Wednesday, June 27, 2007

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**
Approve the May 16, 2007 meeting minutes.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**
N/A

**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE**
N/A.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**
N/A.

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Presented by: Jennifer O'Flannery, Chief of Staff  
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Chairman Norman Tripp convened the meeting of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees (BOT) at 9:10 a.m. with the following members participating:


Absent: Trustee George Zoley

The following University officials participated:

Frank T. Brogan, President; John Pritchett, Provost; Ken Jessell, Vice President for Financial Affairs; Jennifer O’Flannery, Chief of Staff; David Kian, General Counsel; Tom Donaudy, Vice President for Facilities; Joyanne Stephens, Vice President of Broward Campuses.

I. Call to Order
Chairman Norman Tripp convened the Full Board Meeting at 9:10 a.m.

II. Approval of the meeting minutes.
There was a motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2007 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Chairman’s Report
Trustee Norman Tripp presented the Chairman’s Report. Trustee Tripp thanked Ms. Gerri McPherson and staff for the hospitality displayed at the Treasure Coast Campus. He introduced the two new trustees, Dr. Eric Shaw, Faculty Senate President and Tony Teixeira, Student Government President.

XI. 2007 Legislative Outcome
Trustee Tripp introduced Mr. Tom Barlow to give the 2007 Legislative Review. Mr. Barlow introduced David and Candice Ericson, FAU’s political consultants. FAU has accomplished three things this legislative session. FAU was successful in acquiring funding for enrollment growth and PECO projects. FAU has developed a relationship with core of people to assist with legislative issues. FAU’s legislative goals were to acquire funding for programs, increase FAU’s visibility, and developing relationships with people who are pre-disposed to help with FAU’s issues.
Mr. Barlow reviewed the FAU Budget Items. FAU’s number one priority was to get funding for FAU’s regional medical partnership with University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. Last year non recurring funding was allocated to FAU. This year it was a concern that FAU receive recurring money. There was talk in the Senate of FAU not receiving recurring funding because of the tight budget year. The Board of Trustees (BOT) visit to Tallahassee and meetings with the representatives made such an impact that recurring funding for medical partnership program with UMMSM and FAU was approved. Trustee Tripp commended Mr. Barlow for his efforts in acquiring funding for the medical funding. The second issue was Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute (HBOI). The legislation approved $8.5 million for operation costs, and $44 million for building restoration and construction. FAU was committed $6 million in non recurring funding for the Torrey Pines Molecular Institute. The Florida Institute of Advanced Teaching (FIAT) at FAU received $500,000 in non-recurring funds. The legislature has recommended a 5% tuition increase due to the fact that they are only funding 50% of enrollment growth. The Nursing program is scheduled to receive $202,000 funding, and the Florida Israel Institute is scheduled to receive $50,000 in non-recurring funding. FAU’s enrollment growth is slated to receive $3 million in funding.

Mr. Barlow reviewed the Courtelis Trust Matching Fund. The Arts and Letters Communications and Media Studies is to receive $1.5 million in match funding. The Office Depot Center for Executive Development is to receive an additional $800,000 in match funding for total project funding amount of $5.6 million. The State under The Centers of Excellence Program is slated to receive $100 million. President Brogan noted that Centers of Excellence funding is a competitive application process. FAU has received $15 million through the first two rounds and hope to gain success during the third round. Trustee Sherry Plymale asked if the $100 million was divided in a way that certain universities apply for a certain portion. President Brogan clarified that the funding is not designated and is available for free market application.

Mr. Barlow reviewed the FAU’s PECO list. FAU obtained $95.8 million in PECO funding, over three times the funding received last year, and about the same amount of funding received by the University of Florida.

- Utilities/Infrastructure/Capital Renewal/Roofs $11,439,470
- FAU/UF Joint Use Facility Davie 9,475,000
- General Classroom Engineering Building 17,982,000
- College of Arts and Letters – Arts and Humanities Addition 2,000,000
- General Classroom 10,348,000
- HBOI/FAU Transition 30,000,000
- Remodel and Renovation of HBOI 14,141,984

The Legislature took on a number of issues regarding higher education. One issue is the naming bill which delegates the authority to name buildings after living people from the legislature to the universities’ BOTs. Trustee Tripp stated that FAU does not currently have a policy in place for the naming of buildings, classrooms, walkways, etc. The BOT requested that the administration create a naming policy to be brought before the BOT, so that any kind of building naming be vetted for the final approval of the BOT. If there are any naming that is in the works should be brought to the Strategic Planning Committee. There was a motion to establish a policy for the naming of campus buildings to be brought to the Strategic Planning Committee and include a
moratorium on any further naming until the legislation is finalized. The motion was seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Barlow continued the discussion noting the passing of the Governance Bill. The Governance Bill is to delineate the responsibilities of the Board of Governors (BOG) and the BOT. Trustee Plymale asked if there was a summary of the Governance Bill available. President Brogan commented that FAU’s General Counsel, Mr. David Kian met with the other universities’ general counsels and the general counsel from the BOG to do a comparative side by side breakdown of the current and past responsibilities of the BOG and BOT. Once the study is complete it will be distributed to the BOT.

Mr. Barlow discussed the Academic Enhancement Bill. The Academic Enhancement Bill started with the University of Florida (UF) wanting to charge $1000 fee to its students. The bill was modified to allow UF and Florida State University (FSU) to increase tuition by forty percent over a four-year period and the University of South Florida (USF) to increase tuition by thirty percent over four years. The qualifying criterion is based on how much academic research is done each year by the university. The Governor was not in support of the bill when it included only UF. President Brogan stated that FSU and UF would defer the increase until next year, if the governor signed the bill into a law. Trustee Plymale asked if the universities in the SUS were to stand together regarding the bill. President Brogan stated that the Academic Enhancement Bill first came up last year towards the end of legislative session. All the universities in the SUS decided to let UF take the lead with the enhancement fee as a pilot program. This year in the meeting with BOG and the Legislature all SUS agreed again to let UF take the lead serving in a pilot capacity. In the last moments of the session FSU and USF became a part of the bill. Trustee Plymale stated that the BOG agreed with having UF pilot the program before the legislative session, now the BOG is fighting for differentiate tuition for FSU, USF, and UF. Trustee Tripp stated that the SUS president’s never opposed the academic enhancement fee. Trustee Tripp asked if was there concern on the rest of the universities’ that the BOG was asking for a united front and the universities were going in different directions. President Brogan stated that he reminded the SUS presidents of the arrangement of allowing UF to pilot the fee prior to the start of the legislative session. If the bill passes and becomes law, it has a range of impacts for all the universities. The impact on FAU remains to be seen. Trustee Plymale stated that the BOG asked for the BOT’s support on the issue of the Governance Bill and had no intention of standing united with the BOTs regarding the Academic Enhancement Bill.

Mr. Barlow continued the discussion with the passing of the Community College Bill. The community colleges will have the authority to offer four-year degrees in the areas of teaching, nursing, and applied science. Trustee Lalita Janke asked how the passing of the Community College Bill will affect FAU. President Brogan stated that it is not clear at this time how the bill will affect FAU or whether it will impact FAU’s enrollment. Trustee Janke asked how many transfer students come from the area community colleges. President Brogan stated that the enrollment for teaching and nursing programs can be tracked to see, but applied science is a new degree program. FAU has recommended no changes for the programs being offered. Trustee Janke asked what the differential of tuition from Indian River Community College (IRCC) and FAU. Dr. Ken Jessell responded that there is a 30% difference in tuition between IRCC and FAU. Trustee Tripp commented that the University of Central Florida (UCF) formed an agreement with the community colleges in their area in which the community colleges would not offer four-year degrees and in exchange their transfer students would be guaranteed acceptance...
in UCF. The administration at FAU would have to look at whether that is something that can be done in FAU’s service area. President Brogan stated that although there is no agreement in place with area community colleges of guaranteed acceptance, the majority of students attending FAU are transfer from the area community colleges. Trustee Bill Bryant asked how long it will take the community colleges to get their programs accredited. President Brogan explained that there are two levels of accreditation, the accreditation through SACCS and the individual college accreditation. The community colleges plan to use different internal accreditation organizations. Because of this there must be some form of articulation agreement between the community colleges and the universities to assist the transfer students.

Mr. Barlow concluded by thanking the BOT for allowing him to represent FAU at the legislature. Trustee Tripp introduced Dave and Candice Eric. Mr. Eric thanked the BOT for allowing him and his daughter to serve FAU.

Trustee Tripp continued with the Chairman’s report. He mentioned that President Brogan and Jennifer O’Flannery attended a symposium that was put on by the Askew Center of Public Policy in Tallahassee. The meeting showed that there was not a clear direction of where universities are going for the next twenty years. The Florida Atlantic University Foundation elected its new chairman, Mr. Les Corley. Trustee Tripp thanked Dr. Ken Jessell for serving as the Interim Vice President for University Advancement. Budget workshop dates will be sent out once they are finalized. Trustee Tripp stressed the importance for all trustees to attend.

IV. Welcome
Trustee Tripp introduced Ms. Gerri McPherson the Vice President of the Treasure Coast Campuses to give the welcome. Ms. McPherson updated the BOT on the major activities taking place on the Treasure Coast Campuses:

- FAU/HBOI dedication in November 2006
- FAU/Port St. Lucie Charter Lab School Groundbreaking in February 2007
- There is a new wing on Treasure Coast Campus groundbreaking August 2007

Ms. McPherson noted the new degrees being offered on the Treasure Coast Campus through the College of Business, College of Engineering and Computer Science, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing, and the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science. The Treasure Coast Campus received funding for program enhancements for the College of Nursing. Funding has been used to increase distance learning program access. There are new staff and faculty members on campus. Ms. McPherson introduced Dr. Leoni who has been hired to start the new Geomatics program. Ms. McPherson discussed the campus centers which are:

- Sustainable Treasure Coast Center
- Small Business Development Center
- Center for Autism and Related Disabilities

Ms. McPherson identified the Corporate Partners of FAU’s Treasure Coast Campus who have generated $75,000 in unrestricted funds for campus activities primarily scholarships. She discussed the Lifetime Learning program, and distributed an article in the Vero Beach Magazine. Ms. McPherson discussed the three new regional alumni chapters in Martin County, St.
Lucie/Okeechobee Counties, and Indian River County. Ms. McPherson discussed the advertisements of the Treasure Coast Campuses. She distributed mailers that advertised the summer session programs being offered on the Treasure Coast Campuses. There were personalized cards sent out to graduates of IRCC to bring to registrars office for them to get information on transferring to FAU. Ms. McPherson discussed the upcoming events for the Treasure Coast Campuses:

- May 17 – Corporate Partnership Meeting
- May 18 – AIT Alumni Event
- May 19 – Transfer Expo
- May 29 – Advisory Board Meeting
- May 29 – Martin County Alumni Event
- June 26 – President Brogan’s Hometown Tour with Port St. Lucie County Commission
- August 2 – FAU Radio Show with President Brogan
- August 2 – Phase II Groundbreaking
- August 30 – Campus Classroom visit with President Brogan
  Welcome Back Luncheon
  Share the Vision

Ms. McPherson introduced Mr. Paul Lowe, the Governor of the Treasure Coast Campuses. Mr. Lowe welcomed the BOT to the Treasure Coast Campus and offered a tour of the campus. Trustee Tripp commended Ms. McPherson for the hard-work and changes made to the campus.

VII. Innovation Village Update

Trustee Tripp introduced Mr. David Kian to give the Innovation Village update. In November 2006 the BOT held a workshop on Innovation Village. As a result of that workshop the BOT approved the concept of Innovation Village. The concept includes an expansion of campus housing, associated support retail, development of workforce housing, and the development of an open-air athletic stadium with the potential of being converted into a domed stadium or stand-alone athletics events arena. The BOT authorized the administration to develop a plan for the implementation of the Innovation Village project. The BOT asked the administration to do two things; each component of the innovation village be brought through the committee processes to the full BOT for approval and the administration provide an independent financial advisor that is not apart of the KUD team to provide an assessment to the BOT. The administration began developing plans for suites housing on the north side of campus that would attract older students and compete with the area rental market. The administration is doing preliminary work in identifying workforce housing developments. As the plans for on-campus housing was coming into finalization, the administration and KUD identified significant financial commitments that needed to be completed to allow for the commencement of construction of the on-campus housing. The administration determined that there was potential for synergy in the costs for feasibility studies and architectural refinements for both on-campus and workforce housing. It makes sense to integrate the funding to be approved by the BOT. The administration stepped back from the finalization of the plans of the on-campus housing to more specifically develop for the workforce housing to be brought to the BOT through the committee process. The administration has identified an independent financial advisor, Mr. Craig Dunlop of Dunlop and Associates. Mr. Kian asked Mr. Dunlop to address the BOT directly. Mr. Dunlop reviewed his background and qualifications. Trustee Tripp reiterated that Mr. Dunlop will be working for the
BOT with Mr. Kian. Mr. Dunlop will be reviewing and advising on the financial package for Innovation Village. Trustee Tripp noted that Mr. Dunlop is to use his experience to inform the BOT on how the Innovation Village project can be accomplished. Trustee Tripp noted that this project needs to move forward and a time frame needs to be implemented. Trustee Tripp asked if there was any questions. Trustee Robert Stilley reiterated that the Innovation Village project needs to move forward and is extremely important to FAU. Trustee Stilley stated that he would also would like to see a time line in place. Trustee Tripp asked that contact information for the Mr. Dunlop be provided to the BOT.

Mr. Kian stated that the administration’s understanding of Dunlop and Associates involvement in the Innovation Village project is engaged review and advisement. The current plan for the Innovation Village project is a hybrid with the University of Central Florida model and the Florida International University model. This project must be self-sustaining; the only funds that could be pledged in support of each component of the project were the project component revenues. The administration is looking to pull the revenues from the integrated components. Mr. Dunlop will arrange a meeting with the director of the Division of Bond Finance and discuss the administrations vision of the integrated funding source for the Innovation Village project. The administration will be refining the proposed financing plan with Mr. Dunlop’s engaged review and with the goal of integrating simultaneous development of the set of on-campus housing and workforce housing. The administration will report back to the BOT through the committee process to allow the BOT to have an engaged review. There is still a 2010 time frame for the completion of construction of the athletic stadium. The overall timeframe remains the same; the administration is modifying some of the individual components of the funding model to bring to the BOT for approval late summer or early fall. Trustee Lalita Janke asked what was the cost of the stadium construction. Mr. Kian stated that the construction will cost $60-70 million for an open air stadium. The dollar amounts for housing and retail will depend upon the size. The cost of all of the components is approximately $100-150 million. Trustee Tripp stated that a benchmark schedule needs to be in place. He asked Mr. Kian when the schedule will go to the trustees. Mr. Kian stated that the timeline will be received in August. Trustee Tripp asked the BOT if they are satisfied with the speed and the energy that has been placed applied to this project. Trustee Stilley stated that it seems the project has fallen under the rug, and he would like to see it completed sooner rather than later. Trustee Grossman stated that the frustration of the BOT is that it was thought the temporary stadium would be completed for this football season. Trustee Plymale stated that the slow progression of the stadium is dampening the football booster’s enthusiasm. Mr. Kian stated that the administration apologizes that the notion that a temporary stadium would be completed for this football season was floated. The administration was not prepared to bring to the BOT a request for a $600,000 commitment without proper timelines and clear benchmarks.

VIII. Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution Update
Trustee Tripp introduced President Brogan and Dr. Shirley Pomponi to give the HBOI update. President Brogan thanked Dr. Pomponi, the Board of Directors, and the staff of HBOI for putting together the basic rudiments of the agreements and also working with the FAU administration through the legislative process. Dr. Pomponi thanked the BOT for allowing her to participate in the board meeting. She also expressed regrets for Admiral Yost the Chair of the HBOI Board of Directors, who is unable to attend. The collaboration of FAU and HBOI spans for decades in research and curriculum development. HBOI has sixteen scientists on the HBOI campus who are affiliate faculty in the College of Science at FAU. There is a coordinating committee that is
comprised of faculty from HBOI and the FAU College of Science that develop curricula report to the Provost’s office at FAU and Dr. Pomponi. HBOI established a successful semester by the sea program. HBOI has worked closely with the Office of Vice President of Research and the Centers of Excellence in biomedical research. HBOI works with the College of Engineering in the SeaTech program. The acquisition of HBOI has been a strategic initiative for HBOI and FAU. HBOI will strengthen FAU’s commitment to research and its ability to address issues that fall along improving the quality of life for the citizens of Florida. The HBOI staff will meet with FAU's administration to discuss the transition. Dr. Pomponi acknowledged the entire delegation in the legislation particularly Senator Pruitt. She also acknowledged FAU staff of Dr. Pritchett, Dr. Jessell, Dr. Kaufman, Mr. Donaudy and their staff for their hard work attributing to the success in the legislation. Dr. Pomponi acknowledged the staff of HBOI, Patrick Boles, Pete Tatrow, Julie Pattengil, Vincent Burk, and Dr. Dennis Hanisak for their hard work and diligence. The partnership is a new opportunity for HBOI and the staff is looking forward to the partnership. Trustee Tripp acknowledged that this was a great investment of the legislature. Trustee Tripp presented Dr. Pomponi with an FAU Pin.

V. Committee on Academic and Student Affairs

Trustee Armand Grossman acknowledged Ms. McPherson and welcomed the new trustees to the BOT. Trustee Grossman reported that there are three items to come before the BOT for approval. Due to the excellent attendance at the April 25, 2007 committee, this item was fully vetted. Provided there were no questions or further discussions the Chair set a motion for approval without a presentation.

AS: A-1. Request for Approval of Tenure of Faculty Positively Recommended by the President. There is one additional candidate for approval and is being recommended by for tenure upon employment. Dr. Barry Rosson has been appointed Dean of Graduate Studies, effective July 1, 2007. There was a motion to approve the revised tenure recommendations for 2006-07. The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

AS: A-2. Request approval of Program Reviews. There was a motion to approve the program reviews for the Social Science programs in the College of Architecture, Urban and Public Affairs and the Barry Kaye College of Business for Submission to the BOG. The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

AS: A-3. Request for Approval of New Programs. There was a motion to approve the new programs of Bachelors degree in Early Child Care in the College of Education and the Bachelor of Science in Geomatics in the College of Engineering and Computer Science. The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Audit and Finance Committee

Trustee Nancy Blosser reported that the Audit and Finance Committee met on April 25, 2007. There was one agenda item to be brought before the BOT for approval.

AF: A-1. FAU Regulations and Contract Authority. There were changes to amend Article IV., Section 4.6 of the FAU Board of Trustees Board Operations Policies and Procedures entitled University President and Corporate Secretary. This item was fully vetted. There was a motion to approve the amendment to the FAU Board of Trustees Policies and Procedures, Article IV., Section 4.6. The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
IX. Federal Research Overview Agenda

Trustee Blosser introduced Dr. Larry Lemanski to discuss the Federal Research Overview Agenda. President Brogan stated that he traveled to Washington, DC with Dr. Lemanski, Ms. Camille Coley, and Dr. Jennifer O’Flannery meeting with members of the House of Representatives and the Senate on the federal earmark projects. FAU has an outstanding reputation regarding earmark projects in Washington.

Dr. Lemanski defined a Congressional earmark as a specific project that legislators put it into law. The projects to be funded are selected through an internal process at FAU. Individual departments submit applications to the Division of Research to be vetted working with the President, Provost, the College Deans, and the Lobbyist to determine possible earmarks. Forty-two proposals were received and consolidated to sixteen proposals. Eight of the sixteen projects were submitted by FAU for support by the Florida Congressional Delegation. Because the earmarks this year have not been provided some of the agencies have excess money in their budgets. The agencies have begun to send out RFPs to distribute funding and FAU will be a part of that process. Dr. Lemanski reviewed the eight earmarks being supported by FAU:

- Bioinformatics Research Consortium $8,000,000
- Center for Advanced Transportation and Infrastructure Safety and Security $6,000,000
- Durability of Composite Materials and Structures $2,000,000
- Center of Excellence in Ocean Energy Research and Development $12,000,000
- Florida Initiative for the Advancement of Teaching $3,000,000
- Diversity and Alzheimer’s Disease (AD): A Model for the Care of Minority and Disadvantaged Older Adults at Risk for AD and Related Dementias $2,000,000
- Florida Area Coastal Environmental Initiative $3,600,000
- Center for Caring to Reduce Health Disparities $1,500,000

Dr. Lemanski thanked the BOT for allowing him to present the Federal Research Overview Agenda.

X. Medical Education Partnership Overview and Update

Trustee Tripp introduced Dr. Michael Friedland to present the Medical Education Partnership Overview and Update. FAU has gone from a two-year medical program to a four-year medical focusing on increasing the supply of physicians practicing in Florida in a cost effective manner. Dr. Friedland reviewed the history and milestones of the program of University of Miami Medical School (UMMSM) at FAU. Trustee Tripp asked if FAU has an active role in the program. Dr. Friedland stated that most of the regional campuses’ admission process is a problem. The main campus usually wants to exert control and there is a feeling of unwillingness from the secondary campus. There was an admissions sub-committee created on FAU campus. All of the members of the sub-committee are members of the admissions committee at the University of Miami and are FAU faculty and FAU community based physicians. Students who applied to FAU or both FAU and UMMSM are interviewed by the FAU admissions sub-committee. Trustee Tripp asked where most of the applicants are coming from. Dr. Friedland stated that most of the applicants were not FAU graduates, but graduates from other Florida universities. Trustee Tripp asked if FAU was working towards a program for
students who met certain undergraduate criteria. Dr. Friedland stated that FAU was working towards a program like that for implementation two to three years in the future. The University of Miami has been very helpful with assisting students with scholarship opportunities. Trustee Tripp asked if Dr. Friedland could send a note to the Dean of the UMMSM with a copy to the BOT, the board’s interest in their looking towards establishing a program where FAU undergraduates have automatic admission to it. Dr. Friedland responded that last year the students who applied to FAU and went pre-med had higher GPAs and SAT scores. Trustee Janke asked what the cost was for students who graduate FAU and go on to the UM. Dr. Friedland stated that undergraduate costs at FAU are approximately $12-15,000 for four years. The University of Miami’s tuition is approximately $120,000 for four years. The University of Miami has been trying not to increase its tuition to meet the state tuition average. The first residency program is expected in 2008 in Palm Beach County. FAU committed to creating approximately 350 new residency training slots in the multi-county area. Trustee Plymale asked if the Boca Raton Community Hospital was a part of this. Dr. Friedland stated that Boca Raton Community Hospital accounted for approximately one-third of the residency.

Dr. Friedland reviewed the proposed timeline and size of UM sponsored residency programs:

- Internal Medicine is scheduled to start in 2008-09 with 66 residents
- Medicine Subspecialties is scheduled to start in 2010-11 with 45 residents
- Surgery is scheduled to start in 2009-10 with 36 residents
- Surgical subspecialties is scheduled to start 2011-12 with 25 residents
- OB/GYN is scheduled to start in 2009-10 with 20 residents
- Pediatrics is scheduled to start in 2009-10 with 36 residents
- Emergency Medicine is scheduled to start in 2011-12 with 18 residents
- Psychiatry is scheduled to start 2010-11 with 16 residents

FAU’s commitment is to get all those residencies in place. President Brogan stated that FAU is open to working with all hospitals in generating a residency program. All of the hospitals may not want to be affiliated with a teaching program. Dr. Friedland stated that FAU has initiated conversations with the Broward County and Palm Beach County School District in creating a medical program that starts at the grade school level. Trustee Janke asked what the reasons would be for hospitals not wanting to be affiliated with a medical program. Dr. Friedland stated that the reasons may be because of the introduction of medical students and faculty a threat to their economic situation. There are also substantial costs to running a teaching hospital that are not fully reimbursable by Medicare. Dr. Friedland continued the presentation with discussion on the hospitals’ proposed role in UM sponsored GME programs. FAU’s regional campus curriculum shares common goals with UMMSM Miami campus educational programs and achieves its goals and objectives through its own course structure, course credits, course examinations, and inclusion of content and experiences not included in the curriculum at the Miami campus. Dr. Friedland thanked the BOT for their support.

XII. President’s Report

Trustee Tripp asked President Brogan to give the President’s Report. FAU is excited about the possibility of the super computer coming to the campus of FAU in partnership with IBM and the Scripps Institute. The super computer will be important in terms of the Bird Flu project checkmate, and participation in the Latin American grid consortium. President Brogan thanked the staff that helped to execute the spring commencement ceremony. There were five
ceremonies and Senator Bill Nelson spoke at one of the ceremonies. The President’s Service Medallion was awarded to Senator Nelson, Mr. Jack Guistwhite, and Trustee Sherry Plymale. There was posthumous diploma awarded, an 88 year-old graduate, and a 15 year-old graduate.  Trustee Grossman, Trustee Janke, Trustee BLOSSER, Trustee Stilley, and Trustee Plymale represent the BOT at the ceremonies. There was five ceremonies because commencement was held in the Carole and Barry Kaye Auditorium while the arena is being renovated.

President Brogan discussed the meeting in Tallahassee on the reorganization of higher education. The meeting was very productive and gave the BOT and the university the ability to take a position on the Pappas Report that we are open to anything that is good public policy and is in the best interest of FAU. Trustee Tripp commented that it was acknowledged that the community colleges have outdone the SUS because they speak to the legislature with one voice. Trustee Plymale asked if the Florida Business and Education Collaborative was discussed at the meeting. Trustee Tripp stated it was discussed but the specifics are not ironed out. President Brogan stated that the community college four-year degree issue was discussed. The State Board of Education was not represented at the meeting. The BOE and BOG need to come together and have a discussion on the community college four-year degree programs. President Brogan also stated that the BOG needs to give a position on service districts for university programs.

President Brogan discussed the recent two campus evacuations. The staff and local law enforcement did a great job in safely evacuating the campuses. President Brogan is going to the SunBelt Conference summer meeting to discuss new standards for participation in the conference as well as increased standards for the conference. Dr. Levow has agreed to serve as the Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) for the SunBelt Conference. The FAU women’s softball team won the regular season title for the SunBelt Conference and the SunBelt tournament. FAU did not receive an invitation to the NCAA softball tournament.

XIII. Old Business
There was no old business to discuss.

XIV. New Business
There was no new business to discuss.

XV. Public Comments
There were no public comments.

XVI. Trustee Comments
Trustee Tripp asked the BOT for any additional comments. Trustee Gupta asked to meet with the Dean of UM. Trustee Eric Shaw stated he enjoyed the first meeting. Trustee Scott Adams stated that he would like to see a BOT meeting held at HBOI. Trustee Grossman stated he was pleased to see the Mr. Craig Dunlop working with the BOT on the Innovation Village project and looks forward the outcomes of the project. Trustee Tripp stated that it is his pleasure serving with the board. Trustee Blosser welcomed the new BOT members. She mentioned that she had some personal concerns with the student loan situation, that staff at FAU has been very helpful. FAU is handling itself appropriately in regards to student loans. Trustee Blosser also had concerns with the use of the FAU logo or name in ads, telephone numbers, and web addresses. She stated that the BOT needs to look at the policy of how FAU’s name is being used. Trustee Tripp stated that he has met with Dr. Jessell on the student loan issue and if there are any
changes to be made they will be done quickly. Trustee Plymale thanked Ms. McPherson and her staff for the work in organizing the meeting. She thanked Dr. Lemanski for all his hard work on the Federal Research Overview Agenda, and Senator Pruitt for HBOI. Trustee Stilley thanked all of the trustees. He commended Mr. Tom Barlow for the work he’s done in Tallahassee. He sat on a round table in Jupiter with Trustee Plymale and the Chancellor of the BOG. The Chancellor asked if there was a preference of quality or quantity of schools offering bachelors degrees. There will be a struggle with the community colleges on this issue. FAU needs to be focused on the issue as a university group. Trustee Teixeira stated that the research being done at FAU needs to be broadcast to the students. He also felt that the Innovation Village Project needs to move forward.

XVII. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.