WHEREAS: The Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees serves as the deciding entity for University policy changes, tuition or fee increases and strategic planning, and;

WHEREAS: The decisions made by the Board of Trustees has a direct effect on all students at Florida Atlantic University, and;

WHEREAS: Student tuition and fees is what brings in revenue along with state funds and donations for the University to function, and;

WHEREAS: Local municipalities and school boards have meetings in which public comment can be made on any topic as long as it is made known in advance, and;

WHEREAS: Student Government meetings such as meetings of the Boca Raton House of Representatives include two open forums at each meeting that allow for any students or staff members to speak on any topic including legislation that is to be voted on, and;

WHEREAS: Currently the Board of Trustees allows for comment cards to be submitted for public comment at BOT meetings. while requests to speak before the board must be submitted and approved by the Board 14 days prior to the board meeting at which time the request can be denied, and;

WHEREAS: These comment cards must be approved and these comments and requested presentations are often limited to agenda items and anything presumed to be under the Board of Trustees jurisdiction, and;

WHEREAS: Other University Board of Trustees in the state allow for such presentation requests to be submitted either 10 days or even 3 days prior to a meeting, and;

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WHEREAS: Student Government legislative bodies such as the Student Senate and House of Representatives allow for legislation to be submitted up to 72 hours prior to meetings, and;

WHEREAS: Student Government strives to keep meetings completely open to the public and the process for public comment at meetings is as simple as just walking in and speaking during a designated time regardless of the topic or whether the topic is even an agenda item during meetings, and;

WHEREAS: Administration places expectations on Student Government entities to ensure transparency and openness, and;

WHEREAS: It would be ideal if all deciding entities at Florida Atlantic University had a truly open and easy process for public comment so that students of all people can easily come to meetings and not have to face bureaucratic rules and limits, NOW;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Boca Raton House of Representatives recommends changes to the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees policies on public comment, and;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this recommendation includes an open forum at the conclusion of all full board meetings that do not require the submission of comment cards or recognition from Board members, and;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this recommendation include that the current process for individual or group presentations at board meetings allow for students to present on any topic and that the time frame for submitting such request is set at 72 hours prior to a meeting as opposed to 14 days prior, and;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees advertise meetings more often on MyFAU or through general announcements sent out, and;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution is presented to the University President and to the Chair of the Board of Trustees for consideration.
Legislation Signature Sheet

This Bill / Resolution # BRHK-12-01 (PASSED) FAILED on this 10th day of
February 2012 by a vote of 23 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAIN
moved by Montes and seconded by Durre
Signature - House Speaker: [Signature]

This Bill / Resolution is hereby ENACTED / VETOED on this 15th day of February 2012
Signature - Campus Governor: [Signature] Ryan Ebanks

This Bill / Resolution is hereby ENACTED / VETOED on this 12th day of Feb.
Signature - Student Body President: [Signature] Ayden Stidham
For All Legislation, Pursuant to University Regulation 4.06
This Bill / Resolution is APPROVED / SENT BACK FOR RECONSIDERATION on this 29th
day of February 2012
Signature - Vice President for Student Affairs: [Signature] Dr. Charles Brown

This Bill / Resolution is Received and Recorded by the Student Government Student Court on this
17th day of April, 2012
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Aquilino – Absent
Arsolino – Yes
Blouin – Absent
Boydman – Yes
Broudy – Yes
Campbell – Yes
Coffman – Yes
Crostarosa – Yes
Cyrise – Yes
Daley – Absent
Davis – Absent
DeMaio – Absent
Douglas – Absent
Dunne – Yes
Hardwick – Yes
Horace – Absent
Joseph – Absent
Koski – Absent
Kruempel – Yes
Lambert – Yes
Lavia – Yes
Lupo – Yes
Maher – Absent
McClooden – Absent
McCoy – Absent

Monstes – Yes
Moss – Absent
Nuby – Absent
Phillips – Yes
Preston – Yes
Pronman - Yes
Ramnon – Absent
Rosario – Yes
Savarese – Yes
Scully – Yes
Sosa – Yes
Villalba – Absent
Wimberly – Yes
Wu – Absent
Bastidas – Yes

BRHB-12-01 PASSED on this 10th day of February, 2012 by a vote of 23 YES and 0 NO

Signature – House Speaker

Boris Bastidas