



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 19, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Boca Raton Campus – Administration Building**  
**Dr. Jeffrey P. & Barbara S. Feingold Board of Trustees Room**  
**777 Glades Road, Boca Raton, Florida 33431**

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**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. Daniel Cane, Dr. Michael Dennis, Ms. Kathryn Edmunds, Dr. Jeffrey Feingold, Mrs. Mary Beth McDonald, Mr. Abdol Moabery, Mr. Robert Rubin, Mr. Robert Stilley, Mr. Paul Tanner, Dr. Julius Teske and Mr. Thomas 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 introduced two new trustees, Dr. Christopher Beetle, University Faculty Senate President, and Ms. Kathryn Edmunds, Student Government President. Barbar asked both to give brief introductions to the board.

Chair Barbar recognized former trustee Mr. David Feder, who served on the board from 2005-2015. After given a University Resolution and a plaque to commemorate his time, Feder gave some brief remarks about the past ten years on the board.

FAU's commencement ceremonies were held earlier this month. The university had its largest graduating class ever with 3,268 students receiving degrees. FAU also held its first commencement for medical degrees. Mr. Richard Schmidt was honored with the President's Service Medallion at the ceremony.

FAU's baseball team has stayed in the top 25 for most of the year. Their next series will be against Old Dominion. The softball team made the NCAA Regionals. They lost in the final game to the No. 1 overall seed Florida in Gainesville. Barbar congratulated the team on a wonderful season.

Yesterday was the Board of Governors meeting in Orlando. The subject was public-private partnerships. They are trying to develop a process for the universities to use.

### **III. President's Report**

President Kelly started his report by saying how important the role of a mentor is to students. He and Provost Gary Perry saw many instances of mentorship regarding the role of a faculty member, administrator, staff member or a peer helping a student. Sixty-percent of the medical school's graduating class went to top-50 U.S. News universities.

President Kelly recognized the FAU Racing Team. They are led by faculty member Dr. Javad Hashemi. Dr. Hashemi won this year's Distinguished Teacher of the Year award. The team went to Michigan and beat some top schools around the country.

President Kelly acknowledged Chad Corsey who made a 3D hand. It was featured in the Sun-Sentinel and a report on Channel 7 in Miami.

Promotion and tenure background materials for faculty recently awarded tenure were given to the board. President Kelly certified that all faculty who earned tenure had done so in accordance with the BOT's regulation governing promotion and tenure.

#### **IV. Public Comments**

No public comments.

#### **V. Approval of the Minutes**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 24, 2015 meeting minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **VI. Consent Agenda**

Chairman Barbar stated that all items were discussed and approved unanimously in their respective committee. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs consent agenda. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **VII. Action Agenda**

##### **a. Approval of Proposed Regulation 8.001, Tuition, Fee Schedule and Percentage of Cost**

VP of Financial Affairs Dorothy Russell presented a three-percent increase in the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine resident matriculation fee. The university is recommending an increase in the Financial Aid fee to 5% of matriculation for both resident and non-resident in accordance with Florida Statute 1009.24. Trustee Feingold asked how much is being raised for the medical school. Russell responded that they have about three-million dollars in endowment money. Dr. Feingold would like to raise the out-of-state tuition to make up any cost differences. Dr. Dennis said three-percent raise is critical in terms of the LCME accreditation. Trustee Moabery asked if there was a comparison with other universities. Russell replied our out-of-state tuition is 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in the state. Trustee Tanner asked if international students pay the same as out-of-state students. Russell said yes. Tanner followed-up with a question is the increase needed to keep the med school where we want it to be. Russell said we are priced right in comparison to other SUS universities. Tanner asked will we need to do this again in 12 months. Russell said the Chancellor of the State of Florida asked to keep the increases minimal. Trustee Cane asked if we should be making cuts this year. Russell said we are below budget on expense, because of vacancies, so we will not need to cut anything this year. Trustee Stilley said the philanthropy and research will continue to grow as the school is very young. Trustee McDonald said we are talking about an increase of \$709. Things

increase all the time. Trustee Edmunds asked about how the increases will help the students financially. Russell responded that they will go to financial aid grants and beefing up software and technology. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the Proposed Regulation 8.001, Tuition, Fee Schedule and Percentage of Cost. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

**b. Approval of Market Rate Programs:**

- a) **MS in Information Technology Management (Business)**
- b) **MS in Bioengineering (Engineering)**
- c) **MS in Computer Science (Engineering)**
- d) **MS in Nursing-Family Nurse Practitioner (Nursing)**

Associate Provost Dr. Russ Ivy presented the Approval of Market Rate Programs. He said the Florida Board of Governors Regulation 7.001 sets the regulation for these programs. Dean Gropper spoke about the MS in Information Technology Management. Trustee Cane asked about previous market rate programs and how they are doing. Gropper said they are doing very well and have hit all the targets they have set. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the Market Rate Programs. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

**c. Approval of Annual FAU Work Plan**

Provost Gary Perry presented provided background for the 2015 FAU Work Plan. Although this was presented a month ago, there were some minor changes he wanted to show the board. Perry went through some of the number changes. Trustee Cane asked why the big change in percentage of graduate degrees in STEM and Health. Perry said the BOG has now included health, whereas before, it was just STEM. Trustee Feingold asked about the makeup of the new student body. Perry responded that we are expecting about 3,400 new students to enroll. The average grade-point-average is 3.8, which is higher than last year. The graduation rate increased by 5% in the BOG metric. We would like to see that up to 60-percent over the next five years. Trustee Teske asked how many of those that have given deposits will go into the jump start program. Perry said with the increase in our GPA requirements, we are looking to change the jump start program. We are hoping to decrease the graduation time in the future. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the Annual FAU Work Plan. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **d. Approval of Improvement Plan Final Monitoring Report**

Provost Gary Perry presented the final report of the performance improvement plan. This is the final report to get back the \$3.5 million withheld by the BOG that will be presented at the June BOG meeting. It's in the same format as the first improvement plan given to the board in December. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the Improvement Plan Final Monitoring Report. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

### **VIII. New Business**

#### **a. Approval of Amendments to FAU Foundation Bylaws**

VP of Legal Affairs, Mr. David Kian, presented the amendments to FAU Foundation Bylaws. Kian explained the board is required to approve the amendments to the direct support organizations. He went on to explain the seven items that were amended. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the FAU Foundation Bylaws. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **b. Athletics Update**

VP of Athletics, Mr. Patrick Chun, gave an informational update regarding athletics. Chun went over departmental goals, enhancing leadership, compliance, attendance, cost saving measures, increasing electronic media, showcasing the stadium, increasing corporate sponsorship, creating an internship program, increasing donors, and athletic award winners. Trustee Tanner is impressed and gave an example of how hard Mr. Chun is working to increase the success of the athletic program. Trustee Feingold said Mr. Chun was a breath of fresh air.

#### **c. Boca Raton Bowl Update**

Mr. Doug Mosely, Executive Director of the Boca Raton Bowl, gave a review and update of the Boca Raton Bowl. Mr. Mosely went over the 2014 game between the Northern Illinois and Marshall, the executive committee of the bowl game and the 2015 game.

### **IX. Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **X. BOT Member Comments**

Trustee Teske congratulated President Kelly and the staff for doing a great job. Trustee McDonald said FAU is well on its way to becoming a great university. Trustee Feingold noted that every year FAU is making progress. Feingold said accolades are what we are really here to do. Trustee Tanner read an article in the Wall Street Journal about the privatization of public schools. Tanner was happy the board discussed the importance of access to everyone. Trustee Stilley was proud of the board for the discussion. Stilley congratulated the softball team for a great season and almost beating the No. 1 seed. Trustee Cane says it takes great vision to build a world class institution, but also spectacular execution. Cane thanked Provost Perry and his staff for doing a great job in executing. Trustee Workman recognized the faculty and staff for the improvement FAU has been making. Trustee Moabery welcomed the new trustees and thanked Pat Chun for an outstanding report to the board. Moabery said the billboard on I95 has increased awareness of the Sports Management program. Trustee Rubin said the staff has really stepped up in getting the university to the next level. Trustee Edmunds is extremely proud to be an Owl. Edmunds said other schools are excited to see what FAU is doing. Trustee Beetle liked that Pat Chun highlighted compliance and that GPA's are going up in the athletic department.

## **XI. Adjournment**

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