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:

Dr. Christopher Beetle, Mr. Michael Cairo, Mr. Daniel Cane, Mr. Shaun Davis, Mr. Michael Dennis, Dr. Malcolm Dorman, Mrs. Mary Beth McDonald, Mr. Robert Rubin, Mr. Robert Stilley, and Mr. Thomas Workman

The following university officials participated: Dr. John Kelly, University President; Mr. David Kian, VP Legal Affairs and General Counsel; Mr. Arthur Kite, Interim VP Financial Affairs and Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Gary Perry, University Provost and Chief Academic Officer; Ms. Stacy Volnick, VP Administrative Affairs & Chief Administrative Officer; and Mr. Andrew LaPlant, BOT Director and Chief Aide.

Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

II. Chair’s Report

Chair Barbar opened by announcing that it is President Kelly’s three-year anniversary and thanking him for his work since arriving to FAU. He welcomed Art Kite and looking forward to Jeff Atwater joining the university as well. He mentioned that he joined President Kelly, Trustee Stilley, and Trustee Cairo in Tallahassee for FAU Day to speak on behalf of the university.
Chair Barbar overviewed Tech Runway’s economic report and its positive impact on the community. In two years, Tech Runway has created 205 jobs, 76 internships, and earned more than 8 million dollars in revenue.

Chair Barbar stated that this is the last meeting for two members of the board. One member is Dr. Christopher Beetle who joined the board in April 2015 and served as the Faculty Senate President. The other member is Mr. Michael Cairo who joined the board in May 2016 as the Student Body President. The FAU Board of Trustees extended sincere thanks to both Trustee Beetle and Trustee Cairo for their services.

III. President’s Report

President Kelly opened his report by extending his gratitude to Trustee Beetle and Trustee Cairo. He also thanked Ryan Britton for his approach to the legislative initiatives. He stated that the strategic plan is moving forward, all four-pillar directors are hired with the arrival of Dr. Anton Post, and all nine platforms are occupied. President Kelly also stated that the amount of undergraduate researchers at FAU has quadrupled over the past four years.

President Kelly mentioned that Jeff Atwater would hold the CFO role at FAU along with putting together strategic alliances. FAU is getting ready to do master planning across all campuses over the next year and a half. FAU is also working on increasing its diversity based on location by recruiting out of state students. President Kelly has called over 150 out of state students this year who have a high school GPA of over 4.0.

Next year, FAU will have at least 16 National Merit Scholars. President Kelly hosted 56 FAU High School students who are in pursuit of a National Merit Scholarship. The goal of FAU is to get to 50 National Merit Scholars over the next two years. FAU will also start its summer express program, which will allow faster graduation times for students. Metrics will be taken for individual colleges to identify their strengths and weaknesses.

President Kelly stated that the Wall Street Journal published an article about FAU as an example of the rise in performance funding. FAU sends 625 personal letters every quarter signed by him.
containing information regarding FAU research grants and articles to donors and specific communities. The university is working to get the football season opener nationally televised.

President Kelly concluded his report by congratulating Chief Brammer on the police contract and appreciated the work of the FAU police department.

IV. Public Comments
No public comments.

V. Approval of the Minutes
A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 24, 2017 meeting minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

VI. Consent Agenda
Chair Barbar stated that all items were discussed and approved unanimously in their respective committee. No trustee asked to pull anything from the consent agenda. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, Strategic Planning and Initiatives Committee, and Personnel and Compensation Committee consent agendas. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

VII. New Business
a. Approval of Naming of University Elements
   1. The Patricia and Gary McKay Tutor Room
      A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Patricia and Gary McKay Tutor Room. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.
   2. The Workman Family Tutor Room
      A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Workman Family Tutor Room. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.
   3. The Elmore Family Foundation Office Space
A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Elmore Family Foundation Office Space. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. BOT Member Comments
Trustee Beetle stated that it was a privilege to be a part of the Board of Trustees and Faculty Senate President. He also thanked each member for volunteering to work in the Board of Trustees. He stated that he ran for Faculty Senate President to work with President Kelly’s administration. Trustee Beetle wanted to build an excellent faculty and involve the faculty in the strategic planning. He hopes that his successor will be able to build a partnership with the student government and the university continues to work together. Trustee Cairo stated that it was an honor to work with the other members of the board and thanked them. He stated that he is proud of the progress that FAU is making and he values his experience as a member of the board. Trustee Rubin congratulated Trustee Cairo and mentioned that it was a pleasure working with him. He also thanked Trustee Beetle for his services and praised Jason Hallstrom for his work on sensing. Trustee Workman stated that it was a pleasure working with Trustee Beetle and Trustee Cairo. Trustee Cane thanked both Trustee Beetle and Trustee Cairo. Trustee Stilley thanked Trustee Cairo stating that he was very committed to his role on the board. He also thanked Trustee Beetle stating how passionate he was about his work with the faculty. Trustee Dennis praised Trustee Beetle and Trustee Cairo. He also praised President Kelly for his nonstop work for FAU, providing an article from the Sun Sentinel written by President Kelly promoting the undergraduate research program. Trustee McDonald stated that it was a pleasure and honor to work with both Trustee Beetle and Trustee Cairo. Trustee Davis also stated that it was a pleasure to work with both departing trustees. He congratulated Art Kite as the newest member of the Executive Leadership Team. He finished by congratulating Chair Barbar on becoming a member of the Orange Bowl committee. Chair Barber concluded the comments stating that he hopes to see everyone at the Gala on April 1.

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