



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, November 15, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Boca Raton Campus**  
**Marleen and Harold Forkas Alumni Center, Great Hall**  
**777 Glades Road**  
**Boca Raton, FL 33431**

Chair Robert Stilley convened the full board meeting of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees with the following members participating:

Vice Chair Anthony Barbar, Mr. David Feder, Dr. Jeffrey Feingold, Dr. Angela Graham-West, Mr. Robert Huffman, Dr. William McDaniel, Mr. Abdol Moabery, Mrs. Sherry Plymale, Mr. Robert Rubin, Mr. Paul Tanner, Dr. Julius Teske, and Mr. Thomas Workman.

The following university officials participated:

Dr. Mary Jane Saunders, University President; Dr. Diane Alperin, Associate Provost; Mr. David Kian, General Counsel; Mr. Dennis Crudele, Senior Vice President for Financial Affairs; Dr. Barry Rosson, Vice President of Research and Dean of the Graduate College; Dr. Charles Brown, Sr. Vice President of Student Affairs; Dr. Jennifer O’Flannery-Anderson, Vice President of Community Engagement and Executive Director, FAU Foundation, Inc.; Mr. Ron Bulger, Executive Administrator and BOT Liaison; and Andrew LaPlant, BOT Coordinator.

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**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair Robert Stilley convened the full board meeting. Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

**II. Chair’s Report**

Chair Stilley started his report by saying over 700 people attended the gala. FAU grossed over \$434,000, which goes to the President’s Scholarship Challenge, helping over 100 students in financial need.

Stilley congratulated Head Football Coach Carl Pelini on the football team's best performance of the season with a win over Western Kentucky.

The Board of Trustees Holiday Party is scheduled for Thursday, December 13 at 5:30 pm at the Baldwin House. Commencement is coming up on December 6-7. Trustees are scheduled to speak at all ceremonies. Dr. Joan and Bernard Chodorkoff and Mr. Jay Salkini will be awarded Honorary Doctorates. Dr. Claudia Hillinger will be awarded the President's Distinguished Service Medallion. Later today the board will be having lunch with the FAU Foundation Board. The foundation started in 1961. With inadequate funding, local banker Tom Fleming helped FAU in building the University you see today. In its first three years, Mr. Fleming got donations of more than three times the amount of state funding for the foundation. The foundation currently has an endowment that exceeds more than 170 million dollars. The current chair is Mr. Randy Justice.

Stilley spoke of how pleased he was with Dr. Jennifer O'Flannery-Anderson and Dr. Barry Rosson's reports on Community Engagement and Research, respectively. He made it a priority when he became chair two years ago and they have met the goals thus far.

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

President Saunders started with the BOG meeting held at New College in Sarasota last week. Trustee Tom Workman represented the board at the meeting. She passed out a few of the reports the BOG went over. They include the Blue Ribbon Task Force, the Facilities Task Force, Performance-Based Funding in the United States, and the PowerPoint presentations given at the meeting. Saunders said Governor Rick Scott spoke for an hour on having a stronger higher education system. He talked about his desire to keep tuition increases at zero. There is a discrepancy with the task force report and the governor's message. The task force noted the state needs flexible tuition and having tuition differential with certain degrees. She said this is a very important dialogue for the board and the university to have with our state leaders and community.

The Facilities Task Force went over the PECO funds for the universities. To put in perspective, there was over 600-million dollars to distribute in 2008. Today, we are at 37 million, with a projection of zero in 2013-14.

The bonding was approved at the BOG meeting for our new parking garage.

FAU is designated as a military-friendly school. Only 15-percent of America's schools have that designation.

Dr. Charles Brown has created a position for Assistant Dean for Military and Veterans Affairs and appointed Mr. Dylan Reyes-Cairo. He is a retired Army captain who was awarded medals for his service in Afghanistan. He spent over 20 years in uniform and has experience in providing educational counseling to active military and was most recently a military and financial aid officer at Kaplan University.

United Way is the university's primary charity. Dr. O'Flannery-Anderson and Mr. Ron Bulger chaired this year's campaign. The campaign raised over \$58,000 to give to our local community. FAU held a MedUTech panel discussion. Local foundations discussed quantitative skills, especially math in K-12 and how to work on the statewide math standards.

Some faculty achievements include:

- Dr. Margaret Leinen, executive director of HBOI, has been named President-Elect of The American Geo-Physical Union, which has over 61,000 members.
- Political Science Professor, Dr. Jeffrey Morton, was awarded the Foreign Policy Association medal. Previous honorees include Bill Clinton and Colin Powell.
- Dr. Kate Detweiler was recognized as part of a research team that identified a new species of African monkey in the Congo.

Lastly, she recognized all of the FAU faculty for stepping up to having a summer session that served almost the same amount of students as last year following all of the budget cuts. The end result saved about 80 jobs here at the university.

#### **IV. Approval of the Minutes**

**A motion was made a seconded to approve the June 19, 2012 meeting minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made a seconded to approve the September 10-11, 2012 meeting minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made a seconded to approve the October 18, 2012 meeting minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **V. Consent Agenda**

Chairman Stilley stated that all items have been discussed and approved in their respective committee. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the Audit & Finance Committee and**

**Committee on Academic and Student Affairs consent agendas. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

## **VI. Old Business**

## **VII. New Business**

### **a. Discussion and Approval of Proposed 2013 BOT Calendar**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2013 BOT Calendar. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

### **b. Approval of First Amendment to Amended and Restated Campus Development Agreement with the City of Boca Raton**

Mr. Tom Donaudy spoke about a couple of the changes to the CDA including an increase the number of events allowed at the football stadium. The City of Boca Raton has approved this amendment already.

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the First Amendment to Amended and Restated Campus Development Agreement with the City of Boca Raton. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

## **VIII. BOT Member Comments**

Trustee McDaniel wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. Trustee Huffman thanked President Saunders and staff for hosting a successful gala. The students are having a 24-hour tailgate for the FIU game starting at 8pm tonight. It will also raise funds for the Red Cross Hurricane Sandy relief fund. The Boca Raton student council just approved a measure to renovate the all-night study area. Trustee Moabery is thrilled about the Veterans Affairs division, having attended FAU on the GI Bill himself. The gala went very well and will become the ticket you can't get one day. Trustee Workman enjoyed the Board of Governors meeting last week. It will be interesting to see what the new members will bring to the table. Trustee Barbar appreciates the foresight of the previous boards to make FAU more of a traditional campus. The gala was extremely well done and made him very proud to be affiliated with the university. President Saunders noted that thanks go to Stacy Volnick for heading up the gala this year. Trustee Plymale loves the transformation of the stadium tower for the gala. Trustee Rubin commented on how pleased he is with the university's relationship with the city. We need to keep that positive relationship going. Trustee Feder asked Athletic Director Pat

Chun on how to bring more fans to the stadium. Mr. Chun gave examples of ways to bring in more fans, including winning, playing higher quality opponents at home and getting the word out in the community better. Trustee Feingold thanked everyone for a great gala and Trustee Plymale for all her years of service. Trustee Tanner apologized for not being at the gala, but was resting for an iron-man triathlon the next day. Trustee Teske is happy FAU is getting a new parking garage to relieve some of the stress on students. He offered his assistance for any of the veteran's affairs issues on campus.

#### **IX. Public Comments**

Mr. Herbert Adams spoke about the climate towards veterans at FAU. He gave a brief background on himself, including being a student and a part of the VeteranOwls. He has seen good things happen around campus. The Office of Student Affairs go above and beyond to help veterans and he is glad FAU hired an new Assistant Dean for Veterans Affairs. He is concerned about the 10-credit maximum FAU gives for Military Service School toward admission. He said looking at other schools websites and some give up to 30 credits or no maximum at all. Trustee Teske noted he didn't think the university makes that decision and the state makes the regulation. Mr. Adams said he wasn't sure since other universities are different. Trustee McDaniel said the university will take a careful look at the issue. Trustee Stilley gave his commitment the university will take a look at the issue and get back to the board at a future meeting.

#### **X. Adjournment**

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