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. Daniel Cane, Dr. Christopher Beetle, Mr. Shaun Davis, Dr. Michael Dennis, Ms. Kathryn Edmunds, Dr. Jeffrey P. Feingold, Mrs. Mary Beth McDonald, Mr. Robert Stilley, Dr. Julius Teske, and Mr. Tom Workman

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

Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

II. Chair’s Report

Chair Barbar asked Ryan Britton, Executive Director of Government Relations, to come and make an announcement. Mr. Britton announced that FAU was nowhere on the governor’s veto list.

Mr. Barbar said on March 1, FAU celebrated the second anniversary of President Kelly’s tenure. He is extremely happy with everything that is going on at FAU. He noted that Dr. Kelly has changed
the game around the state. Dr. Kelly’s Executive Leadership Team was thanked as being part of the change.

III. President’s Report
President Kelly thanked Ryan Britton for his work in Tallahassee and helping to keep FAU off of the veto list. Dr. Kelly is excited for the Board of Governors meeting over the next couple of days. That is where they will unveil the new rankings for the university. He expects FAU to do very well.

FAU is going through an extremely aggressive recruiting strategy. Dr. Kelly has called over 800 high school students. FAU is looking at many strategies. He has asked Dorothy Russell, VP of Financial Affairs, to come up with scholarships and financial aid packages to attract the best and the brightest. The university is starting a B.S. to M.D. program, starting with 10 students this year.

Dr. Kelly spoke about safety on campus. The university is testing an app on cell phones that takes three clicks to alert the police that you are in trouble.

IV. Public Comments
No public comments.

V. Approval of the Minutes
A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 26, 2016 meeting minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

VI. Consent Agenda
a. Approve Naming of University Elements
Chairman Barbar stated that all items were discussed and approved unanimously in their respective committee. No trustee asked to pull anything out of the consent agenda. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Audit & Finance Committee, Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, Strategic Planning Committee and the Personnel and Compensation Committee consent agendas. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

VII. New Business
a. Approval to Move 2016 BOT Retreat Dates to September 26-27
Chair Barbar asked for the retreat to be moved from September 12-13 to September 26-27. A motion was made and seconded for the Approval to Move 2016 BOT Retreat Dates to September 26-27. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. BOT Member Comments
Trustee Cane is excited to be a part of this exciting time at the university. He was thankful the governor’s veto pen did not hit FAU this year. Trustee Moabery said the governor is extremely happy with FAU and the direction the university is going. That’s the reason why the veto pen didn’t come out. Trustee Beetle enjoyed the discussion earlier on online learning. The support of the board will be critical when that time comes. Trustee Edmunds said the students are excited to be at FAU. This will be her last board meeting. She thanked everyone for the opportunity and she feels privileged. Trustee Workman said he was glad he is not entering college at this time. He welcomed Trustee Davis to the board. Trustee Stilley said he always knew we had a great team at FAU, they just needed a great leader. They have one now. Trustee Feingold welcomed Trustee Davis to the board. He is pleased the metrics are going higher. FAU should always be striving to be better. It takes three things: passion, intellect and drive. Never sit on your laurels. He wants to be in the top two of the state. Trustee McDonald mentioned Trustee Edmunds will be sorely missed. She represented the students so well, including in Tallahassee. Trustee Dennis liked the Provost Perry’s numbers for the metrics. He hopes the provost is correct. Speaking of unbridled ambition, Dr. Dennis received a text from President Kelly at 4:43 a.m. That shows his dedication to this university and it truly feels like, “we have only just begun”. Trustee Davis is even more excited than this morning to be on this board. He liked that the president spoke about safety on campus. That will be one of his top priorities on the board. Mr. Davis didn’t think anything was broke, but anything the university can do to be better, he is behind. He would also like to see more of a footprint in Broward County. Trustee Teske thanked the staff for all their hard work. Being on the board five years, he noticed the teamwork has improved greatly.

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