



Full Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 11, 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 Abdol Moabery convened the full board meeting of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees with the following members participating:

Mr. Kevin Buchanan, Mr. Brent Burns, Mr. Shaun Davis, Dr. Michael Dennis, Dr. Malcolm Dorman, Dr. Jeffrey Feingold, Mr. Brad Levine, Mrs. Mary Beth McDonald, Ms. Elycia Morris, Mr. Robert Rubin, Mr. Bob Stilley, and Dr. Kevin Wagner

The following university officials participated: Dr. John Kelly, University President, Mr. David Kian, VP Legal Affairs and General Counsel and Mr. Andrew LaPlant, Board of Trustees Operations.

Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

II. Chair's Report

Chair Moabery opened that couldn't imagine sitting in the chair seat when he was going to school here. It is an honor for him and his family. Chair Moabery encourages the board and executive leadership team to give him feedback.

Two weeks ago, the College of Business held the Business Leader of the Year breakfast honoring Rick and Rita Case. Dean Gropper and his team do a great job. It was special for the board chair of USF to speak on what FAU has done for this community. Chair Moabery challenged him on the FAU-USF football game in the fall.

Chair Moabery went to the Board of Governors (BOG) meeting in Tallahassee a day after the breakfast. The BOG made two trustee appointments. One is Dr. Michael Dennis, who was reappointed, and new trustee Elycia Morris. Both have made it through senate committees and now onto the full senate for approval.

The FAU Gala is coming up on April 4. It's a special time that celebrate FAU and raises dollars for scholarships. Chair Moabery asked the board to bring in people from their communities and get them on campus. This is FAU's chance to show off. This year's gala highlights the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine.

Last week, Turning Point USA and Trustee Robert Rubin brought Charlie Kirk to campus. He spoke about the free market system.

FAU signing day was last Tuesday. The recruiting class was ranked No. 2 in the conference by 247 sports. Chair Moabery believes this was the largest crowd we have had for a signing day, which brings in the community.

III. President's Report

President Kelly shared that when he interviewed for the job, the faculty senate president was Ron Nyhan. He was known as a healer. One of the things the university showed was it had a big heart. Relationships with students and outside communities count and they are important here. President Kelly asked Dr. Nyhan to come up and speak about earning the Carnegie Designated University for Engagement. Dr. Nyhan said 44 universities out of 109 received the new designation. He is very thankful to Dr. Kelly and everyone at the university who helped.

Broward College's new president Greg Haile has been working with FAU after they had a degree that was the same. We are looking at new collaborations and opportunity for expansion.

The Schmidt Center has opened. It was a five year journey. The Fogelman dedication went very well. Mr. Fogelman was delighted with it. It should attract people from all over the country to see it.

Dr. Flynn and President Kelly went to FPL headquarters and heard five FAU success stories. Four out of the five people spoke about how FAU Tech Runway helped them with their success. The star of the show was Hannah Herbst, graduate of FAU High. She blew everyone away.

The university needs to think about updating Tech Runway and one of the entrances to this campus. We have a couple parcels of land that are sitting there, not generating anything. We need to figure out what to do with that land.

IV. Public Comments

No public comments.

V. Consent Agenda

Chair Moabery 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 and the Strategic Planning and Initiatives Committee consent agendas. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

VI. New Business

a. Approval of Full Board Minutes

i. December 6, 2019

Chair Moabery asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the December 6, 2019 Full Board Minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

ii. December 20, 2019

Chair Moabery asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the December 20, 2019 Full Board Minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

b. Election of a Vice Chair

Chair Moabery opened the floor for nominations. **Trustee Stilley nominated Trustee Shaun Davis.** Trustee Stilley noted that with the oversight from the state and the BOG, Trustee Davis is a great fit. Trustee Davis also has a great commitment to FAU. **Trustee McDonald seconded the motion.** **Trustee Rubin nominated Trustee Brad Levine.** Trustee Rubin noted that it is great we have two great candidates to choose from. He feels Trustee Levine brings a great business sense. **Trustee Feingold seconded the motion.** Both candidates spoke on their behalf. Trustee Davis noted he didn't know what he was getting into when he came on the board a few years ago. In getting to know the board and the executive leadership team, with the staff, this university is doing great things. The president is top notch and has embraced student that he speaks about at commencement. The trajectory is now soaring. Trustee Davis wants to be a part of this team. Trustee Levine said he is looking into the future. He can work with Chair Moabery and be great leaders. President Kelly and Trustee Levine sat down with the governor last year and helped us get money from the state. Chair Moabery opened the floor for comments. Trustee Feingold said we need clout in Tallahassee. FAU needs people who can talk to the governor. We need someone to challenge the administration to be better, like he has done the last ten years. He feels Trustee Levine is what FAU needs now for the future. Trustee Wagner asked what is the role of the vice chair. Mr. David Kian said the vice chair serves in an ex-officio role on every committee. The vice chair also acts on behalf of the chair in absence of the chair. The vice chair also assumes the role of chair, if the chair is off the board. Chair Moabery asked for a group vote for each candidate. After that was not definitive, Chair Moabery asked for a roll call vote. **After roll call, Trustee Davis was voted in as the vice chair on an 8 to 5 margin.** Chair Moabery asked him to speak. Trustee Davis said he is excited to keep moving this university forward.

VII. BOT Member Comments

Trustee Morris said it is an honor to serve and is happy to be on the board. Trustee Dorman said he is excited about the growth of the university. He noted that Dr. Feingold said not only do we need to graduate students but what will they do after they leave the university. He loved that idea. Trustee Feingold said it has been an honor to serve on this board. The board used to meet in an old board room and now we have this new wonderful room. The challenge for the future is building this endowment. He asked, who is going to lead the charge? Trustee Dennis said FAU has a wonderful reputation thanks to the board and President Kelly. He commented that he thinks it's a good decision to limit travel for the Coronavirus, but note the flu is more dangerous than this virus as of now. Trustee McDonald said Dr.

Kelly is irreplaceable. Trustee Stilley said he was glad with getting the Carnegie designation. He was happy with the research presentation. He wants to make sure we keep reaching out to the former trustees, as they are losing touch with the university. Trustee Stilley also said he used to dislike the Sunshine Law and now loves it. From the vice chair vote to other things we do, this is his favorite board. Trustee Levine acknowledged new trustee Morris and Dr. Feingold. He wants to absorb everything Dr. Feingold says. He noted that there are a lot of things that has to happen for FAU to keep getting better, but the university is on the right trajectory. Trustee Davis welcomed Trustee Morris. He wants to bring the former trustees back to the university. He looks forward to working with everyone as vice chair. Trustee Rubin welcomed Trustee Morris. Trustee Rubin said maybe we should have an event for the former trustees and bring them back. Having Charlie Kirk here was a huge success. We got a lot of new faces with money to come to campus and they were impressed. Trustee Wagner said it is an honor and privileged to be on the board with Dr. Feingold. He froze up trying to make a decision on the vice chair. He noted that we shouldn't forget the work of the faculty and staff. Trustee Buchanan congratulated Trustees Moabery and Davis on their new positions and Trustee Dennis and Morris on their appointments. Trustee Buchanan shared that Stacy Volnick is an invaluable member of the vice president team. He noted a "Last Mile" scholarship from student government for students who can't finish without assistance. There are over 400 organizations at FAU and doubling the numbers of the other universities of FAU's size. Student Government helped with the new e-sports arena in the Student Union. Trustee Burns thanked Anthony Barbar for his service and commitment to the university.

VIII. Adjournment

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