

## Full Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 29, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. Dr. Jeffrey P. & Barbara S. Feingold Board of Trustees Room 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton, FL 33431

# 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. Abdol Moabery, Mr. Brent Burns, Mr. Shaun Davis, Dr. Michael Dennis, Dr. Malcolm Dorman, Dr. Jeffrey Feingold, Mr. Brad Levine, Mr. Kyle MacDonald, Mrs. Mary Beth McDonald, Mr. Robert Rubin, Mr. Bob Stilley, and Dr. Kevin Wagner

The following university officials participated: Dr. John Kelly, University President, and Mr. David Kian, VP Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

## Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

### **II.** Chair's Report

Chair Barbar opened his remarks by stating that he reconstituted the membership of the committees. He suggested that the Board look at the overall structure of our committees during the annual retreat in September. Chair Barbar reported that he attended the Association of Governing Boards Foundation Conference during the past week. He also noted the upcoming Board of Governors meeting over the next two days, where FAU and the University of Florida will present their requests for more funding for the AD Henderson School, FAU High School, and the PK Young School. Chair Barbar also informed the Board that FAU Day at the state capitol was scheduled for February 12, 2019, and that FAU was selected to host a Skype call from the International Space Station on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, which will take place in the Cube of the Engineering East Building. Finally, Chair Barbar reminded the Board that the FAU Gala is on April 6, and he asked the trustees to support it.

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

President Kelly thanked the trustees for the extension of his contract. He noted that the University's successes over the past five years have been a team effort. The team is now in place to make us a top 100 university in the very near future. The Board of Governors has approved the plan for the funding of that goal. He noted that FAU needs to be more successful politically, and his role needs to shift to support that. He would like to be seen more externally and nationally. He will look for more leadership roles around the country and in our service region. We must develop Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale as the home of FAU. Some there still see us as a Palm Beach County school. We will begin an effort to better engage those two regions. If FAU really wants to become critical to our overall service area, we need to be a medical solution. That changes the perception of the university. We have a great opportunity with our location to host clinical trials.

### **IV.** Public Comments

No public comments.

### V. Consent Agenda

Chair Barbar stated that all items were discussed and approved unanimously in their respective committees. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, Community and Governmental Relations Committee, Personnel and Compensation Committee, and Governance Committee consent agendas. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

#### VI. New Business

- a. Approval of Full Board Minutes
  - i. November 13, 2018
  - ii. November 27, 2018

Chair Barbar asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 13, 2018, and November 27, 2018 Full Board Minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

- b. Approval of Naming of University Elements
  - i. Burdette Beckmann, Inc. Kitchenette

A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Burdette Beckmann, Inc. Kitchenette. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

ii. Alexander and Julie Candia ELEMENT

A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Alexander and Julie Candia ELEMENT. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

iii. City Furniture ELEMENT

A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the City Furniture ELEMENT. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

iv. Michael Gold Memorial ELEMENT

A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Michael Gold Memorial ELEMENT. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

- v. Kelli and Richard Staller Head Athletic Trainers Office
   A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Kelli and
   Richard Staller Head Athletic Trainers Office. With no further discussion
   or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.
- vi. Lata and Shiva Gangal Global Innovation Hall

A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Lata and Shiva Gangal Global Innovation Hall. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

#### VII. BOT Member Comments

Trustee Feingold thanked everyone that called him while he was out and said the phone calls meant more to him than anything. He noted that the people of this community are into this university now, and FAU is respected in this state. He is happy to be a part of that. He reported that he and his wife, Barbara, were being honored at the Gala of the Friends of the Israeli Defense Forces in February. He concluded by stating that he loves being on this board, and that even though trustees move on from this board one day, we keep it in our hearts forever. Trustee Levine thanked Dr. Feingold and agreed with him that life and things we do on this board are about giving back. Trustee Davis appreciated Dr. Feingold's comments and said that although he wasn't on the board back then, he is glad to be on now. He is excited to hear about the FAU medical practice, the career center, and the athletics strategic plan. Trustee Davis also agreed with President Kelly that FAU should be the university of Broward County. Trustee McDonald remembered five years ago when hiring Dr. Kelly, and how great that has turned out for the university. Trustee Dennis remembered going to receptions for the presidential finalists and when he shook Dr. Kelly's hand, he said, "I think I just met the next president of FAU." He is glad it turned out that way. We are creating history here. Trustee Stilley said he could hear the passion in the voices of the trustees. Trustee Moabery said that although we are trying to get better, so is everyone else, so FAU needs to be that much better. He was happy to hear that Dr. Kelly is going to get out more nationally. Trustee Moabery said we are not broken anymore and now FAU can get into the Top 100 and maybe Top 25. He noted that Herb Kelleher, the founder of Southwest Airlines, said that he changed his philosophy to note the team is so important, because if you have a bad team, you don't have the customers. The students have to be the top priority, but it's the faculty and staff that creates the product. Trustee Rubin congratulated President Kelly on the new contract and complimented his team. Trustee Burns said he was awestruck with the passion and accomplishments of the university and the way they are changing the lives of the student body. He said it doesn't happen without great leadership and Dr. Kelly has proven he is a great leader. Trustee Wagner commented that Douglas Gatlin, a founding member of the political science faculty and former interim dean of social science, passed away in January. He was an important member in the founding of this university. He thanked Trustee Moabery for mentioning the faculty and staff in helping FAU. It's important to remember the frontlines of any success of a university comes from the faculty and staff. Trustee MacDonald said as a student in his fourth year, you can see the difference at the university since he started.

# VIII. Adjournment

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