

# Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 10, 2010 Telephone Conference

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. Consider a Proposal to Transition to an Independent Medical Program at FAU

Trustee Blosser asked Dr. John Pritchett to present the item. Dr. Pritchett outlined the background information and timeline on the item. Dr. Pritchett asked Dr. Michael Friedland to comment on item. Dr. Friedland stated that the BOT was informed of the item, and he can answer any additional questions the BOT has. Trustee Blosser asked the BOT if there were any questions or comments regarding the proposal. Trustee Sherry Plymale commented that she and Dr. Friedland met with Richard and Pam Houghten from Torrey Pines and both expressed enthusiasm for the program. Trustee Blosser reiterated that many people have been working on the program. She noted that on March 17, is when it goes before the BOG for approval.

# There was a motion to approve of the proposal to the Board of Governors to establish an FAU Medical Education Program by Lalita Janke. The motion was seconded by Trustee Robert Stilley. The motion passed unanimously.

## III. Chair's Comments

Trustee Blosser provided an update on the presidential search. She reviewed the timeline for the search and discussed the effect of the Sunshine Law on the presidential search. Trustee Blosser asked Mr. William Funk to provide an update regarding the presidential search process from the consultant point of view. Trustee Blosser asked if there were any questions or comments from the BOT regarding the proposed schedule for the presidential search. Trustee Tim Lenz commented on the timing of the schedule and asked if the February 16 deadline was a "hard" deadline. Trustee Blosser stated that the position would be open until a qualified candidate was selected. She added unless the BOT wanted to make it a firm deadline, her recommendation is to keep the position open until a qualified candidate was selected. Trustee Lenz asked if the assumption has changed that if the BOT was not happy with the pool of candidates, the BOT would not feel compelled to make a selection. Trustee Blosser replied that nothing has changed in that regard, the search process will continue, the search committee will review all the candidates and make recommendations to the BOT. The BOT then has the opportunity to review the candidates and make a decision based on that. Trustee Lenz

asked if the members of the search committee and the BOT will be provided the comments from the presidential search website. Trustee Blosser commented that the comments will be provided and are available for review.

Trustee Blosser asked Dr. Pritchett to comment on speculation of his candidacy for the position of President at FAU. Dr. Pritchett stated that he will not accept nomination for the position of President, and that he will work with the new administration to help move FAU forward. Trustee Blosser commended Dr. Pritchett and thanked him for his leadership.

# IV. BOT Member Comments

Trustee Lalita Janke commended the administration for the work that has been done to move forward with a medical education program at FAU. Trustee Tiffany Weimar commented that the students are very excited about the medical education program. She also invited the BOT to a Haiti relief benefit on February 19, in the FAU Arena.

## 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.