



Item: SP: A-M

## STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

**SUBJECT: ROLL CALL AND THE APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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### PROPOSED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Initiate roll call to document member participation and ensure appropriate quorum numbers are achieved as well as approve the June 11, 2008 minutes

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Strategic Planning Committee Members:

Mr. Scott Adams, Chair	_____
Mrs. Lalita Janke, Co-Chair	_____
Mr. Abraham Cohen	_____
Dr. Rajendra Gupta	_____
Mrs. Sherry Plymale	_____
Dr. Eric Shaw	_____
Mr. Tom Workman	_____

Participating BOT Members:

Mr. Anthony Barbar	_____
Mrs. Nancy Blosser	_____
Dr. William Bryant	_____
Mr. David Feder	_____
Mr. Armand Grossman	_____
Mr. Robert Stilley	_____

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**Supporting Documentation:** Strategic Planning Committee February 20, 2008 Minutes



## STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

### Minutes

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Trustee Lalita Janke, Vice Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, convened the meeting at 10:20 a.m. with the following Committee members present:

Trustees Lalita Janke, Abraham Cohen, Rajendra Gupta, Sherry Plymale, Eric Shaw, and Thomas Workman.

Board Members Absent: Trustees Scott Adams and Robert Stilley

Other Board Members Present: Trustees Nancy Blosser, William Bryant, David Feder, and Armand Grossman.

The following university officials participated:

Mr. Frank T. Brogan, President; Dr. John Pritchett, Provost; Mr. David Kian, General Counsel; Mr. Randy Goin, Chief of Staff; Dr. Ken Jessell, Vice President for Financial Affairs; Mr. Tom Donaudy, Vice President for Facilities.

#### **SP: A-M: Approval of Minutes**

There was a motion made by Trustee Sherry Plymale to approve the Strategic Planning Committee Minutes of the May 7, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Eric Shaw. There was no further discussion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **SP: A-1: Request for Approval of the Capital Improvement Plan**

Trustee Janke asked Mr. Tom Donaudy to present the item to the Strategic Planning committee. The Capital Improvement Plan is required to be updated annually to accommodate the BOG timeline and the FAU BOT meeting schedule. The CIP was reviewed collectively by the President, the Provost, the campus Vice Presidents, and the President's Executive Committee. Mr. Donaudy discussed the items that had substantive changes and noted the items were listed in red. President Brogan provided further insight on Priority 7 (FAU/Scripps Joint Use Facility Expansion – Jupiter). Mr. Donaudy discussed an item with no priority number but is listed in red the Jupiter Research Building Renovation – Phase I. Priority 27 (Center for Philanthropy) was removed after discussion with FAU's Division of University Advancement.

Trustee Lalita Janke opened the floor for questions and comments. There were no questions or comments.

**There was a motion by Trustee Armand Grossman that the Strategic Planning Committee recommends BOT approval of the 2009-2010 Capital Improvement Plan. The motion was seconded by Trustee Eric Shaw. The motion passed unanimously.**

**SP: A-2: Request for Approval of the Short Term Ground Lease with the St. Lucie County School Board for the Marine Oceanographic Academy (MOA) at Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute (HBOI)**

Trustee Janke asked Dr. Shirley Pomponi to present the item to the Strategic Planning Committee. Dr. Pomponi gave background information on the MOA at HBOI. MOA at HBOI is a high school with an integrated curriculum for grades nine through twelve. The program currently has 96 students. The high school base is Westwood High School. The St. Lucie County School Board (SLCSB) compensates FAU for all professional services and facilities fees. For the proposed temporary expansion SLCSB will compensate FAU for impact fees and a ground lease fee. Dr. Pomponi discussed the benefits of the MOA at HBOI. The lease is a short term lease for the July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. Further expansion of the program will be further considered with the strategic plan and master planning process for HBOI. Any recommendations regarding expansion of the program and permanent construction of additional facilities will be brought to the FAU BOT for approval.

Trustee Sherry Plymale asked when the master plan process will take place. Dr. Pomponi responded that the committee will be meeting on June 19 to interview architects that have been short listed for the master planning process. Trustee Plymale asked if the process will take approximately one year. Dr. Pomponi affirmed the process will take approximately one year. Mr. Tom Donaudy added that the process, under the best circumstances from start of the plan to adoption by the BOT, is approximately six to eight months. This will also depend on how quickly administration is able to give the architect feedback on in terms of the academic programs. Trustee Plymale asked when the decision will be made about the high school and how it fits into the master plan process. Trustee Plymale also expressed concern about having a high school at HBOI. President Brogan added that the agreement is a temporary ground lease that allows portables to be placed on a temporary basis at HBOI because the program is currently in place. FAU, HBOI, and SLCSB will discuss the permanent future of the program. Trustee William Bryant asked is it required to have competitive bidding to determine need of a high school with the different school districts in the same service area. President Brogan responded that because FAU and HBOI are regional institutions of research and learning, before entering into a permanent agreement with one school district, there would need to be discussions with surrounding districts to determine need. Trustee Janke confirmed that the SLCSB is paying FAU two thousand dollars a month for the ground lease. Dr. Pomponi added that SLCSB is paying additional fees for use of classrooms, professional services, and impact fees. Trustee Feder asked if what the SLCSB pays covers all cost to run the program. Dr. Pomponi responded the SLCSB is covering any costs for improvement of the area which includes operating costs and clean up costs. Trustee Armand Grossman asked how many students the program will service. Dr. Pomponi stated approximately two hundred students. Dr. Pomponi stated that approval of the short term lease does not commit FAU to the two cohorts. Trustee Janke asked how the 8 portables will fit on the 5000 sf parcel of land. Dr. Pomponi responded that according to the mapping and configuration, the portables will fit and meet spacing criteria. Trustee Plymale asked if the portables will be placed on prime property at HBOI. Dr. Pomponi stated the portables are slated to be placed on the west end of the channel, between the education center and the parking lot. Trustee Thomas Workman asked if FAU would have any liabilities in the event of a hurricane. Dr. Pomponi stated that is correct.

**There was a motion by Trustee Thomas Workman that the Strategic Planning Committee recommend the Board of Trustees approval of a ground lease permitting the St. Lucie County School Board to temporarily expand their Marine Oceanographic Academy**

currently operating at the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at FAU. The motion was seconded by Trustee Armand Grossman. The motion passed unanimously.

**SP: A-3: Request for Approval of a Facilities Use Agreement with Living Room Theaters, Inc.**

Trustee Janke asked Dr. Manjunath Pendakur to present the item to the Strategic Planning Committee. FAU received a gift from Living Room Theaters, Inc. (LRT) in 2006, which was matched by the State last year. The purpose of the gift is to construct a classroom and high-definition digital technology-based movie theatre complex, which will be utilized for teaching courses in film studies by FAU's School of Communication & Multimedia Studies (SCMS). In addition to the construction of the film studies building, the SCMS desires to establish collaboration with an organization that operates digital cinemas to create opportunities for student and faculty research and creative work, and enrich and expand cultural opportunities on campus. The SCMS desires to enter into a long-term collaboration with LRT. In connection with this academic collaboration, FAU shall permit LRT the right to use the film studies facility during non-academic hours for the showing of independent and foreign films for the benefit of students, faculty, staff, and the local community.

President Brogan asked Dr. Pendakur to explain the physical nature of the theater group and FAU, in relation to what will change on the FAU campus. Dr. Pendakur responded that the facility is slated to sit near the performing arts building, adjacent to the art gallery and the University Theater, and the new general classroom building that is being planned. Trustee Janke asked what the seating capacity was for the theatres. Dr. Pendakur stated that the theatres are small, intimate theatres with seating capacities of approximately fifty seats. Trustee Janke asked if film festivals will be held at the LRT. Dr. Pendakur stated that the LRT is interested in holding film festivals. Trustee Janke asked if there was any control of what would be shown at the theatres. Dr. Pendakur replied that the types of films that will be shown will attract students as well as the older population because they would not be able to view those types of films in most commercial theatres. Trustee Eric Shaw asked if the theatre will occupy the new general classroom. Dr. Pendakur clarified that the theatre will be attached to the new general classroom building. Trustee Abraham Cohen asked if the theatre will be accessible to students who are not communication or theatre majors. Dr. Pendakur responded that the LRT is keen in working with a variety of communities, including student clubs.

**There was a motion by Trustee Lalita Janke that the Strategic Planning Committee recommend the Board of Trustees approval of a long-term facilities use agreement with Living Room Theaters, Inc. The motion was seconded by Trustee Armand Grossman. The motion passed unanimously.**

**SP: A-4: Request for Approval of a Commercial Marina Lease at Florida Atlantic University's SeaTech Property**

Trustee Janke asked Dr. Kenneth Jessell to present the item to the Strategic Planning Committee. Dr. Jessell gave the background information regarding the marina facility at FAU's SeaTech campus. The facility is currently in need of renovations that may cost as much as \$5,135,000. The City of Dania Beach would like to repair and renovate the marina but will not do so if their right to run the marina ends January 2013. The City of Dania Beach has asked FAU to transfer FAU's interest in the marina to the City of Dania Beach for a payment of \$346,288. By agreeing to the City of Dania Beach's request, the City will provide renovation and repairs to the marina, allowing the marina to operate, which will be beneficial for the City of Dania Beach and FAU. FAU will also be relieved of its financial obligation to the City of Dania Beach under the terms

of the current ground lease. Trustee Thomas Workman asked what happens at the end of the lease. Dr. Jessell stated in 2046 FAU will have the opportunity to renegotiate the lease at a market value rate. Trustee Workman asked if the repairs will benefit the sea wall at the SeaTech campus. Mr. Tom Donaudy stated that there currently were no significant problems with the sea wall. Trustee Workman commented that it would be less expensive to have any problems repaired while the City of Dania Beach had its equipment working on the marina.

**There was a motion by Trustee Thomas Workman that the Strategic Planning Committee recommend the Board of Trustees approval of terms in concept of agreement between Florida Atlantic University and the City of Dania Beach for Dania to acquire FAU's lease interest in the commercial marina located on FAU's SeaTech property and delegate the authority to the University President the authority to execute an agreement modifying FAU's interest in the SeaTech property. The motion was seconded by Trustee David Feder. The motion passed unanimously.**

The Strategic Planning Committee meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.