



**Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 19, 2008  
Dania Beach – Sea Tech Campus  
101 North Beach Road  
Dania Beach, Florida 33004**

Chairman Norman Tripp convened the meeting of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees (BOT) at 11:51 am. with the following members participating:

Trustees Nancy Blosser, Bill Bryant, David Feder, Armand Grossman, Rajendra Gupta, Lalita Janke, Sherry Plymale, Eric Shaw, Robert Stilley, Tony Teixeira, and Tom Workman.

Absent: Trustee Scott Adams

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. Ken Jessell, Vice President for Financial Affairs; Dr. Joyanne Stephens, Vice President of Broward Campuses; and Mr. Tom Donaudy, Vice President for Facilities.

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**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Norman Tripp convened the Full Board Meeting at 11:51 am.

**II. Approval of the meeting minutes.**

With no additions or corrections to the minutes there was a motion to approve the minutes for the January 30, 2008 by Trustee Nancy Blosser. **The motion was seconded by Trustee Armand Grossman. The motion passed unanimously.**

With no additions or corrections to the minutes there was a motion to approve the minutes for the FAU Legislative Days, March 4-5, 2008 by Trustee Sherry Plymale. **The motion was seconded by Trustee Lalita Janke. The motion passed unanimously.**

**III. Chairman’s Report**

Trustee Tripp thanked the College of Engineering and the Department of Ocean Engineering for their hospitality. Trustee Tripp attended the President’s Community Council Meeting for the Broward campuses and the Davie Student Union dedication on Friday, February 1, 2008. Trustee Tripp met and spoke with Governor Charlie Crist when he toured Sea Tech on January 31, 2008. Governor Crist announced the items in his budget related to energy; he requested \$10 million for the Ocean Energy Center of Excellence based in Sea Tech. On March 4 and 5, Trustees Adams, Blosser, Janke, Teixeira, Tripp, and Workman traveled to Tallahassee for FAU Legislative Days. The Trustees were able to meet with leaders of the Florida House and Senate,

and members of the FAU's legislative delegation and discuss the needs of the final portion of funding for the medical education partnership. The Trustees had lunch with Chancellor Mark Rosenberg and attended the FAU alumni reception. The Trustees also met with Senator Ken Pruitt; the President of the Senate; Marco Rubio, Speaker of the House; Eric Eikenburg, the Governor's Chief of Staff; and Jeff Kottkamp, Lieutenant Governor. Trustee Tripp discussed the bill in the House and Senate to alter the governance model for Florida's public higher education. Trustee Tripp attended the committee meeting regarding the Governance Bill. The Board of Trustee Service Award will be awarded on April 9, 2008 recognizing outstanding service from a member of the community volunteering on one of FAU's committees and advisory boards. President Brogan and Trustee Tripp will be attending the Board of Governors meeting in Tallahassee, April 26-27, 2008. Trustee Tripp participated in a BOG conference call on Tuesday, March 3, 2008 regarding the Governance Bill. Mr. David Kian gave a detailed explanation of the Governance Bill. Trustee Tripp stated that the BOT will be kept informed about any changes and/or updates. Trustee Tripp informed the BOT that the Sea Side Shindig will be taking place at Sea Tech on Friday, March 28, 2008. Trustee Tripp acknowledged Trustee Tony Teixeira year of service on the BOT and stated he will be honored at the April committee meetings. Trustee Tripp stated that he attended the memorial service for Coach Howard Schnellenberger's son, Steven Schnellenberger.

#### **IV. President's Report**

President Brogan updated the BOT on a plane crash that affected the FAU family. The three people that perished in the crash included two graduate students and a staff member of the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science. A memorial service will be held at the Sanson Science Building at FAU Boca Raton Campus, on Monday, March 24, 2008 at 11:00 am. President Brogan also commented on the reception the group that traveled to Tallahassee for FAU Legislative Days received. He stated that Trustee Tripp was recognized by the Floor of the House of Representative and a resolution was passed on his behalf. The student government elections run-off is taking place March 25-26, 2008. President Brogan thanked Dr. Charles Brown and Trustee Teixeira for the hard work that they have put into the Student Government elections.

President Brogan updated the BOT on the budget issues at FAU. The House and Senate passed a budget component that was signed into law by Governor Crist that will make the second half of the budget year easier to navigate. President Brogan asked Dr. Ken Jessell to give a brief overview. The BOT approved a \$7 million budget reduction in the Fall. There was an actual budget reduction of \$6.3 million in the Fall of 2007 and Spring 2008 reduction of \$3.3 million. Because non recurring funds and the funds from the tuition increase were placed in reserve as well as the difference between the \$6.3 million and \$7 million from the Fall, FAU will have a robust Summer semester. The administration is continuing to work with the Budget Reductions Task Force. The administration will present to the BOT a balance budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. President Brogan stated that there will be updates university wide on budget issues.

President Brogan spoke about the series of Alumni Events and Hometown Tours in Broward County, Indian River County, Vero Beach, Tallahassee, and Washington, DC. President Brogan spoke about the federal legislative priorities that was discussed during his visit and meeting with members of FAU's Congressional Delegation.

## **V. Welcome**

Trustee Tripp asked Dr. Joyanne Stephens to give the welcome for the Dania Beach, Sea Tech Campus. Dr. Stephens welcomed the Trustees and invited them to the new Student Union on the Davie Campus.

## **VI. Presentation on Campus Safety**

Trustee Tripp asked Chief Charles Lowe to give a presentation on campus safety. Chief Lowe introduced the Senior Command and Command Staff as well as gave an overview of the major divisions of the FAU Police Department. Chief Lowe reviewed the FAU Police strategic initiatives and emergency preparedness particularly in the event of an active shooter. He discussed the campus systems being implemented to provide mass communication to faculty, staff, and students in the event of an emergency. Chief Lowe reviewed the services provided by the Traffic and Parking department and the strategic initiatives of the Traffic and Parking department. Chief Lowe stated that the FAU Police Department has been fortunate to fill vacancies with experienced police officers and will be vital to the department's accreditation. Trustee Tripp asked the BOT if there were any questions. Trustee Lalita Janke asked if the Silent Witness program was implemented. Chief Lowe responded that the program is in place and the FAU Police Department has received tips from it. Trustee Blosser asked for an update on the policy of usage of police tasers. Chief Lowe stated that the FAU Police Department currently does not use police tasers. The police department does not have enough police tasers to be deployed. There has been a policy developed in the event that the department does deploy them. Trustee Tripp reiterated that as budget cuts are being employed it will not affect the safety of the university.

## **VII. Strategic Planning Committee**

**Trustee Lalita Janke**

Trustee Lalita Janke reported that the Strategic Planning Committee met on February 20, 2008. Two agenda items resulted in motions to come before the committee for approval. Due to the excellent attendance at that meeting, these items were fully vetted.

**SP: A-1. Approval of the Lease Agreement between Florida Atlantic University and Florida Atlantic University Foundation for the Land at Pine Jog.**

**SP: A-2. Approval of the Guidelines for University Policy and Development**

**With no further discussion there was a motion by Trustee Lalita Janke to approve agenda items listed by the committee as a whole. The motion was seconded by Trustee Eric Shaw. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **VIII. Committee on Academic and Student Affairs**

**Trustee Armand Grossman**

Trustee Armand Grossman reported that the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs met on February 20, 2008. Two agenda items resulted in motions to come before the committee for approval. Due to the excellent attendance at that meeting, these items were fully vetted.

**AS: A-1. Approval of New Program: Ph.D. in Geosciences**

**AS: A-2. Approval of Amendment to Regulation 5.006 on Tenure Procedures**

**With no further discussion there was a motion by Sherry Plymale to approve the agenda items listed by the committee as a whole. The motion was seconded by Trustee Rajendra Gupta. The motion passed unanimously.**

**IX. Audit and Finance Committee**

**Trustee Nancy Blosser**

Trustee Nancy Blosser reported that the Audit and Finance Committee met on February 20, 2008. Two agenda items resulted in motions to come before the committee for approval. Due to the excellent attendance at that meeting, these items were fully vetted.

**AF: A-1. Approval of Materials and Supplies Fees**

**AF: A-2. Approval of Capital Improvement Trust Fund Projects**

**With no further discussion there was a motion by Trustee Eric Shaw to approve the agenda items listed by the committee as a whole. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sherry Plymale. The motion passed unanimously.**

**X. Innovation Village Update**

Mr. Kian gave a brief update on Innovation Village. The RFQ for the selection of the design team on the first set of Innovation Village housing is being wrapped up and is scheduled on the BOG agenda for approval at the March BOG meeting. After it is approved by the BOG the administration will work with the Division of Bond Finance for the issuance of bonds. The retail component will follow the development of the first set of housing. The program has been completed for the posting of the RFQ for the architect engineer to design the stadium. The administration is expects to see a national response to this RFQ. Mr. Kian stated that due to market uncertainty FAU does not want to be in the market of selling bonds for this project. The administration is hoping to have a better market position in upcoming months. The administration is focusing on three critical components of stadium financing; fund raising, naming and corporate sponsorships and advertising sales, and premium seating sales. Mr. Kian highlighted the PowerPoint that shows the potential that Innovation Village has.

Trustee Tripp asked if the BOT had any questions. Trustee Plymale asked if the BOT will receive more information regarding the market in the next few months. Trustee Tripp stated that there may be opportunities where an entity would come in and build housing, take the risk of the financing, pay FAU cash up-front, and operate the housing. Trustee Plymale asked what the final deadline for the approval of the stadium is. Mr. Kian stated that the construction will begin in 2009, but the approval will go to the BOT at the May 28, 2008 full board meeting. President Brogan stated that if by the May BOT meeting the all the issues for financing are good, then Innovation will be on schedule for 2010. Trustee Tripp added that the Innovation Village project will not have a financial impact on the university, because the BOT will not approve a project that is not financially sound. Trustee Armand Grossman stated that it was his understanding that FAU had to put up a certain amount of financing. Mr. Kian stated that there is no specific amount. The reasoning behind the variation in the bottom line numbers is the debt coverage ratio or a result of what level of interest being charged in the market. Trustee Grossman asked who was in charge of raising the funds for Innovation Village. Mr. Kian responded it is a collective effort of all components of the university. Trustee Janke asked how the community feels about Innovation Village. President Brogan stated the community is extremely excited about Innovation Village. Trustee David Feder asked what is the dollar amount that would make the BOT and the credit market comfortable with supporting the

project. Mr. Kian responded there was no specific number; it is variable of what long term commitments FAU has. The administration is aware that \$5-6 million is needed for debt service, what is not guaranteed is the amount of coverage needed above the debt service amount.

**XI. Old Business**

There was no old business.

**XII. New Business**

There was no new business.

**XIII. BOT Member Comments**

Trustee Thomas Workman commented that he had the opportunity to visit with three colleges and meet with the Deans. He encourages all of the Trustees to meet with the colleges. Trustee David Feder stated he felt the workshops are very informative and should occur more often. Trustee Plymale stated that the trip to Tallahassee for FAU Legislative Days was a good use of time and resources. Trustee Blosser thanked the staff involved with the organization of FAU Days. Trustee Robert Stilley stated that he felt the administration will get past the funding issues for Innovation Village and thanked Mr. Kian for his efforts in the project. Trustee Teixeira commented positively on the trip to Tallahassee for FAU Legislative Days. He also mentioned he had the opportunity to attend the Ultimate CEO banquet where President Brogan was honored. Trustee Grossman acknowledged Trustee Teixeira work as Student Government President. He echoed Trustee Workman's comments on visiting the individual colleges of the university. Trustee Grossman also commended Mr. Kian on his work with the Innovation Village project. Trustee Lalita Janke commented positively on the trip to Tallahassee for FAU Legislative Days. Trustee Janke commented on President Brogan's increase involvement with the Treasure Coast campuses. Trustee Bill Bryant commended Trustee Tony Teixeira on his work on the BOT. Trustee Tripp commented that low tuition in the State of Florida is has negative connotation, but students are struggling to pay tuition. He feels the BOT and the BOG needs to work with the State to ensure that funding is an overall package that is affordable to students, that does not bankrupt the prepaid education, that gives the BOT on the economic development when approaching the legislative process each year, and that it is recognized that the way to generate the economic impact in the State is to pay attention to the State University System. Trustee Eric Shaw congratulated Trustee Teixeira for his service on the BOT and his work as Student Government President.

**XIV. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**XV. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.