



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 19, 2013 – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute**  
**Marine Education Building,**  
**5600 US 1 North**  
**Fort Pierce, FL 34946**

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

Vice Chair Thomas Workman, Mr. David Feder, Dr. Jeffrey Feingold, Mr. Robert Huffman, Dr. William McDaniel, Mr. Robert Rubin, Mr. Robert Stilley, Mr. Paul Tanner, and Dr. Julius Teske.

The following university officials participated:

Dr. Mary Jane Saunders, University President; Dr. Brenda Claiborne, Provost and Chief Academic Officer; 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 Anthony Barbar convened the full board meeting. Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

**II. Chair’s Report**

Chair Barbar thanked the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute staff for hosting the trustees. As this is his first meeting as chair, Barbar wanted to give the direction he wants to go in as chair. He wants to continue with previous Chair Robert Stilley’s direction of doubling research in five years and better community engagement. He also wants to leverage those to facilitate innovation,

entrepreneurship and commercialization. He believes this strategic initiative will be a catalyst for all FAU colleges and units to work together, an avenue for internships for our students and a source for primary business research. This will help to create jobs in our service area.

Barbar spoke about the GEO Group donation of six million dollars. On March 1, President Saunders held an open forum to discuss the gift with the students. We support Mr. George Zoley and his generous donation from his company.

During the legislative session, universities have received good news so far. The 300 million dollars looks like it will be restored, but in one bill half of the money would be tied to something else. It's early in the session, so it's too early to tell how these proposed bills will fare. Chair Barbar was proud of Student Government President Robert Huffman and Vice President April Turner on how they conducted themselves. They represented FAU in a wonderful manner.

President Saunders has been selected as winner of one of the 2013 Palm Beach CEO Awards. She is one of ten to win the award this year.

Mr. Jon and Mrs. Bonnie Kaye have been selected as this year's Board of Trustees Service Award winners. The award goes to those that give up a tremendous amount of time to better the university. They will receive the award at Honors Convocation at the University Theatre on April 22.

President Saunders will have completed her third year at FAU this summer. Chair Barbar asked the board to approve getting an outside company to conduct a 360 degree exercise. **He requested a motion to authorize the chair on behalf of the board to hire a qualified consultant to assist in our annual evaluation of the president by conducting a 360-degree assessment of President Saunders. A motion was made and seconded. Without no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

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

President Saunders started her report with FAU student Jad Khazem's appearance in Tallahassee. He testified before the House Education Appropriations Committee. Khazem spoke about the value

of the dual enrollment program. At 17 years old, he was the youngest person graduating last spring, receiving his degree *summa cum laude*.

We got the letter from the SACS accreditation team that we received no recommendations. To put it in perspective, we received 32 recommendations and suggestions during FAU's last review.

The Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine has received provisional accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, the recognized accrediting authority for medical programs in the United States and Canada. This is step beyond the preliminary accreditation that was granted in 2011 and is a significant achievement that underscores the excellence of our program, faculty and students.

Women's History Month is in March and FAU held a very special event this past Friday, when former Astronaut Jan Davis delivered the keynote address at the fourth annual Women's Leadership Forum. She was introduced by Senator Bill Nelson, who flew aboard the space shuttle Columbia in 1986.

Spring Commencement will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will expand to six ceremonies for the first time. Our honorees will include best-selling author James Patterson, who will receive an honorary doctorate in recognition of his contribution to American letters and his generosity in establishing a scholarship program in our College of Education; Michael Levine, a prolific inventor who is working closely with students and faculty in our College of Engineering and Computer Science, will receive an honorary doctorate; and Dr. Michael Dennis, Chair of the Advisory Board of our College of Medicine, will receive the President's Distinguished Service Medallion.

The annual Employee Service Awards ceremony will be held on April 15, recognizing employees with 5 through 40 years of service to the University. Dr. Leonard Berry, director of the Florida Center for Environmental Studies, and Dr. Donna Chamely-Wiik, director of the Quality Enhancement Plan for our SACS accreditation, will be receiving the President's Leadership Awards.

We will be honoring our Harbor Branch employees this afternoon, who have been with FAU for five years now.

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

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 15, 2013 meeting minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 19, 2013 meeting minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

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

Chairman Barbar 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 Strategic Planning Committee consent agendas. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **VI. Old Business**

##### **a. Research Trends and Highlights**

Dr. Barry Rosson, Vice President of Research, gave a presentation entitled, "Research Trends and Highlights."

#### **VII. New Business**

There was no new business.

#### **VIII. BOT Member Comments**

Trustee Huffman gave a brief update on student government and the student body president election. The election was last month and there was a winner, but currently contestations are going on, so he can't name the winner until that is completed. Trustee McDaniel said endowed professorships is a great way to retain researchers. Trustee Stilley thanked President Saunders, Provost Claiborne and Dr. Gitanjali Kaul for their leadership in the SACS process. Trustee Rubin was extremely thankful for Student Government President Robert Huffman and Vice President April Turner for their visit to Tallahassee. It is extremely important for the legislators to see the students and not just the trustee members. Trustee Feingold is happy with the progress of the plans for the new board room. Trustee

Feder thanked the GEO Group for their gift, but also wanted to publicly thank them for hiring many FAU graduates.

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

Britni Hiatt, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College student, spoke about Stop Owlcatraz, the student led movement urging FAU not to name our stadium after the GEO Group. She noted they have over 60,000 signatures on their national list to drop the naming rights.

Catherine Armulas, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College student, spoke to the board about her disagreement to let the GEO Group name the stadium.

Arielle Ball, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College student, also wanted to express her disagreement with the naming of the stadium to the GEO Group.

Anole Hoffman, graduate student at FAU, was on the phone and spoke about her disagreement with the naming of the stadium to the GEO Group.

#### **X. Adjournment**

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