



Item: CG: A-M

**COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, June 7, 2022**

**SUBJECT: ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 5, 2022 MINUTES**

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Initiate roll call to document member participation, ensure quorum, and approve the minutes of April 5, 2022 meeting.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mrs. Linda Stoch, Chair	___
Mrs. Barbara Feingold, Vice Chair	___
Mr. Pierce Kennamer	___
Mr. Brad Levine, ex-officio	___
Ms. Elycia Morris	___

**PARTICIPATING BOT MEMBERS**

Mr. Brent Burns	___
Mr. Piero Bussani	___
Mr. Daniel Cane	___
Mr. Shaun Davis	___
Dr. Kimberly Dunn	___
Mr. Earnie Ellison	___
Mrs. Sherry Murphy	___



## COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

### Minutes of April 5, 2022 Meeting

#### CG: A-1 Roll Call:

Chair Earnie Ellison (Chair) called the meeting to order and initiated the roll call. In addition to Trustee Earnie Ellison (Chair), the following committee members were present: Trustee Anthony Barbar, Trustee Barbara Feingold, Trustee Brad Levine, Trustee Linda Stoch, Trustee Maxwell Simonson, Trustee Brent Burns, Trustee Piero Bussani, Trustee Daniel Cane, Trustee Shaun Davis, Trustee Kimberly Dunn, Trustee Elycia Morris, Trustee Sherry Murphy.

**A quorum was present and the committee was called to order.**

Trustee Earnie Ellison (Chair) noted that he attended his first Gala and that it was done well and complimented President Kelly, Chris Delisio and his staff on the Gala and that he is proud to be a part of such a organization doing wonderful things with the community.

**Trustee Earnie Ellison asked for a motion to accept the minutes, the motion was seconded and passed.**

The following university officials participated: Mr. Chris Delisio, Vice President for Institutional Advancement and CEO of FAU Foundation, Inc.

#### CG: A-1 Recommend Naming Elements:

- "Harvey Sandler and Lewis Katz Conference Room"
- "Alan B. and Charna Larkin American Presidential Study"
- "Phyllis and Harvey Sandler Cardio Deck"

Trustee Earnie Ellison (Chair) invited Mr. Chris Delisio, VP for Institutional Advancement and CEO of FAU Foundation, Inc. to address the Board.

VP Delisio.

Mr. Chris Delisio, 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:

1. Harvey Sandler and Lewis Katz Conference Room

Ricky Sandler is wanting to honor his late father, Harvey Sandler, and father-in-law Lewis Katz by naming the a room at the Phyllis and Harvey Sandler School of Social Work. His gift of \$38,000 gift will be recognized by naming of the conference room on the first floor of the Harvey and Phyllis Sandler School of Social Work the "Harvey Sandler and Lewis Katz Conference Room."

**Trustee Earnie Ellison (Chair) 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.**

2. Alan B. and Charna Larkin American Presidential Study

Charna Larkin, a long time supporter of FAU, has provided a \$617,000 blended gift to the library. Her gift consists of a gift-in-kind valued at \$367,000, which came in the form of a presidential letter collection; and a \$250,000 cash gift to fund renovations to the space where the letters will be housed in the library. Any funds not used for the renovation will be placed in an endowed fund to support the collection in the future. Ms. Larkin's \$617,000 gift will be recognized by the naming of the "Alan B. and Charna Larkin American Presidential Study" in the library located on the Boca Raton campus.

**Trustee Earnie Ellison (Chair) 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.**

3. Phyllis and Harvey Sandler Cardio Deck

As a part of the Sandler Family Foundation's prior gift of \$7M to support the School of Social Work, \$250,000 was for the naming of the student athlete lounge within the Schmidt Family

Complex. The donor wishes to exchange the name previously approved for the “Phyllis and Harvey Sandler Cardio Deck” located within the Schmidt Family Complex.

**Trustee Earnie Ellison (Chair) 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.**

Chris Delisio provided details on additional philanthropic gifts which were recently received:

- Let’s Have a Smile Fund supporting the Kelly/Strul Emerging Scholars Fund - \$6.5M
- Evelyn Weinberger – Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing Scholarships -\$1M+
- Ann and John Wood – Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine - \$800,000 for scholarships
- The Schmidt Family Foundation – Athletics - \$670,000 to create a Director of Athletics Mental Health Services position and establish an FAU Athletics Mental Health Fund

Chris Delisio provided a fund raising update and shared that Fund Raising Dashboard.

Chris Delisio provided a Campaign update and shared that within the next 10 months are hoping to be able to move to the public phase of the Campaign. He also mentioned that the branding of the Campaign, the official announcement of the Campaign (hoping to be one that coincides with a historical FAU date) and volunteer structure are all being worked on and will be shared with the Board as soon as final determinations are made.

Chris Delisio provided insights on past/future events:

Grand Opening of the Phyllis and Harvey Sandler School of Social Work – occurred after having been delayed due to COVID

2022 FAU President’s Gala – was a great success, and had great success with all University partners

Fireside Chat with Mr. Leon Cooperman – Mr. Cooperman spoke with our Kelly Strul students and the talk was recognized by the Washington Post soon after the event, mentioning that Mr. Cooperman was on our campus speaking to our students

Horizon Society Luncheon on April 7 – we are hosting our donors who have include FAU in their estate plans, and shared the invite to the members to attend as well

2022 Hall of Fame & Distinguished Alumni Award Ceremony and Reception on May 4

A question was directed to Chris Delisio as to the total cleared from the Gala and Chris Delisio confirmed that the numbers were still being calculated, and Stacy Volnick contributed that it is approximately between \$300,000 and \$350,00 each year.

Ryan Britton was then called to speak on behalf of Governmental Relations.

### **Information Agenda**

CG: I – 1 Legislative Update ...Mr. Ryan Britton, Executive Director, Government Relations

Mr. Britton provided a brief midyear update on the university's government relations efforts at the state, federal and local levels.

Federal Fiscal Year 2023 appropriations process is just getting underway. VP Flynn and Mr. Britton have meetings scheduled with members of the congressional delegation to begin setting the stage for the appropriations cycle. On the local level, engagement continues with local county and municipal governments as well as the business community.

The following shows the financial context of where FAU has been the past two years on the state level as well as the budget passed during the 2022 Legislative Session.

### **Financial Context**

- 2020 Projections - Significant State Revenue Shortfalls (\$5+ billion over 2 years)
- 2021 Early Projections – Improving economy and state revenues but still facing significant shortfalls (\$3.3 billion over 2 years)
- 2022 Actual – Continued improvement across economic sectors in FL was further enhanced by the American Rescue Plan and federal healthcare funding

### **2022 Legislative Session**

2022 General Appropriations Act - \$112.1 billion

SUS Budget - \$5.6 bil (\$613 mil – 12.9% increase over 2021)

- Board of Governors' Pillars of Excellence
  - Performance Funding
  - Preeminence Funding
  - Universities of Distinction
- No tuition increase

- \$46 mil to reward and incentivize nursing production
- \$44.7 mil for CITF projects
- \$564 mil for university PECO projects (81.4% to UF, FSU, USF)
- \$443 mil to address Critical Deferred Maintenance PECO (65.8% to UF, FSU, USF)

There has been a disconnect between what the Board of Governors identifies as priorities versus what the legislator wants to invest in, the following table highlights the comparison of what the requests were and what the legislature deemed important to invest in.

### 2022 Board of Governors Request

#### Pillars of Excellence

Category	Board Request	GAA Pre-Vetoes
<b>Performance-Based Funding</b>	<b>\$280,000,000</b>	<b>\$265,000,000</b> (flat funded)
<b>Preeminence/National Ranking</b>	<b>\$150,000,000</b>	<b>\$11,000,000*</b> (only USF)
<b>Universities of Distinction</b>	<b>\$87,129,121</b>	<b>\$0</b>

#### Other Initiatives

Category	Board Request	GAA Pre-Vetoes
<b>Operational Support</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$211,600,000</b> (74.7% to UF, FSU, USF)
<b>Legislative Specials</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$104,524,350</b> (54.7% to UF, FSU, USF)

Specific appropriations to the University along with University of Distinction including a last minute LBR specifically related to nursing. The legislature had an interest in this issue and

was asking for solutions, due to the hard work of Dean George and the Provost Office, FAU along with other institutions were able to turn around a response.

### **FAU Specific Operational Initiatives**

- University of Distinction – Applied AI / Data Analytics
  - (\$18.1 mil total: \$12.8 mil in recurring funding, \$5.3 mil nonrecurring) - \$0
- Nursing – Direct Entry MSN Program
  - (\$1,647,676 total: \$1,047,676 recurring, \$600,000 nonrecurring) - **\$4.2 mil recurring**
- Operational Support - **\$5 mil recurring**
- Since 2013 FAU has been able to secure **\$36 mil in new recurring state revenue** (FAU100, Operational Support, World Class Faculty, Excellence in Grad, JLSI, College of Med, HBOI, Nursing)
- Performance Based Funding - \$560 mil - Flat
  - \$265 mil State Investment [non rec GR]
  - \$295 mil Institutional Investment

The Governor has not signed the budget yet and has line item veto power, until he signs, all of his remains up in the air.

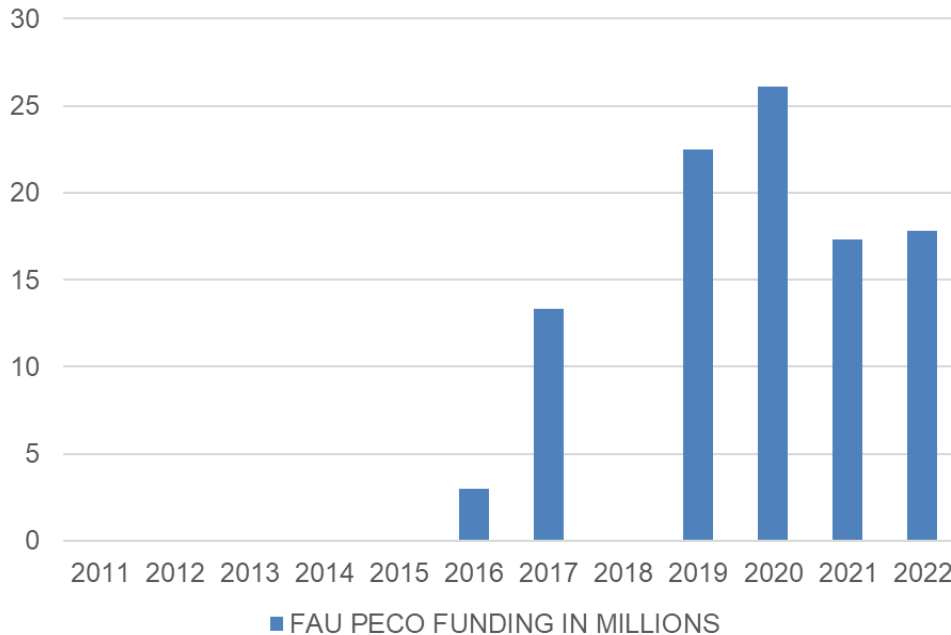
Question from Trustee Ellison

Can you explain the impact of not getting the funding for the Applied AI/Data Analytics?

The Board of Governors asked us to develop a university of distinction designation, it was not developed because we wanted to do AI/Data Analytics. This area was identified because it was something that the University was already doing well and wanted to take to the next level. By not receiving funding for it, it limits the ability to add resources to an effort that was already being done but it does not stop us from continuing to serve students that are in these degree programs however the state's failure to allocate resources specifically to this area will limit our ability to grow in future years.

Moving on to Fixed Capital Outlay which are construction dollar projects that we have been fortunate to receive a good portion of over the last several years and that can be seen from the below graph. Unfortunately, this year funding was asked for to support a new health science workforce training facility that we were not able to receive. The plan is to pursue it again next year.

## Fixed Capital Outlay Funding



### FAU Priorities

#### FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY (PECO)

- FAU Health Sciences Workforce Training and Research Facility
  - Total Project Cost - \$50 mil
  - 2022 Request - \$25 mil - \$0
- Critical Deferred Maintenance
  - 2022 BOG Request - \$800 mil - \$443.7 mil
  - FAU Deferred Maintenance Allocation - **\$17.8 mil nonrecurring**

There is a tremendous amount of legislation coming out all of the time and Christine Shaw has been doing an amazing job tracking all of the legislation as it's moving through the process and changing in real time. She goes above and beyond in her role to make sure that everyone is happy and well informed both internally and externally at the institution. The following are the types of legislation.

### Legislation

HB 3, Law Enforcement Officer, Benefits, Recruitment, and Training

HB 7\*, Individual Freedom

HB 45\*, Educational Opportunities for Disabled Veterans

SB 520, Public Records and Public Meetings – Presidential Search (Ch. No. 2022-015)

SB 2524\*, Education – PBF, Nursing, Open Ed Resources

SB 7044\*, Postsecondary Education – Tuition, Accreditation, Post-Tenure Review



Question from Trustee Ellison

The reason this is important is because some of those could actually affect the University?

Absolutely, these bills can have both policy implications as well as financial implications like with the accreditation.

Comment from Trustee Levine

I think it's HB7 which will have some impact on the University that we will really have to think about in terms of time to implement whether it's immediate or July 1<sup>st</sup>.

I believe it's a July 1<sup>st</sup> implementation, obviously everything with an asterisk is still awaiting Governor action but implementing is something that will need to be discussed as well as the impact to performance funding. All of these pieces of legislations are tracked and disseminated to the appropriate people within the University in hopes that we can make sure that we are all aware of it and then obviously address it so that we are not adversely impacted.

Transitioning to federal research priorities, the following are a few of the highlights of successes had in the 2022 cycle.

### **Federal Priorities**

- Higher Education Emergency Relief Funding (HEERF)
- FY 2022 Appropriations Cycle is Complete – FAU Initiatives
  - FY22 Defense Approps – Navy/Office of Naval Research - \$10M for Persistent Maritime Surveillance program.
  - FY22 Energy & Water Approps – Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy - \$20M for Water Power Technologies Office Infrastructure with direction for establishing an offshore ocean current test facility.
    - Additional funding (\$40M) specifically for NMREC's in Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act passed last November.
  - FY22 CJS Approps - NOAA funding – \$21.5M for Harmful Algal Bloom Research. \$22.7M for the National Mesonet Program.
  - FY22 Ag Approps – NIFA - \$5M for Aquaculture Centers.
  - Other recent success - \$150K from the USACE for I-SENSE Food Waste Sensor Project.
  - The House and Senate will be considering FY23 appropriations bills through the summer and into fall
  - FAU's FY2023 Research Priorities Include:
    - Marine Hydrokinetic Energy
    - Persistent Maritime Surveillance
    - Connected AI for Autonomous UUV Systems

- Warm Water Marine Aquaculture
- National Mesonet (Weather Monitoring) Program
- Food Waste
- Harmful Algal Blooms

Lastly, the following is a collection of items that don't typically get a lot of recognition but are an important aspect to our engagement efforts.

- Newly appointed Japanese Consul-General of Japan in Miami, Kazuhiro Nakai visited Florida Atlantic's Boca campus on January 31<sup>st</sup> as part of his introductory tour of the region.
- Commissioner Maria Sachs and Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Kevin Thibault visited campus on February 28 and met with President Kelly, Dean Batalama, College of Engineering and Computer Science Faculty, and various Palm Beach County engineers and community leaders.
- Florida Atlantic sponsored the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches' breakfast on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. President Kelly delivered opening remarks about the future of the University, followed by an economic development update by BDB PBC President and CEO, Kelly Smallridge.
- Vice Mayor of Coral Springs & FAU alum, Joshua Simmons, visited Florida Atlantic's Boca campus on April 21<sup>st</sup>. His visit included a tour of campus and conversations with undergraduate students.
- FAU Stiles-Nicholson Brain Institute and FAU Innovation and Business Development were presenting sponsors at a recent Palm Beach North Chamber Business Before Hours event themed, "Building the Future of Brain Health and Training the Next Generation." The event featured a panel discussion with FAU President John Kelly, Ph.D.; Executive Director of FAU Stiles-Nicholson Brain Institute, Randy Blakely, Ph.D.; philanthropist and wealth manager, David J.S. Nicholson; Superintendent of Schools, FAU Lab Schools, Joel Herbst, Ph.D.; and President and CEO of Palm Health Foundation, Patrick McNamara.

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