



Item: CG: A-M

COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

SUBJECT: ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 4, 2019 MINUTES

PROPOSED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Initiate roll call to document member participation, ensure quorum, and approve the minutes of June 4, 2020 meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mrs. Mary Beth McDonald, Chair _____

Mr. Robert Rubin, Vice Chair _____

Mr. Kevin Buchanan _____

Mr. Shaun Davis, (Ex-Officio) _____

Dr. Michael Dennis _____

Dr. Malcolm Dorman _____

Mr. Brad Levine _____

Mr. Abdol Moabery, (Ex-Officio) _____

PARTICIPATING BOT MEMBERS

Mr. Brent Burns _____

Dr. Jeffrey Feingold _____

Ms. Elycia Morris _____

Mr. Robert Stilley _____

Dr. Kevin Wagner _____



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Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2019

CG: A-M Roll Call:

Trustee Robert Rubin, Committee Vice Chair called the meeting to order and initiated the roll call. In addition to Trustee Rubin, the following committee members were present: Trustee Anthony Barbar (Chair), Trustee Abdol Moabery (Vice Chair), Trustee Robert Rubin, Trustee Dr. Malcolm Dorman, Dr. Brad Levine, Mr. Kevin Buchanan and Trustee Mary Beth McDonald, Committee Chair and Trustee Michael Dennis, as a call ins.

Other Trustees attending the meeting included; Dr. Kevin Wagner, Trustee , Trustee Shawn Davis, Trustee Brent Burns, Trustee Robert Stilley, and Trustee Dr. Jeffrey Feingold as a call in. A quorum was present and the committee was called to order.

The following university officials participated: Ms. Danita Nias, Vice President for Institutional Advancement and CEO of FAU Foundation, Inc. and Mr. Ryan Brittan, Executive Director of Government Relations

CG: A-1 Approval of Naming Elements:

- Abessinio Court
- Diane More and Family Office
- Danny More Recruiting Coordinator's Office
- Rubin and Cindy Gruber Sandbox

Trustee Rubin invited Ms. Danita Nias, VP for Institutional Advancement and CEO of FAU Foundation, Inc. to approach the podium.

VP Nias

Ms. Danita Nias, VP for Institutional Advancement and CEO of FAU Foundation asked the Board of Trustee's Community and Governmental Relations Committee Member to approve the naming of the following University Elements:

- **“Abessinio Court”**

- The donors, Rocco A. and Mary Abessinio Foundation, Inc. are donating Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) for a recognition opportunity by naming the basketball court within the FAU Arena (“The Burrow”).

Trustee Rubin called for a motion to approve. A motion was made and seconded to approve without change or correction. No discussion or commentary followed. The motion passed unanimously.

- **“Diane More and Family Office”**

- The donors, Daniel More and Donna More are donating One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (105,000) for a recognition opportunity by naming an Executive Education Office within the Schmidt Family Complex for Academic and Athletic Excellence.

Trustee Rubin called for a motion to approve. A motion was made and seconded to approve without change or correction. No discussion or commentary followed. The motion passed unanimously.

- **“Danny More Recruiting Coordinator’s Office”**

- The donor, Daniel More is donating Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for a recognition opportunity by naming a Recruiting Coordinator’s Office within the Schmidt Family Complex for Academic and Athletic Excellence.

Trustee Rubin called for a motion to approve. A motion was made and seconded to approve without change or correction. No discussion or commentary followed. The motion passed unanimously.

- **“Rubin and Cindy Gruber Sandbox”**

- The donors, Rubin and Cindy Gruber are donating Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for a recognition opportunity of space within the FAU S.E. Wimberly Library on the Boca Raton campus to be used by the Machine Perception and Cognitive Robotics Lab.

Trustee Rubin called for a motion to approve. A motion was made and seconded to approve without change or correction. No discussion or commentary followed. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Rubin then called for Ryan Britton to approach the podium for an update on Governmental Relations.

CG: I-1 Update on Legislative Session ...Mr. Ryan Britton, Executive Director of Government Relations

Mr. Britton presented a midyear update to the Board. On the state level the 2019 legislative session has completed and a number of bills are awaiting action by Governor DeSantis, the federal fiscal year 2020 appropriations process is underway, and locally engagement continues with local county and municipal governments as well as the business community.

The legislative session resulted in a \$91.1 billion dollar budget with the State University System portion being \$5.1 billion which is a 1.4% increase over last year's funding. Performance based funding was \$560 million flat funded (\$265 state investment, \$295 institutional investment) from last year, there was a base budget reduction of \$35 million, no tuition increase, \$84.4 million for fixed capital outlay, \$0 for university maintenance and repair and \$44 million for CITF projects which are paid for by student fees. The following are FAU fixed capital outlay (PECO) and operational funding priorities:

FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY (PECO)

- Jupiter Research Building Project Completion
 - \$35 mil Total Project Cost / \$12.9 mil previously funded / \$22.1 mil remaining request
 - **Final budget allocation \$11 million nonrecurring**
- A.D. Henderson / FAU High
 - \$52.5 mil Total Project Cost / 2019 Request - \$10 mil
 - **Final budget allocation \$11.5 million nonrecurring**

OPERATIONAL FUNDING

- FAU100 – Request \$16.3 mil operational recurring
 - **Final budget allocation \$12 million recurring**
- Max Planck Scientific Fellowship (pass through program to Max Planck)
 - **Final budget allocation \$750,000 nonrecurring**

A list summary of legislation that is related to higher education was given, out of the list SB 190 Higher Education Omnibus was one of the larger bills passed which requires the BOG to develop and annually deliver a training program for trustees, establishes the 2+2 targeted pathway program to improve student retention and graduation, increases the excess credit

hours surcharge threshold from 110 to 120 percent, authorizes universities and colleges to use carry forward funds for operations/maintenance, requires the BOG and State Board of Education to develop a points-based methodology to rank PECO projects, and lastly changes to the Bright Futures program which now revises examination score requirements for award eligibility to align the SAT and ACT examination scores with the SAT national percentile rank.

Federal research priorities continue to move forward. The House will be considering appropriations bills through the month of June while the Senate is just beginning their FY2020 appropriation markup process. FAU's FY2020 research priorities include:

- Warm Water Marine Aquaculture
- National Mesonet Program
- Harmful Algal Blooms
- Marine Hydrokinetic Energy
- Quantum Computing and Sensing

In closing Mr. Britton gave an overview of things that the Government Relations department continues to be involved in such as local support of Tech Runway, I-Sense partnership, FAU delegation on Gov. DeSantis' Israel trip, Dr. Sullivan appointed to Gov. DeSantis's Blue Green Algae Task Force, Senate President Galvano's visit to SeaVenture and Congresswoman Wasserman Schultz's annual citizenship awards luncheon. Things are going very well and would not happen if not for the support of the Board and devotion of our delegation. Speaker Magar along with Representative Caruso, Senator Book and our entire delegation were there every step of the way committed to our story and carried it to leadership. It was truly a team effort.

With no questions put forth, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the committee meeting. The motion to adjourn was approved.