



**Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 30, 2008
Boca Raton Campus
777 Glades Road
Boca Raton, Florida 33431**

Chairman Norman Tripp convened the meeting of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees (BOT) at 10:02 am. with the following members participating:

Trustees Scott Adams, Nancy Blosser, Bill Bryant, David Feder, Armand Grossman, Rajendra Gupta, Lalita Janke, Sherry Plymale, Eric Shaw, Robert Stilley, Tony Teixeira, and Tom Workman.

The following university officials participated:

Mr. Frank T. Brogan, President; Dr. John Pritchett, Provost; Mr. David Kian, General Counsel; Dr. Jennifer O'Flannery, Chief of Staff; Dr. Ken Jessell, Vice President for Financial Affairs; and Mr. Tom Donaudy, Vice President for Facilities.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Norman Tripp convened the Full Board Meeting at 10:02 am.

II. Approval of the meeting minutes.

With no additions or corrections to the minutes there was a motion to approve the minutes for the November 14, 2007 by Trustee Lalita Janke. **The motion was seconded by Trustee Nancy Blosser. The motion passed unanimously.**

With no additions or corrections to the minutes there was a motion to approve the minutes for the December 12, 2007 special BOT meeting by Trustee Nancy Blosser. **The motion was seconded by Trustee Sherry Plymale. The motion passed unanimously.**

III. Chairman's Report

Trustee Tripp welcomed Trustee Thomas Workman to the Board of Trustees. Trustee Workman is assigned to the Audit and Finance Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee. Trustee Tripp discussed the holiday event that was held Wednesday, December 12, 2007 following the BOT committee meetings. He also discussed a visit from Dr. Steve Swanson, an FAU alum and astronaut. Trustee Tripp attended the Florida House and Senate Joint Audit meeting on January 7, 2008. Trustee Tripp also attended the FAU Medical Partnership Affiliation Group Partnership meeting, January 11, 2008. Trustee Tripp attended the Board of Governors meeting and a reception at the Governor's mansion on January 23, 2008. Trustee Tripp met with the President of Nova Southeastern University, Ray Ferrero, regarding enhancing the Broward Alliance.

Trustee Tripp established improved communications with President Brogan through regular discussion of issues affecting FAU. Trustee Tripp requested that President Brogan set-up a task force to recommend permanent reductions to expenses to the BOT to help alleviate budget issues.

In anticipation of preparing an extension or new employment contract for President Brogan, Trustee Tripp contacted two consultants regarding representing the BOT and to help make recommendations to the BOT regarding the President's contract. Trustee Tripp will meet with each consultant and select the best candidate to represent the BOT.

Trustee Tripp publicly recognized the university team for the outstanding effort displayed in FAU hosting the Republican debates on January 24, 2008. Trustee Tripp acknowledge Dr. Jennifer O'Flannery for her leadership of the debate committee. Dr. O'Flannery acknowledged each member of the debate committee.

IV. President's Report

President Brogan commented on the Republican Debates held at FAU. President Brogan gave a bowl game update. The athletics department is now reconciling the budget. President Brogan gave a brief update on Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution. FAU and Scripps Florida presented the 2008 Distinguished Nobel Laureate Lecture on January 16, 2008 with Dr. Gunter Blobel. FAU faculty participated in articulation meeting with Broward Community College faculty, on continuing discussions about transitioning students from community colleges to universities by discipline. Similar meetings will be held with Palm Beach Community College and Indian River Community College.

President Brogan informed the BOT that Governor Charlie Crist will be visiting FAU's SeaTech Campus on January 31, 2008. Governor Crist will be addressing the issue of energy. The Governor has in his budget \$10 million in the Department of Environmental Protection to support FAU's Energy from the Sea Center of Excellence.

President Brogan introduced Dr. Ken Jessell to give an update on how FAU is dealing with the current budget issue in the State of Florida. Dr. Jessell stated that there is not information available regarding the anticipated budget reductions. During the fall semester of 2007, FAU identified recurring cuts of \$6.9 million. When the special session was complete the recurring reductions was approximately \$6.2 million and FAU received \$2 million in non-recurring funds in addition to a five percent tuition increase. It was reported that the revenue shortfalls for the month of November was approximately \$20 million and the month of December approximately \$80 million. The revenue shortfall is expected to continue through January. The Governor has recommended a hold back of funds that will reduce FAU's general revenue by an additional \$6.8 million and approximately \$400,000 in lottery money. If the recommended hold back is adopted by the legislature, FAU will have to absorb a total of \$7.2 million through June 30, 2008. Dr. Jessell stressed that the reductions will be done in a strategic way using the university strategic plan. President Brogan added that the BOT may have to quickly put together joint Audit and Finance and Strategic Planning Committees meetings.

V. Audit and Finance Committee

Trustee Nancy Blosser

Trustee Nancy Blosser reported that the Audit and Finance Committee met on December 12, 2007. One agenda item resulted in motions to come before the committee for approval. Due to the excellent attendance at that meeting, these items were fully vetted.

AF: A-1. Request for Approval of University Regulation 7.006 on Trespass and Loitering and authorize the University President to amend the regulations, consistent with Legislative and Board of Governors' directives and guidelines. There was a motion by Trustee Blosser to approve the item listed. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lalita Janke. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Committee on Academic and Student Affairs

Trustee Armand Grossman

Trustee Armand Grossman reported that the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs met on December 12, 2007. Three agenda items resulted in motions to come before the committee for approval. Due to the excellent attendance at that meeting, these items were fully vetted.

AS: A-1. Regulation 5.006, Tenure Procedures. There was a motion by Trustee Armand Grossman to approve the item listed. Trustee Eric Shaw stated the wording in section 1B of the Tenure Procedures "...achievement and highly..." seemed extraneous. Associate Provost, Dr. Diane Alperin stated that the regulation was vetted extensively through several committees and the University Faculty Senate. Trustee Shaw asked for clarification of the wording in the second sentence of section 2. Dr. Alperin explained that the wording was consistent with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, that faculty who have been given tenure credit at the time of initial employment will have one opportunity to withdraw that credit. Trustee Shaw asked for clarification of item 8, "Faculty members may only abstain from voting when there is a conflict of interest." stated that faculty may abstain because they do not want to vote and how would members abstaining from voting affect the faculty up for tenure. Dr. Alperin stated that nothing will happen to faculty who is up for tenure since the voting is by secret ballot, there is no way to discern whether they are abstaining because of conflict of interest or because they do not want to vote. Trustee Shaw stated that in section 10 the sentence needs to be included that "Committee members may only abstain from voting when there is a conflict of interest." **The motion was seconded by Trustee Rajendra Gupta. The motion passed unanimously.**

There was a motion to approve the amendment to Regulation 5.006 by Trustee Armand Grossman. The motion was seconded by Trustee Eric Shaw. The motion passed unanimously.

AS: A-2. Approval of New Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree. Trustee Gupta asked if the program is a name change from the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Degree to the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP). Associate Dean of Academic Programs in the College of Nursing, Dr. Marlaine Smith confirmed that this is a transition from the MSN to the DNP. The American Association of Colleges of Nursing is mandating that this change occur by 2015. The program is being initiated by people who currently have their MSN and are transitioning to DNP. Dr. Smith stated that there will be different competencies and greater knowledge with the DNP; therefore it is focused on nurses who are in an advanced level of practice. Trustee Gupta asked what would be the position of the nurse once they receive the DNP. Dr. Smith stated that the nurses will not be medical doctors, but serve in nurse practitioner roles with greater knowledge and specialization. Trustee Sherry Plymale asked as the program expands will it be offered on different campuses at FAU. Dr.

Smith responded that the courses for the program can be offered at any of the FAU campuses. Trustee Plymale asked if the program will interface with the bachelors program at Indian River Community College (IRCC). Dr. Smith responded that while the undergraduate enrollment will decrease the graduate enrollment will increase and the DNP program will address the faculty shortage. Trustee Plymale asked if nurses who graduate from the IRCC nursing program be eligible to enter the DNP program. Dr. Smith stated that currently anyone seeking a DNP would need to have a MSN. By the year 2015 anyone seeking a DNP needs have a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from an accredited program. **There was a motion by Trustee Armand Grossman to approve the item listed. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sherry Plymale. The motion passed unanimously.**

AS: A-3. Approval of Proposed Provisional Modifications to FAU's FTIC admissions standards. There was a motion by Trustee Armand Grossman to approve the item listed. The motion was seconded by Trustee Robert Stilley. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Approval of Florida Atlantic University Schools Board By-Laws Mr. David Kian
Trustee Tripp asked Mr. Kian to present the approval of Florida Atlantic University Schools Board (FAUS) Board By-Laws. Mr. Kian stated that this item would have normally been vetted the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs. A provision in the Board Operations Policies and Procedures is with the approval of the Board Chair and the President an item can be brought to the BOT for consideration without having to be sent through the committee. Both the Board Chair and the President agreed to have this matter brought directly to the BOT.

The FAUS Board is a statutorily required advisory board for the developmental research schools that FAU runs or charters. The board is a volunteer board that is appointed by the University President. After a review of the FAUS Board internal operation policies and procedures there were items identified that need to be updated. The FAUS Board adopted new proposed by – laws incorporating all recommended changes at its January 16, 2008 public meeting.

There was a motion to approve the FAUS Advisory Board By-Laws by Trustee David Feder. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tony Teixeira. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Update on Innovation Village Mr. David Kian
Mr. Kian gave a brief update on Innovation Village. The program for the 600 bed is finalized. The request for proposal has been posted and the committee is selected it will most likely go to contract in the next month. The request for funding has been submitted to the Board of Governors. The program for the stadium has also been finalized and the RFQ has been posted for the stadium structure. The pamphlet regarding fundraising for the stadium is in print. A leadership committee that consists of friends of FAU has been established. Over \$2 million of commitments has been received. The administration is currently engaged in conversations regarding potential naming sponsors and other significant giving opportunities. Mr. Kian reiterated that no funding for Innovation Village is coming from state appropriated funds. Funding for infrastructure related to housing etc. will come from PECO funding and funding for the stadium will come from corporate sponsorship, fundraising, and the debt that will be issued to secure it. The next action that will be brought to the BOT for approval will be at the Audit and Finance committee meeting in February is the proposal for the creation of the funding corporation.

IX. Research Commercialization Assistance Grant Program

Mr. Jack Ludin

Trustee Tripp introduced Mr. Jack Ludin to present the Research Commercialization Assistance Grant Program. Mr. Ludin noted the reason the item is before the BOT without having gone through the committee process is because the process began on December 21, 2007 with an email from the BOG Vice Chancellor asking that certain action to be taken by February 2008.

In 2007 the State University Research Commercialization Assistance Grant Program was created to promote the commercialization of university research. Under the program a state university can apply for early stage capital funding for developing products and services resulting from university research. The legislation states that any state university upon approval of its board of trustees may submit a request for such a grant. The request for funding needs to be submitted by February 2008, the administration is requesting the BOT authorize the university President to sign off and approve the submission for the request for funding.

There was a motion to approve the Board Resolution delegating to President Brogan the authority to approve university submissions to the State University Research Commercialization Assistance Grant Program by Trustee Norman Tripp. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lalita Janke. The motion passed unanimously.

X. Board of Trustees Policies and Procedures

Trustee Norman Tripp

Trustee Tripp asked Mr. David Kian to review the BOT Policies the Procedures. Mr. Kian highlighted the materials available to the BOT on the FAU website, the information covered in the BOT handbook, the impact of Florida's Sunshine Law, and who to contact regarding day to day operations.

XI. Old Business

Trustee Tripp added that he participated in dinner meeting at the Governor's Club with Dr. David Armstrong and Dr. Wil Holcomb. Dr. Wil Holcomb had recently been name Chancellor of the Community College System.

XI. New Business

There was no new business.

XII. BOT Member Comments

Trustee Eric Shaw commented on the success of the Republican debates. Trustees Rajendra Gupta and David Feder had the same comment. Trustee Lalita Janke thanked Trustee Tony Teixeira for his work with the students on the debates. Trustee Sherry Plymale commented on the success the debates and acknowledged Trustee Shaw for his work with student engagement. Trustee Plymale also welcomed Trustee Tom Workman to the BOT. Trustee Scott Adams stated he is proud to be associated with the FAU team and family. Trustee Nancy Blosser commended everyone's efforts on the debates. She thanked Dr. Ken Jessell and Dr. John Pritchett for co-chairing the budge task-force. Trustee Bill Bryant commented on the debates. Trustee Tom Workman commented on the debates and thanked the board for the welcome. Trustee Teixeira commented on the debates and expressed thanks to Abe Cohen, Vice President of Student Government for putting together the mock debates. Trustee Armand Grossman commented on the students, faculty, and staff participation in the debates. Trustee Tripp stated that he was proud of President Brogan for the work he has done and continues to do. He noted there will be tough times ahead due to the budget cuts. Trustee Tripp

stated that budget issues will go through the Audit and Finance and Strategic Planning Committees first, and then if it affects students, or programs, it will then go to the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs. He asked the BOT that when the meetings come up if the BOT would make a special effort to make the meetings.

XIII. Public Comments

Mr. Abe Cohen, Vice President of Student Government, commented that the staff and faculty were of great support to the students, and expressed his sincere thanks on behalf of the students.

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.