



Draft Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 28, 2007 – 2:30 PM
Conference Call

Chairman Norman Tripp convened the meeting of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees (BOT) immediately following the Audit and Finance Committee Meeting at 2:35 pm. with the following members participating:

Scott Adams, Nancy Blosser, Bill Bryant, David Feder, Armand Grossman, Rajendra Gupta, , Sherry Plymale, Eric Shaw, Bob Stilley, and Tony Teixeira.

Absent: Trustees Lalita Janke, and 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.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Norman Tripp convened the Full Board Meeting at 2:35 p.m.

II. Approval of the meeting minutes.

The minutes for the June 27, 2007 BOT meeting will be approved at the next BOT Meeting.

III. Chairman’s Report

Trustee Norman Tripp did not present the Chairman’s report.

IV. Audit and Finance Committee

Trustee Nancy Blosser, Chair

The Audit and Finance Committee recommended approval of a \$6.9 million reduction to the Educational and General Operating Budget. There was a motion to approve the \$6,960,314 reduction to the Florida Atlantic University’s Educational and General Operating Budget. The motion was seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

V. President’s Report

President Frank Brogan

President Brogan thanked the BOT for their patience through the budget reduction process. This reduction of the budget will span over two years, fiscal year 2007-2008 and fiscal year 2008-2009. The administration will work the BOT during the budget process in the spring to manipulate the budget for the next fiscal year. It is the administration’s hopes that the four percent is the extent of the budget reduction. It will be clear at the end of the special session in September.

President Brogan gave an overview of the fall enrollment. Fall semester began with 25,850 students, up 4.1%; with lower level students up 5.4%; upper division students up 3.7%; and graduate students are 6.2% from last fall.

First time in college students (FTIC) enrollment was 2,418, up from 2,115 last fall. Full-time faculty numbers are up to 832 from 775 last fall. President Brogan stated one of the priorities of FAU's Strategic Plan deals with student life experience and creating a more traditional experience for students. He highlighted the activities of FAU's Weeks of Welcome (WOW):

- Freshman move-in day
- Inaugural Freshman Convocation
- New Dormitory – Glades Park Towers
- New Cafeteria/Food Court with different food options

A pilot program is being initiated with professors, a selection of freshman math classes that will be capped at twenty-five students to allow comparison and evaluation of success rates at the end of the semester. This will help the faculty and provost staff find new strategies to improve math success rate.

The first FAU football game is Saturday, September 1, at 4:00 pm against Middle Tennessee.

The BOT retreat is scheduled for Monday, September 17 through Tuesday, September 18, 2007.

A new police chief has been hired and will begin in two weeks. New Deans of the Graduate and Undergraduate programs have been hired. FAU is off to a great start despite the budget reductions.

VI. BOT Member Comments

Trustees

Trustee Tripp thanked Trustee Blosser for her hard work serving as the Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee. Trustee Tripp stated that the Provost is sending out the presentation for the retreat on the topics of enrollment, retention, etc. He asked the trustees to familiarize themselves with the presentation so there can be extensive discussion about the issues that the presentation raises. He also asked that trustees contribute to reduce the cost of the Monday night dinner during the retreat. There were no additional comments.

XII. Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.