



## FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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FAU BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Boca Raton Campus  
Majestic Palm Room  
June 24, 2003

Vice chair Sherry Plymale convened the meeting of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees on the Boca Raton Campus, at 10:13 a.m. with the following members present:

Scott Adams, William Bryant, E. Llwyd Ecclestone, Fred Hoffman, Gerri McPherson, Virginia Miller, Sherry Plymale, Ancel Pratt, Bruce Warshal, and Nancy Blosser, Jorge Dominicus, Norman Tripp via telephone conference. Chairman George C. Zoley had an excused absence.

### 1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

*Handout - Minutes of May 21, 2003 meeting*

Corrections to the minutes were made in three places. The first correction was in section 5, the sentence, "Chairman Zoley explains to Board that the substantive matter that is being taught is reviewed when approving degree" was changed to, "Chairman Zoley explained that curriculum is thoroughly reviewed before new courses or programs are approved". In the same section, the typo Trusttes Ecclestone was changed to Trustee Ecclestone. The final correction was made to the last sentence of the same paragraph, from "Trustee Plymale agreed and as Chair of Governance agreed to review and revise Section 7.1 and 7.2" to "Trustee Plymale as Chair of Governance, agreed to further review Sections 7.1 and 7.2 and bring those sections back to the Board for final consideration."

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2003 meeting. The minutes were approved as corrected.**

### 2. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Sherry Plymale, Vice Chair**

- The five Trustees who were appointed by the Board of Governors and not yet confirmed by the senate were reappointed yesterday during the BOG conference call meeting.
- All Trustees have completed their financial disclosure forms for the Commission on Ethics.
- The Trustee Handbook, which includes the BOT Operating Policies and Procedures, was handed out to the Trustees who were present. All Trustees who were not at the meeting will be mailed their handbooks. Thanks were extended to Ondina Felipe and her staff for working so hard on the BOT Handbooks.
- The BOT meeting schedule is currently being revised and will be presented to the Board at the July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. There will be a committee staff meeting in early July to get the yearly calendar in accordance with required BOT actions. President Brogan added that since the BOT has been meeting every month, the July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting will be via conference call. The student discipline code and capital improvement plan will be agenda items for the July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. According to the Policies and

Procedures, the next meeting after that will be on Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. This will allow the BOT to approve the 2004-2005 legislative budget request which is due to the Board of Governors on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Frank T. Brogan, President**

President Brogan reported on the following items:

- Congratulations to the Governance committee and their staff for completing the BOT Handbooks. It will be a great guide for current members as well as future members to understanding the processes of this Board.
- The Supreme Court ruled today on the issue of affirmative action. Currently Florida's law in regards to admission and race is on track with the ruling. It is important the Board know that what we are doing at FAU is both legal and working. FAU is currently the most diverse university in the state, and possibly, in the country.
- The Broward county school board unanimously approved FAU's contract with Lockhart Stadium. The contract is for three years.
- The State attorney's office is close to announcing the results of its investigations. As soon as our office is notified, we will send out all the information to Trustees.
- The Audit of the Foundation has not yet been completed. Dr. Jessell has a meeting with the Foundation tomorrow, where he will learn more about the results.
- The searches for athletics director, provost and vice president for advancement are continuing. Thus far, five of the seven finalists for the athletic director position have been on campus. They are very talented individuals, and we are looking forward to the second week in July for the results of the search. The provost search has produced twenty five applicants as of two weeks ago. A search firm is being used for the selection of vice president for advancement.
- Thank you to the Audit and Finance committee for all their hard work and long hours dedicated to finishing our operating budget. Thank you to the executive committee of the foundation for the five hundred thousand dollars that will go to scholarships, tuition waivers and other forms of assistance.
- Trustee Pratt asked if the student government association could be involved in the athletics director search. President Brogan replied that students will be allowed to meet with final candidates. Dr. Leland let Trustee Pratt know that there has been student involvement in the search.
- Trustee McPherson congratulated the President on the ten million dollars awarded by the state for the marine/biomedical research project. President Brogan replied that he is very happy that FAU will be involved with the project along with UF, FIU, UM, Harbor Branch and the other fine institutions. He added that this research project is going to take FAU to higher standing in the research field.

#### **4. ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE JORGE DOMINICIS, CHAIR**

*Handouts- Gender Equity Plan for Intercollegiate Athletics*

##### **A. Recommendation to Approve Gender Equity Plan for Intercollegiate Athletics**

Dr. Dorothy Leland gave a brief summary on the results of the gender equity report. Trustee Miller asked Dr. Leland whether the addition of football greatly affected the gender equity in FAU sports. Dr. Leland explained that football did unbalance the equality between men and women athletes. Having done that, FAU added women's track and field. Thus even though the addition of football was such a radical growth for male athletes, women athlete numbers did increase at the same time. Dr. Leland also added that FAU provides more than the required scholarship money to its women athletes. President Brogan assured the Board that FAU has attached tremendous importance to gender equity and will continue to do so.

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the Gender Equity Plan for Intercollegiate Athletics. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **5. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Gerri McPherson, Chair**

*Handouts- Tri-Rail Web-Based Survey  
Policies of the Office of Space Utilization  
Minutes of May 28, 2003 - Planning and Development Committee Meeting*

##### **A. Recommendation to Approve study of future use of the Tri-Rail System**

Tri-rail approached FAU to discuss the possibility of building a Tri-rail station near the Boca Raton campus and establishing a shuttle service from the station to campus. President Brogan explained that the action that was being presented to the Board is to now take the next step of hiring a consultant to evaluate the situation. The motion does not mean that FAU will begin a formal relationship. Trustee Dominicis expressed that he thought the study for the future of Tri-rail near campus is a good idea and that FAU might find federal money to help the cause. Trustee Pratt recommended to Bob Friedman that the office of Traffic and Parking at FAU be as involved as possible.

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the future study of the Tri-Rail System. The motion passed unanimously.**

##### **B. Recommendation to Approve Policies for Real Property.**

Board of Trustee approval will be required on three different property agreements. Leases granted for more than one year, any sublease of state owned land, and all land purchases. Currently there are five leases out. Architect Bob Friedman and his staff were thanked for all of their work.

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the future study of the Tri-Rail System. The motion passed unanimously.**

Trustees expressed that having committee minutes included in back-up materials was extremely helpful, and they would like them from now on. Trustees also asked that all agendas be posted on the website. Trustee Hoffman asked if there were any updates in regards to IFAS. President Brogan explained to the Board that the budget implementing bill where the IFAS language is just passed and should be signed by the Governor in the next week. The Board thanked President Brogan for everything he and staff did to make sure the IFAS deal passed.

**6. AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE – Trustee Sherry Plymale, Committee Member**

*Handouts- Tuition and Fee Schedule Fall 2002/03  
Tuition and Fee Schedule Fall 2003/04  
2003-2004 Operating Budget Request*

A. Recommendation to Approve Increase in Student Fees for Academic Year 2003-2004

Proposed increases in tuition are as follows: 8.5% across the board as mandated by the legislature; an additional 6.5% for out-of-state undergraduate and graduate matriculation; an additional 6.5% for in-state graduate matriculation.

Trustee Pratt expressed that although he understood the necessity to increase student fees, he could not vote yes on this action because of the students he represents. He also asked that a presentation be made to the student body explaining to them the reasons and justifications of the tuition increase. Trustee Pratt told the Board that the student population would be frustrated, but if there is an effort to work together, they too will understand that the Board and Administration is here to better their educations.

Trustee Plymale thanked the Board for the long hours and much time and effort dedicated to the fees. The actions which have been recommended by the Audit and Finance Committee have been well thought through. In this tough year it should be known that the Board has worked very hard to meet budget cuts while still maximizing faculty and staff benefits.

**A motion was made and seconded to approve Increase in Student Fees for Academic Year 2003-2004 as set forth in committee recommendation. Motion passed with one opposed.**

B. Recommendation to Approve the 2003-04 Florida Atlantic University Operating Budget

Trustee Pratt asked the Board about tuition increases and its effects in regards to scholarships and waivers. President Brogan related the possibility that the FAU Foundation might provide as much as \$500,000 in funding for scholarships and aide.

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2003-04 Florida Atlantic University Operating Budget, Motion passed unanimously.**

**7. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Tripp raised the issue of letters of complaint sent to BOT members by an ex faculty member. He was assured that FAU had done its part in investigating the situation and that it has been in the hands of federal authorities for some time. Trustee Hoffman expressed concern about the claim that the Professor was not permitted to take his personal papers from his office. General Council replied that he had been allowed to take everything he was entitled to. No action by the President or any Board members regarding the letters is required.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was made at the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.