

# Full Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 26, 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. Brent Burns, Mr. Shaun Davis, Dr. Michael Dennis, Dr. Malcolm Dorman, 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, 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 Barbar opened his remarks by thanking the trustees that came out to FAU Day in Tallahassee. He said it was noticed and making a difference. Trustees Rubin and Dorman joined Chair Barbar and President Kelly at an AIDF event honoring Trustee Feingold. Chair Barbar was at the Skype call with the International Space Station where astronaut and alumnus Steve Swanson spoke about his journey on the station. Chair Barbar congratulated men's basketball coach Dusty May on a great season. The team ended up with its first winning season since 2011. Congratulations also went to Coach John McCormick on being inducted into the Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame, where he joins two other FAU greats, Howard Schnellenberger and Devin Singletary.

Chair Barbar noted that FAU has two items on the agenda for the upcoming Board of Governors meeting: the housing proposal and the approval of the new contract for President Kelly. Chair Barbar cancelled the BOT meeting scheduled for April 30 and revised the June 4 meeting from a conference call to an in-person meeting. The reason is the accountability report was moved up and approved at this meeting and the budget won't be ready by April 30. Chair Barbar concluded by thanking the board. Over the past five years, the board has facilitated the stability and continuity for this university. He noted the Board should not overlook that point and reflect on it.

## III. President's Report

President Kelly opened by thanking the vice presidents and staff on getting all the information that was requested after the UCF carry-forward issue. He noted it wasn't just to look at plans, it was ten years of invoices, fund sources and lots of legal advice. He specifically thanked Vice Presidents Stacy Volnick and David Kian for the efforts. Our positive response shows our people have kept good records and followed the regulations set forth by the state.

President Kelly noted that Jim Sullivan's addition to HBOI as executive director has been a strong improvement. The quality of grants received at HBOI has been tremendous. He congratulated VP of Public Affairs Peter Hull for his team receiving the Gold Coast Public Relations Best Crisis Communications award. We had to cancel graduation a couple of semesters ago due to a threat and his team managed a challenging situation.

President Kelly said we are about halfway to a capital campaign. He has been on a lot of visits with local supporters and possible donors. He asked VP of Advancement, Danita Nias, to share a couple of points from the visits. Ms. Nias said the first point is the trust they have in President Kelly leading this institution. The second point is they don't feel they know us that well. That we are a "best-kept secret." President Kelly noted the Gala is April 6. It has currently raised \$850,000 for scholarships.

The BOG meeting is an extremely important one for housing. President Kelly said having kids sleeping on campus changes the culture of a university. When a student gets in trouble, the university can intervene before it gets worse. FAU has "See Something, Say Something" culture. Students are getting alerts and calls and acting upon them.

President Kelly said, in conclusion, that the administration doesn't want the trustees to feel like they are looking over the administration's shoulders. What happened at UCF points out the importance of reaching out when trustees have a question. President Kelly said he admired the tenacity of the board, which expects us to do things the right way. He has full confidence in his vice presidents and staff that they will be honest with the board.

### **IV.** Public Comments

No public comments.

# V. Consent Agenda

Chair Barbar stated that all items on the consent agenda were discussed and approved unanimously 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. New Business

# a. Approval of Full Board Minutes for January 29, 2019

Chair Barbar asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 29, 2019 Full Board Minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

#### VII. BOT Member Comments

Trustee Dorman stated he is amazed by the growth of the university. Trustee Burns congratulated President Kelly and the team for their continued leadership. Burns is excited about embarking on the new scholarship program with JM Family. Their associates are very excited with what's happening. Trustee Rubin encouraged all of the trustees to attend athletics events. They are a lot of fun. Rubin continued that he was excited about the FAU Health Clinic that was approved by this board at the last meeting. Although he was worried about the original numbers, after meeting with the College of Medicine dean and staff, he thought they have this figured out. Rubin concluded that three times he was approached by parents of elite private school students and their kids are having trouble getting into FAU. This shows how far we have come with our admissions requirements. Trustee Stilley said a great leader talks about his team, and that is what President Kelly did in his comments. Trustee Dennis noted that US News and World Report has put the FAU medical school in the top 100. He

also noted that FAU is the only school in Florida to have all of their medical students match in the first round of residency selection. Trustee McDonald agreed with the other trustees. She also thanked Chair Barbar for all of his hard work and time that he puts in. Trustee Davis agreed with Trustee McDonald that Chair Barbar puts in an extraordinary amount of time to the position and thanked him for his time and effort. He also complimented the Provost on his independent review and assessment of the Work plan, and he noted that the master plan update and marketing campaign shows the tremendous job being done by the vice presidents.

## VIII. Adjournment

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