



Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 16, 2011 – 10:00 a.m.
Fort Lauderdale Campus
Higher Education Complex
111 E. Las Olas Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

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

Mr. David Feder, Dr. Jeffrey Feingold, Mr. Ayden Maher, Dr. William McDaniel, 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, Senior Vice President for Strategic Relations & General Counsel; Mr. Dennis Crudele, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration; Dr. Charles Brown, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs; Dr. Gitanjali Kaul, Vice President for Strategic Planning & Information Technology and Dr. Barry Rosson, Vice President of Research and Dean of the Graduate College.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

II. Chair's Report

Trustee Stilley remarked that the 50th Anniversary Gala went well. It tied into the community engagement aspect that the board wants to see. The gala raised more than \$500,000. He noted that he and President Saunders have met with many CEOs of companies, including the MedUTech Conference at the Boca Raton Hotel.

The FAU Stadium is a wonderful way to showcase FAU to potential donors. Trustee Stilley noted that when he went through the President's Box and the other boxes, he couldn't have imagined how great it turned out when the board approved it.

FAU hosted the Board of Governors meeting last week and the comments have been phenomenal. The dinner for the trustees after the meeting was our first time hosting one. It's a first step for what can be created for the trustees throughout the SUS.

Trustee Stilley wanted to thank the other trustees for allowing him to be chair. This is his most rewarding volunteer experience.

III. President's Report

President Saunders highlighted some of the new administrators coming to FAU. Dr. Jennifer O'Flannery Anderson will come aboard to replace Randy Talbot, who is retiring in December. Dr. O'Flannery Anderson got her Ph.D from FAU and has been the CEO of United Way of Broward County. We are also rebranding that position as the Vice President for Community Engagement, as well as Executive Director of the FAU Foundation.

Dean Michael Friedland of the medical school will be stepping down in December. Dr. David Bjorkman has accepted our offer to become dean. He is currently Dean of Medicine at the University of Utah.

2,342 students will graduate at fall commencement. Our graduates range from an 82-year old woman graduating from the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters to a 19-year old woman graduating from FAU High School and getting her bachelor's degree in accounting. Our honorary doctorates include Dr. Michael Posner, a distinguished brain scientist from the University of Oregon and Mr. Ralph de la Vega, a 1974 graduate of FAU, and CEO of AT&T Mobility and Consumer Markets. The President's Distinguished Service Medallion will be given to Shawn Friedkin, the founder of Stand Among Friends, and to Nancy Blosser, previous chair and trustee of the FAU Board of Trustees.

President Saunders spoke about the letter from Governor Scott dated October 13th asking questions about the University. Dr. Gitanjali Kaul did an excellent job leading the response. The booklet containing the response was given to each board member and includes all the links to the university website where they can find the information.

Governor Scott had also written to the presidents and board of trustees of the State University System about the Texas education plan. He was asking about accountability, driving students to the S.T.E.M. disciplines and suggestions as to how to move the university in a particular direction. The Board of Governors convened a work group of a few of the presidents and a member of that board to assess similar issues. A presentation from that work group was given to the Board of Governors at their most recent meeting. One of the issues identified was the funding model for public universities in Florida. It appears that model may change from the current headcount model to an outcome-based model. Such a change could have significant consequences for FAU.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the May 18, 2011 meeting minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the June 15, 2011 meeting minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 27-28, 2011 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 committees. **With no further discussion or amendments, a motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.**

VI. Old Business

There was no old business.

VII. New Business –

a. Discussion and Approval of Proposed 2012 BOT Calendar

Chairman Stilley started a discussion with the board about the proposed 2012 BOT Calendar. It was determined Thursday was easier to meet for the board than Wednesday.

A motion was made and seconded to suspend the notice requirement for an amendment to the Board’s Operating Policies and Procedures. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to amend Section 6.2 of the Board’s Operating Policies and Procedures by (i) deleting the third sentence that requires Wednesday meetings and (ii) by changing the word “less” to “fewer” in the first sentence. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Thursday calendar schedule that was provided in the Board’s backup material. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

b. Technical Amendment to President’s Employment Contract

The general counsel’s office has confirmed that the proposed amendment conforms with all federal and state laws and maintains the president’s overall compensation package exactly at the same dollar amount that the board agreed to when it approved her original contract.

A motion was made and seconded to amend Section 7.2 the President’s Employment Agreement in the manner provided in the backup material. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. BOT Member Comments

Trustee Teske noted he like the way the University handles the Student Code of Conduct on campus. Trustee Tanner commented on how great the effect the stadium has had on the mood of the campus. Trustee Rubin had a great time at the Gala and stated it was a great starting point for fundraising with high net-worth people. He chaired a 5K with the FAU CARD center that had 1,033 runners.

Trustee Feingold thanked the administration and staff for a great job on the Gala. He will be going to Israel with Governor Scott in December to see if FAU can have any roles with universities in the country. Trustee Feder echoed the others comments on the great year at FAU. He doesn't want the university to be complacent, and urges the administration to get the good news out about the university. Trustee Workman commended the staff and president for the Gala. The president pointed out Carolyn Stewart and Stacey Volnick who were integral in making it a special occasion. Trustee McDaniel said he talked with Dr. Michael Harris who chairs FAU's anthropology department and noted they have done a great job. Trustee Maher commented that we shouldn't devalue arts and letters degrees.

IX. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

X. Adjournment

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