



## STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

### Minutes

**Monday, September 10, 2007**

Scott Adams, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, convened the meeting at 1:06 p.m. with the following Board of Trustee members present:

Trustees Scott Adams, Nancy Blosser, Bill Bryant, David Feder, Armand Grossman, Rajendra Gupta, Eric Shaw, Robert Stilley, Tony Teixeira, and Norman Tripp.

Absent: Trustee Lalita Janke

The following university officials participated:

Mr. Frank T. Brogan, President; Dr. John Pritchett, Provost; Mr. David Kian, General Counsel; Dr. Jennifer O'Flannery, Chief of Staff; Dr. Kristen Murtaugh, Vice President MacArthur Campus; Dr. Ken Jessell, Vice President for Financial Affairs; and Mr. Tom Donaudy, Vice President for Facilities.

#### **SP: A-1: Consideration of the Opportunity to Collaborate with the Max Planck Society**

Trustee Scott Adams asked President Brogan to give an overview of the Max Planck Society. President Brogan discussed how the Max Planck Society has the desire to expand their organization to Palm Beach County in close proximity to Scripps. A series of conversations between the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County, and Max Planck and Florida Atlantic University produced a model similar to the Scripps arrangement in that the partnership would require:

1. The Palm Beach County Commission to contribute a financial match to build a building for the Max Planck Society on FAU's campus.
2. The State of Florida to contribute a financial match of \$95 million.

Florida Atlantic University's Administration agreed to take the BOT the concept of appropriating six acres of the FAU Jupiter campus in close proximity to the temporary Scripps buildings; allowing for the future construction of a 100,000 square feet facility for the Max Planck Society with the State and County funds with approximately 10,000 square feet designated to FAU for classroom, office, and lecture space for FAU; and establishing an academic and research affiliation agreement between the Max Planck Society and FAU. This will enable FAU to retain and maximize its long-term use of the 75,000 square feet research lab space currently being occupied by the Scripps Research Institute.

The academic and research affiliation agreement modeled after the agreements with Torrey Pines and the Scripps Research Institute will not be an exclusive agreement, but it will be an aggressive affiliation agreement that will provide opportunities to FAU.

The administration, as well as Dr. Peter Gruss, President of the Max Planck Society, and members of the Palm Beach Business Development Board will be attending the Palm Beach County Commission Meeting on September 11, 2007, to present this concept to the County and ask the Commission to approve a resolution to endorse the concept move forward. This will ultimately lead to the appropriation of funds necessary to match the State's contribution. An application will be filed with the State for the funds and the Legislative Budget Committee will review it either prior to or after the special legislative session.

President Brogan reviewed the challenge to this venture which includes the economic condition to the State of Florida and Palm Beach County, which would be handled by the County Commission and state legislation. The positive side to the venture is that this would be an attractive addition to the bio-technology pool in the State of Florida. President Brogan noted the proposed timeline in the back-up materials. The scientists from the Scripps Research Institute and the Max Planck Society will meet to develop a transitional plan. All agreements that need to be finalized will come before the FAU BOT for approval.

Trustee Adams asked the BOT if there were any questions before the resolution is voted on. Trustee Norman Tripp stated that if FAU is entering into these types of agreements, prior to the final vote there needs to be a priority academic and research affiliation agreement. Trustee Tripp requested from Dr. Larry Lemanski a letter to set forth all the things that would be beneficial to FAU in the future that needs to be addressed in the agreement. Dr. Lemanski commented that the Max Planck Society has been very cooperative and is excited about the partnership with FAU. He added that the scientists will be meeting on September 11, 2007 to discuss the items outlined in the proposal. Trustees Adams stated that adding a strong third partner in the Scripps Research Institute and Torrey Pines will help leverage the previous investment that the County and the State made to help build a strong base in FAU's region. Trustee Armand Grossman added that the international dimension brought in by the Max Planck Society will add a synergy to FAU's current partnerships and programs. Trustee George Zoley asked if it was correct that the FAU will not be overseeing the construction project. President Brogan responded that that was correct, the arrangement is similar to the arrangement FAU has with Scripps Research Institute. The actual construction will be the responsibility of Palm Beach County and the Max Planck Society; the funding will come from the County and the State, which includes that 10,000 square feet of space that would be dedicated to FAU. Trustee Zoley asked if the State will establish an additional oversight committee given the amount of the contribution. President Brogan stated that is possible. Trustee Tripp stated that since it is being constructed on FAU's campus that FAU's administration will have some oversight as to what the building looks like. President Brogan added that FAU's administration will be involved in the complete process including the location of the building and the sublease process. Trustee Zoley asked if the value of the research space equivalent to the value of the five acres FAU is allowing the Max Planck Society to use. President Brogan stated that five acres and the net worth of the property are very similar to the 10,000 square feet created by FAU administration's projection.

**There was a motion for the Strategic Planning Committee of the Board of Trustees to consider the opportunity for FAU to collaborate with the Max Planck Society. The administration asks the Board of Trustees to grant authority to the President to negotiate on behalf of the university with regard to the following four elements:**

- **The extension of a sublease of approximately six acres of the FAU Jupiter Campus to the Max Planck Society for the construction of a permanent facility**

- **The design of a transitional plan for Max Planck to use a portion of the Scripps temporary buildings on the Jupiter Campus.**
- **The establishment of an academic and research affiliation agreement between Max Planck and FAU**
- **Approximately 10,000 square feet of classroom, office, and lecture space for FAU designated in the County constructed permanent building for Max Planck**

**The motion was seconded by Trustee Armand Grossman. The motion passed unanimously.**

President Brogan commented that the administration will keep the BOT involved in the process of approvals, planning, and implementation. He also thanked the BOT on behalf of the administration for allowing the university to move forward on this opportunity.

The Strategic Planning Committee meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.