if any board members had specific questions regarding the search. She participated in meetings with members of the administrative and various people around the State of Florida regarding FAU's medical program. She noted that she will be participating in the BOG meeting on January 27-28, 2010. Trustee Blosser acknowledged Dr. Kristen Murtaugh for her service to FAU, and presented her with a resolution from the BOT.

III. President's Report

Dr. John Pritchett provided his report. He thanked the leadership team in place, the faculty, staff, and students for the continued progression. He discussed FAU's response to the tragedy in Haiti. He stated that a plan has been developed to refill student advising positions in the College of Arts and Letters, College of Business, College of Science, and the College of Architecture, Urban, and Public Affairs.

IV. Approval of Minutes

There was a motion to approve of the November 18, 2009 and the December 16, 2009 meeting minutes by Trustee Lalita Janke. The motion was seconded by Trustee Thomas Workman. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Action Agenda

a. Approve the Florida Atlantic University Work Plan/Annual Report

Dr. Sharron Ronco presented the FAU work plan annual report. Dr. Ronco clarified that the report is a "baseline" document that outline's the university's top priorities and strategic

directions. The report also identifies specific actions and financial plans for achieving the priorities, as well as performance expectations for outcomes and institutional goals. The work plan will be submitted to the BOG by May 26, 2010.

Trustee Janke asked what reasons students give for leaving the university. Dr. Ronco listed the various reasons for difficulties with retention. Trustee Blosser stated that due to the BOG time frame this item has not been vetted through the committee. She asked the item be brought back to the Strategic Planning Committee/Committee on Academic and Student Affairs for full vetting. Trustee Janke stated that she would like to hear the faculty's viewpoint on the work plan. Trustee Timothy Lenz stated that there were items that were being discussed in the Faculty Senate, particularly issues that adversely affect the work plan.

There was a motion to approve of the Florida Atlantic University Work Plan/Annual Report by Trustee Anthony Barbar. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lalita Janke. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Approve the Financing Plan for the Innovation Village Project

Mr. David Kian presented the Financing Plan for the Innovation Village Project. Mr. Kian reviewed the conditions that were satisfied prior to the financing plan coming to the BOT for approval. He reviewed the implementation plan for the Innovation Village Housing Project, the BOG Staff Project Summary, and the BOG proposed authorizing resolution. Trustee Armand Grossman asked what value are the depreciation and the amortization to FAU. Mr. Kian stated that FAU has capital depreciation on the buildings and it is included in the annual report. He stated that the buildings are publicly operated they are tax free facilities.

There was a motion to approve of the Financing Plan for the Innovation Village Project by Trustee Robert Stilley. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lalita Janke. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Approve the Termination of Interim Medical Education Affiliation Agreement with the University of Miami (UM)

Dr. Pritchett gave the background of the information on the medical education affiliation agreement between FAU, Boca Raton Community Hospital (BRCH) and UM. The original affiliation agreement was terminated by BOT, January 21, 2009, due to BRCH's inability to meet the terms of the agreement. FAU and UM continued their affiliation, and the BOT approved an interim medical affiliation agreement on June 30, 2009. The interim agreement is expires on June 30, 2010. After a thorough examination of alternate strategies to continue the medical education program, the administration determined to obtain authorization from the BOG and the Florida Legislature for FAU to issue the M.D. degree and continue the program independently. The program will be in partnership with Scripps Research Institute to offer a M.D. from FAU and a Ph.D. from Scripps. Dr. Pritchett asked Dr. Harry Orff, Director of Scientific Operations at Scripps, to make comments regarding moving forward with the program. Dr. Pritchett asked Mr. Mike Whitcomb, the BOG's consultant on medical programs, to discuss his assessment on the feasibility of the program. Dr. Pritchett explained how students currently in the program will be affected. He discussed timetables should the BOT approve the item.

Trustee Tiffany Weimar asked Dr. Pritchett to explain the transition process for the students. Trustee Janke asked if there was any reason for the BOG and the Legislation to decline the request for the program. Dr. Pritchett stated that the administration have been met with enthusiasm for the program. Trustee Lenz asked if there will be a relocation of faculty. Dr. Pritchett responded there will be no relocation of FAU faculty, and there will not be a reallocation of priorities by campus. Trustee Lenz commented that this program offers the possibility of development, and deserves faculty support. He added that a special meeting of the University Faculty Senate will be held so this may be presented as an informational item. Trustee Blosser added final comments emphasizing that the program is not forming a new school, it is changing ownership. She discussed the issue of accreditation and financing of the program.

There was a motion to approve of the Termination of the interim medical education affiliation agreement with the University of Miami by Trustee Nancy Blosser. The motion was seconded by Trustee Timothy Lenz. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Janke asked if another motion needs to be put forward to proceed with an independent program. Dr. Pritchett responded that stated that a proposal will be presented to the BOT for approval. Trustee Blosser reiterated to move forward with the program, BOG approval is necessary. Prior to the BOG approval the program needs to go through internal approval processes. Dr. Pritchett reviewed the internal processes in detail.

VI. Strategic Planning Visioning Update

Dr. Kristen Murtaugh provided the Strategic Planning Visioning Update. Dr. Murtaugh asked Dr. Rosalyn Carter to provide an update on the College of Architecture, Urban, and Public Affairs, since working with Dr. Susan Clemmons on the visioning for the college. Dr. Carter asked Ms. Michelle Hawkins, the Director of the School of Social Work and Mr. Aron Temkin, Director of the School of Architecture to speak about special projects their students are working on. Dr. Carter asked Dr. Jaap Vos to speak about an interdisciplinary course to develop a recovery plan for Haiti. Trustee Blosser encouraged the BOT to view the models the students are producing in CAUPA.

VII. The Fort Lauderdale Campus Solar Roof: An Educational Library

Dr. Jaap Vos gave a presentation on the Ft. Lauderdale campus solar roof. Dr. Vos thanked all who were involved in the finished project of the solar roof. He discussed the project timeline, the advertised benefits, the expected and unexpected results, and the energy savings from the project.

VIII. Old Business

There was no old business.

IX. New Business

There was no new business.

X. BOT Member Comments

Trustee Tiffany Weimar commented on the students' involvement with the Haiti relief efforts. Trustee Thomas Workman also commented on how organized the students and staff were in executing Haiti relief efforts. Trustee Robert Stilley thanked Dr. Kristen Murtaugh her service to FAU. Trustee Timothy Lenz commented on the medical education program. Trustee Janke thanked Scripps and Max Planck for assisting with the medical education program. She extended thanks to the BOT for 100% participation in donating the

FAU Foundation's True Blue campaign. She stated that she is working on a project with Trustee Weimar to organize sending letters of support to troops from South Florida who have been deployed to the Middle East. Trustee Blosser advised the BOT of several meetings coming up in the month of February regarding the medical education program and the presidential search. Trustee Janke commented on the upcoming Peace Week at FAU and the visit of the Dalai Lama.

XI. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

XII. Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Trustee Anthony Barbar. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lalita Janke. The motion passed unanimously.