



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 15, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.
Davie Campus
Student Union, Room 105
3200 College Ave.
Davie, FL 33314

Chairman Robert Stilley convened the full board meeting of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees with the following members participating:

Mr. Anthony Barbar, Mr. David Feder, Dr. Jeffrey Feingold, Dr. Angela Graham-West, Mr. Ayden Maher, Dr. William McDaniel, Mr. Abdol Moabery, Mrs. Sherry Plymale, Mr. Robert Rubin, and Mr. Thomas Workman.

The following university officials participated:

Dr. Mary Jane Saunders, University President; Dr. Brenda Claiborne, Provost and Chief Academic Officer; Mr. David Kian, General Counsel; Mr. Dennis Crudele, Senior Vice President for Financial Affairs; Dr. Jennifer O'Flannery-Anderson, Vice President of Community Engagement and Executive Director, FAU Foundation, Inc.; and Mr. Ron Bulger, Executive Administrator and BOT Liaison.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Robert Stilley convened the full board meeting. Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

II. Chair's Report

Trustee Stilley opened with a report on the budget cuts from the 2012 Legislative Session. He wanted to assure everyone that the cuts will not affect the quality of education the students will receive. He believes the University will come out stronger after the decisions are made. Our top

priority will be to the students. FAU will continue to try and double our research and have top community engagement.

Stilley mentioned the upcoming commencement exercises on May 3 and 4. The honorees include a posthumous degree to Marvin Weiner and the President's Service Medallion to three Tuskegee Airmen. The Honors Convocation is April 16 at the University Theatre.

III. President's Report

President Saunders spoke of the magnitude of the cut and how the board helped by talking with the legislators. We need to reassure our students and parents, that they are our top priority.

FAU made the most of current media opportunities. There was a study completed of the economic impact of FAU to the region of over four billion dollars on an annual basis.

Provost Claiborne, Vice President of Financial Affairs Dennis Crudele and President Saunders have talked with many of FAU's constituents to make sure we get all the information needed before making the final decision on cuts. We have also set up a website for public input.

The President's staff has looked first for savings that won't affect our students and academic mission. The University is looking at high-cost programs and low-student enrollment courses. We are examining physical consolidation of campuses and programs, as well as potential changes in variable time employment contracts. We are also looking at revenue sources. A good example is the residential housing Dennis Crudele just presented. We are also looking at increasing our out-of-state enrollment, student retention and grants.

The good news at the University includes our second medical class coming in the fall, and Dr. Charles Hennekens in the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine was declared one of the science heroes in the history of the world for his discoveries linking cardiovascular health to aspirin. The website "scienceheroes.com" has credited him with saving more than a million lives by preventing premature death by heart attack or stroke.

The student alumni association has received the Tried and True Award for its annual bonfire.

A couple of events coming up include a lecture by Dr. Cornell West of Princeton on March 22 at the Kaye Auditorium. FAU will also host a classic car show on March 24, with vintage automobiles, on the grounds outside the FAU Stadium. Lastly, FAU will host a second Gala on November 10. Last year's "50 on the 50" was a huge success for FAU, bringing in over \$500,000 for scholarships.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 26, 2012 meeting minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

V. Consent Agenda

Chairman Stilley stated that all items have been discussed and approved in their respective committees. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

VI. Old Business

- a. Dr. Barry Rosson, Vice President of Research, gave a presentation entitled, "Sponsored Research Update." Chairman Stilley requested that future reports include quarterly year-over-year comparisons of metrics.
- b. Dr. Jennifer O'Flannery-Anderson, Vice President of Community Engagement, gave a presentation entitled, "Community Engagement Update." The report and discussion included information concerning philanthropic and economic development initiatives.

VII. New Business –

- a. **Approval of new BOT Standing Committee for Community and Governmental Relations**

Chairman Stilley started a discussion with the board regarding a new committee for Community and Governmental Relations. Trustees Feingold and Rubin both commented this was a much-needed committee.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the new BOT Standing Committee for Community and Governmental Relations. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. BOT Member Comments

All the members commended each other on their calls to the legislators and helping FAU get a less drastic cut than originally proposed. Trustee Moabery added it's important to call the legislators more than once a year when we need something, but to continue to build a relationship with each one. Trustee Feder would like to raise the out-of-state enrollment and tuition. Trustee Plymale noted our medical school being held harmless was enormous and it will make it better in years to come. Trustee Maher introduced Mr. Robert Huffman as the Student Body President-elect. Trustee McDaniel was happy to see the faculty invited to budgetary discussions.

IX. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

X. Adjournment

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