

# Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Chairwoman Nancy Blosser convened the meeting of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees (BOT) at with the following members participating:

Trustees Scott Adams, Anthony Barbar, William Bryant, Abraham Cohen, David Feder, Armand Grossman, Rajendra Gupta, Lalita Janke, Sherry Plymale, Eric Shaw, Robert Stilley, and Tom Workman.

The following university officials participated:

Mr. Frank T. Brogan, President; Dr. John Pritchett, Provost; Mr. David Kian, General Counsel; Mr. Randy Goin, Chief of Staff & BOT Liaison; Dr. Ken Jessell, Vice President for Financial Affairs; Dr. Joyanne Stephens, Vice President for FAU's Broward Campuses; Ms. Gerri McPherson, Vice President for FAU's Treasure Coast Campus; Mr. Tom Donaudy, Vice President for Facilities; and Dr. Charles Brown, Vice President for Student Affairs.

#### I. Call to Order

Chairwoman Nancy Blosser convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

### II. Chair's Report

Trustee Blosser thanked deans and department heads for taking the time to meet with her and show her around the university. She discussed the Board of Governor's meeting and workshop on August 6-7, 2008, in which she participated via teleconference. She thanked Trustees Sherry Plymale, Robert Stilley, and Armand Grossman for attending on behalf of the BOT. Trustee Blosser informed the BOT that Chancellor Mark Rosenburg and BOG Chair Sheila McDevitt will be participating in the 2008 BOT Retreat. The next BOG meeting is September 24-25, 2008. The Board retreat will be held September 16-17, 2008. Trustees received a draft of the BOT retreat agenda. Also participating in the 2008 BOT retreat are Dr. Edward Massey, Indian River State College; Dr. Dennis Gallon, Palm Beach Community College; and President J. David Armstrong, Broward College for a panel discussion. Trustee Blosser reviewed the BOT draft agenda. Trustee Blosser reminded the BOT that football season has begun and encouraged the board to attend the home games. Trustee Blosser introduced the new intern for the BOT, Rachel Mondesir.

### III. President's Report

President Frank Brogan and Provost, Dr. John Pritchett met with the partner college Presidents and their chief academic officers from FAU's service area to discuss the changes in higher education in Florida. President Brogan provided an update on the budget situation. Governor Crist has established

the fact that he is meeting with the legislative budget committee to tap additional reserve funds to assist with the additional budget reductions. Fall term has begun with a record 11,000 applications for 2,400 spots for the freshman class, making FAU 27,000 students strong. Transfer student applications were up by 9%. The incoming freshman class' average GPA, SAT, and ACT scores are up. There is a waiting list of 500 for housing on FAU's Boca Raton campus. First time in college (FTIC) and graduate enrollment is up by 5%. FTIC retention and six year graduation rate is slightly higher. There was an increase in participation at the Parent and Family weekend and freshman convocation. The State of the University Address will be held on Monday, September 22, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. There will be a reception following. President Brogan also reminded the board about attending football games or supporting by watching the games on ESPN2. President Brogan commended Trustee Lalita Janke on her leadership on helping FAU join the "Any Soldier" national campaign. He also congratulated Trustee Eric Shaw on receiving the George Washington's Honor Medal for his entry in the 2008 Freedom's Foundation National Award Program. President Brogan asked Trustee Abraham Cohen to introduce the Student Government Representative. Trustee Abraham Cohen introduced Boca Campus Governor, Tiffany Weimar.

## IV. Action Agenda

A-1. Recommend Approval of FAU's Treasure Coast Campus Development Agreement Trustee Blosser asked Mr. Tom Donaudy to present. Mr. Donaudy gave the background information of the Treasure Coast Campus Development agreement (CDA). President Brogan asked Mr. Donaudy to give an update on the status of the new building on the Treasure Coast Campus and to provide an update on the CDA for other campuses. Ms. Gerri McPherson invited the BOT to the dedication of the new building on the Treasure Coast Campus on November 13, 2008 at 3:00 pm. Mr. Donaudy gave updates on the CDA for the other campuses.

With no further discussion there was a motion to recommend approval of FAU's Treasure Coast Campus Development Agreement between FAU and the City of Port St. Lucie by Trustee Nancy Blosser. The motion was seconded by Trustee Armand Grossman. The motion passed unanimously.

## V. Information Agenda

# I-1. Educational Broadband Service Licenses and Strategic Academic Enhancement Initiative

Trustee Blosser asked Mr. David Kian to provide an overview and Dr. John Pritchett to present. FAU currently has seven active Educational Broadband Service (EBS) licenses. FAU conducted a publicly open Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) in order to determine the best value for FAU with respect to the channels, both educationally and financially. Contemporaneously with the ITN, FAU entered into a Spectrum Coordination Agreement regarding certain of the channels held by FAU for the benefit of the Palm Beach County School Board.

Clearwire Corporation, the parent company of Clearwire Spectrum Holding II, LLC was the successful bidder in the ITN process and entered into a long term lease with FAU. The lease provides of an initial 10 year term with two renewal terms of 10 years, for a maximum term allowable by the FCC of 30 years. The lease provides for two forms of lease payments from Clearwire to FAU, with initial payments to be made upon FCC approval for the long-term lease and application for each license and annual/monthly payments thereafter. The administration proposes investing the leases revenue in six strategic areas during the first five years. All of the areas are derived from the BOT's strategic plan:

- Fostering Student Success \$2.4 million
- Strengthening the Information Technology Infrastructure \$11.8 million
- Strategic Investment in Research \$7.6 million
- University-wide Academic Enhancement \$2.5 million
- Establishing an Academic Enhancement Endowment \$3.9 million
- Reward Faculty and Staff Contributions to FAU's Mission \$3.08 million

## VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.