



Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 25, 2008
Conference Call – Boca Raton Campus

Chairwoman Nancy Blosser convened the meeting of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees (BOT) at 10:05 a.m. with the following members participating:

Trustees Anthony Barbar, Abraham Cohen, David Feder, Armand Grossman, Lalita Janke, Sherry Plymale, Eric Shaw, Robert Stilley and Tom Workman.

Absent: Trustees Scott Adams, Bill Bryant and Rajendra Gupta.

The following university officials participated:

Mr. Frank T. Brogan, President; Dr. John Pritchett, Provost; Mr. David Kian, General Counsel; Mr. Randy Goin, BOT Liaison; Dr. Ken Jessell, Vice President for Financial Affairs; Dr. Joyanne Stephens, Vice President for FAU's Broward Campuses; Ms. Gerri McPherson, Vice President for FAU's Treasure Coast Campus; Dr. Shirley Pomponi, Executive Director of HBOI; Mr. Tom Donaudy, Vice President for Facilities; and Dr. Charles Brown, Vice President for Student Affairs.

I. Call to Order

Chairwoman Nancy Blosser convened the meeting at 10:05 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 May 28, 2008 by Trustee Lalita Janke. **The motion was seconded by Trustee Robert Stilley. The motion passed unanimously.**

III. Chair's Report

Trustee Nancy Blosser gave the Chairman's Report. She welcomed Trustee Anthony Barbar to the Board. President Brogan added that Trustee Barbar's approval as a voting member on the FAU BOT became effective June 19, 2008. The Florida Board of Governors (BOG) elected a new chairperson, Sheila McDevitt and a new vice chair, Ava Parker. At the June BOG meeting a major point of discussion was the proposed BOT powers and duties, which focused on three points:

- Selecting the University President
- The annual evaluation process of the President
- The acquisition of real property

The general counsels from all of the universities in the State University System (SUS) are meeting regarding the proposed changes. They are attempting to work out language and submit

it to the BOG. The BOG will re-write the changes and post it on their website, giving university BOTs the opportunity to comment on the changes before they are voted on. President Brogan provided clarification on the issue of selecting a University President and having two members of the BOG sitting on the Presidential Selection Committee. He stated that the presidential searches are done in an open manner due to the Sunshine Laws, the Chancellor keeps the BOG informed as to how the searches are unfolding, and that the BOG has ratification rights on presidential searches. Trustee Robert Stilley asked that the BOT is informed as to when it is appropriate to comment on the BOG proposals.

Trustee Blosser reminded the BOT the board retreat to be held on September 16 and 17, 2008 on one of FAU's campuses.

IV. President's Report

President Brogan thanked Trustee David Feder for his offer to host the retreat at the Fontainebleau Hotel, however, the BOT retreat will be held on FAU's Boca Raton campus in an effort to minimize expense. The administration is working with Trustee Blosser to solidify an agenda.

President Brogan discussed an article highlighting the fact that FAU is ranked 12th in the nation for African-American graduation rates according to the magazine *Diverse*. FAU is also ranked 28th in the nation for Hispanic graduation rates according to *Hispanic Outlook Magazine*.

The summer B session has begun, and students, faculty, and staff are gearing up for the fall term. The administration will keep the BOT informed of all activities.

V. Committee on Academic and Student Affairs **Trustee Armand Grossman**

Trustee Armand Grossman reported that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee met on June 11, 2008. Two agenda items resulted in motions to come before the committee for approval. Due to the excellent attendance at that meeting, the items were fully vetted.

- AS: A-1. Request for Approval of FAU Enrollment Plan 2009-14**
- AS: A-2. Request for Approval of the Proposed Revision FAU's Core Curriculum**

With no further discussion there was a motion by Trustee Lalita Janke to approve agenda items listed. The motion was seconded by Trustee Robert Stilley. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Strategic Planning Committee **Trustee Lalita Janke**

Trustee Lalita Janke reported that the Strategic Planning Committee met on June 11, 2008. Four 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. Request for Approval of the Capital Improvement Plan**
- SP: A-2. Request for Approval of the Short Term Ground Lease with the St. Lucie County School Board for the Marine Oceanographic Academy at Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute**
- SP: A-3. Request for Approval of the Living Room Theatre Facilities Use Agreement**

SP: A-4. Request for Approval of the Commercial Marina Lease at Florida Atlantic University's Sea Tech Property

With no further discussion there was a motion by Trustee Lalita Janke to approve the agenda items listed. The motion was seconded by Trustee Armand Grossman. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Audit and Finance Committee

Trustee Nancy Blosser

Trustee Nancy Blosser reported that the Audit and Finance Committee met on June 11, 2008. Four 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. Request Approval of the Florida Atlantic University's 2007-2008 Florida Equity Reports: Enrollment, Gender, Equity in Athletics, and Employment.**
- AF: A-2. Request Approval of Fee Modifications for the Karen A. Slattery Education Research Center for Child Development.**
- AF: A-3. Request Approval of Florida Atlantic University's 2008-2009 Operating Budget.**
- AF: A-4. Request Approval of Florida Atlantic University's 2008-2009 Capital Outlay Budget.**

With no further discussion there was a motion by Trustee Eric Shaw to approve the agenda items listed. The motion was seconded by Trustee Robert Stilley. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Blosser reminded the BOT that the following items needs to be approved at a future meeting (the date to be determined).

- 1. Request for Approval to Increase Student Health Fees**
- 2. Request to Approve to Initiate Regulation Promulgation for Legislative and Board of Trustees Established Increases in Student Tuition and Fees for Academic Year 2008-2009.**

Trustee Blosser asked Dr. Kenneth Jessell to discuss news from the State regarding revenue. On June 12, 2008, the Governor announced a hold back of one percent per quarter in the quarterly releases planned for the 2008-09 appropriations. Unless the Legislator modifies the budget, FAU will receive the total amount by the end of the fourth quarter. The administration believes that if the revenues do not materialize the Legislature will convene a special session. Dr. Jessell discussed the official numbers released by the Office of Economic and Demographic Research on June 24, 2008. These numbers are used in the creation of the budget for the upcoming year. Over a three month period revenue collections were down approximately \$269 million over what was projected in March. FAU will have to have a greater reduction in its budget than the four percent recommended by the Governor. As more information is provided by the House and Senate leadership, the Governor's Office, and the BOG, the administration will provide an appropriated budget amendment for approval by the BOT.

Trustee Sherry Plymale acknowledged that she received correspondence from the Small Business Development Center (SBDC). President Brogan discussed the purpose of the letter. Trustee Plymale asked if the SBDC could raise the \$400,000 match dollars if they would remain open. Trustee Janke stated the SBDC is making a valiant effort to regroup.

VIII. Collective Bargaining Committee

Trustee Robert Stilley

Trustee Robert Stilley stated that the FAU BOT/PBA Collective Bargaining Agreement is up for renewal. Trustee Stilley asked Mr. Larry Glick to discuss the details and the asked approval of the agreement by the BOT.

CB: A-1. Ratification of 2007-2010 FAU BOT/PBA Collective Bargaining Agreement

With no further discussion there was a motion by Trustee Thomas Workman to approve the agenda item listed. The motion was seconded by Trustee Armand Grossman. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Innovation Village Update

Mr. David Kian reported that there have been any substantial developments since the update in May. Since the last update FAU has secured a six digit commitment. The other initiatives related to securing a naming rights sponsor or development rights deal are continuing and will hopefully be wrapped up by the end of the summer.

X. Old Business

There was no old business.

XI. New Business

There was no new business.

XII. Trustee Comments

Trustee Blosser wished everyone a safe summer and reminded the BOT that there would be a conference call towards the end of July. Trustee Plymale reminded the BOT that their financial disclosure forms are due.

XIII. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.