



**Full Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 8, 2021
Live and Virtual Meeting**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Mr. Anthony Barbar, Mr. Brent Burns, Vice Chair, Mr. Daniel Cane, Mr. Shaun Davis, Dr. Kimberly Dunn, Mr. Brad Levine, Ms. Elycia Morris, Mrs. Sherry Murphy, Mr. Maxwell Simonson, and Mr. Robert Stilley.

The following university officials participated: Dr. John Kelly, University President; Mr. David Greene, AVP Development; Mr. Brian White, VP Athletics, and Mr. Andrew LaPlant, Board of Trustees Operations.

Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

II. Chair's Report

Chair Moabery asked the two new trustees, Dunn and Simonson, to say a few words of introduction. Both trustees introduced themselves to the board.

Chair Moabery thanked the hard work of everyone on campus and their resiliency in the face of challenges.

Chair Moabery said the governor has done a great job getting us out of the pandemic. Our state university system has outperformed the others with their state legislators. He thanked Ryan Britton

and Christine Shaw in government relations for their long-term outlook in securing the FAU funding this year.

Chair Moabery noted that while FAU was never closed, we are resuming full operations in fall of 2021. He asked the trustees to make sure they plan to be at the Board of Governors Trustee Summit in November that FAU is hosting.

Chair Moabery spoke about some of athletic success this past year, including baseball getting national attention from Caleb Pendleton hitting two grand slams in one inning, women's basketball had Iggy Allen earn Newcomer of the Year, women's soccer made its sixth straight Conference USA championship, men's soccer had five student-athletes make the all-conference team, women's tennis had two all-conference student-athletes and ranked 52 in the nation, which is the highest in program history, Jessica Lambert won the 800 meters at the Conference USA Indoor Track & Field Championships, and women's golf had the conference player of the year in Justine Fournand.

III. President's Report

President Kelly said he feels good with where the university is in regards to Covid-19. He noted the work groups are still meeting, The provost is leading meetings with all the campuses. We are thinking strategically. We held an in-person commencement for the spring.

VP Larry Faerman is providing weekly reports on recruiting and housing. FAU added 693 new beds before we knew covid was coming. President Kelly thanked Dr. Faerman for his work in getting as many kids into housing as possible.

VP Dan Flynn helped get more historical information on the World War II airbase that was on the site of the Boca Raton campus. A monument was erected before Memorial Day and some of the families came to dedicate it.

President Kelly noted that we keep setting funding records in research grants. He said FAU also keeps rising in development donations.

President Kelly certified that all required FAU tenure procedures were followed in the award of tenure to faculty during the 2020-21 academic year.

IV. Public Comments

The first public comment came from Christopher Robe. Dr. Robe noted that tenure is not a job for life. FAU implemented a post-tenure process a few years ago. Faculty are reviewed every X number of years in terms of research, service and teaching. Dr. Robe said the university is one of the few institutions in the world where there is a free exchange of ideas, and those are valued. He argued the faculty can only do that if the protections are there so they can do that. They shouldn't be persuaded by the political winds.

A second public comment was from Allan Barsky. Dr. Barsky hopes the trustees will think about tenure before November. He noted that if there is nothing wrong with the process, maybe we don't need to fix it. He explained that most tenure and promotion packages aren't hundreds of pages, but thousands. He wants the Board to think about how will they judge tenure based on research, teaching, and policies, and asked why the Board would ever want to change the decisions of the President, Provost, and University, College, and Department tenure review committees. Dr. Barsky said he has gotten notes from younger faculty worried that they need to be a part of the current political party in office.

A third public comment was from Deandre Poole. Dr. Poole opened that he is president of the FAU Chapter of the United Faculty of Florida and that the chapter is one of the strongest in the state. He echoed Dr. Robe's comment that the faculty are reviewed strenuously. Part of their job is to teach students how to think, not what to think. He said the FAU faculty are top rate and he would put them up against anyone from another institution. He said that faculty feel under attack, and he urged the Board to protect tenure, academic freedom, and due process.

V. Consent Agenda

Chair Moabery stated that all items were discussed and approved unanimously in their respective committees. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the Audit and Compliance Committee, Budget and Finance Committee, Strategic Planning Committee and the**

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

VI. New Business

a. Approval of Full Board Minutes

i. April 20, 2021

Chair Moabery asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the April 20, 2021 Full Board Minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

b. Approval of University Elements

a) Michael Gold Path to Excellence

A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Michael Gold Path to Excellence. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

b) Kornblue Family Digital Arts Room

A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Kornblue Family Digital Arts Room. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

c) Lackner Family Resource Commons

A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Lackner Family Resource Commons. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

d) Rosemurgy Family Athletic Hall

A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Rosemurgy Family Athletic Hall. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

e) Vance Family Consultation Room

A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Vance Family Consultation Room. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

f) Stiles-Nicholson Brain Institute

A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Stiles-Nicholson Brain Institute. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

VII. BOT Member Comments

Trustee Dunn stated that she is honored to sit at the table with the trustees. Trustee Feingold thought it was a great board meeting. She spoke about Ban the Box on campus being in the paper and asked for follow up. Trustee Burns thanked the administration, faculty and staff for this past year. He also thanked the development team for their best year fundraising and giving the university the fuel to pursue unbridled ambition. Trustee Cane welcomed the new trustees and congratulated the university on a great year in many areas. He said Dr. Chamely-Wiik continues to impress. Undergraduate research is setting us apart from the mean. Trustee Stillely said Dr. Kelly is making sure the Jupiter Campus is seeing its potential. Trustee Levine loved the thought of the diversity of ideas with consistency. That way it's not just the loudest person in the room getting the recognition. Trustee Morris spoke about the possible Alzheimer's drug and that is a groundbreaking area. She was thankful that AD Henderson School got the funding for a new building and congratulated everyone involved. Trustee Simonson said growing up in Boca Raton, he is amazed at how much FAU has grown. He is proud to be an Owl.

VIII. Adjournment

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