



## FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

### MINUTES FAU BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING November 10, 2004

Chairman George C. Zoley convened the meeting of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees (BOT) on FAU's Davie Campus at 10:12 a.m. with the following members present:

Scott Adams, Nancy Blosser, Bill Bryant, E. Llwyd Ecclestone, Fred Hoffman, Alvira Khan, Ginny Miller, Sherry Plymale, Norman Tripp and Bruce Warshal.

#### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Handout        Minutes of September 15, 2004 Meeting  
                     Minutes of October 7, 2004 Meeting

Trustee Plymale asked that the September 15 minutes be amended as follows: On Page 4, Section 5A, Paragraph 1, Sentence 1, the minutes should read, "Chairman Zoley outlined President Brogan's 2004-05 goals, which are aligned with the goals of the BOT's strategic plan as well as the goals adopted by the Florida Board of Governors (BOG); he also read a resolution prepared by the BOT calling for a 3.5% salary increase for President Brogan payable from *both state and* foundation funds."

Trustee Hoffman asked that the September 15 minutes be amended as follows: On Page 4, Section 4D, Paragraph 1, Sentence 1 should be followed with the statement: "Currently the information Trustee Tripp requested is available for the BOT when requested. President Brogan assured the BOT that the summary sheet on tenure candidates would be expanded for future tenure recommendations."

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended minutes from the September 15, 2004 BOT meeting as well as the minutes from the October 7, 2004 BOT meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### 2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – George C. Zoley

Chairman Zoley reported on his participation in a BOG conference call, chaired by Governor Bush, where they discussed moving forward on various accountability measures. He indicated that FAU's BOT should expect issues regarding accountability and tuition policy to be at the center of their discussions for the upcoming year.

#### 3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Frank T. Brogan

- **Scripps Research Institute** – President Brogan reported on his visit to the new

FAU/Scripps joint-use building, which is scheduled to open on FAU's Jupiter Campus in January 2005. An FAU committee has been established to focus on the Scripps transition, oversight of the Scripps/FAU partnership and creation of new partnerships. President Brogan thanked Trustee Hoffman for his recommendation to charge such a committee. He also reported on discussions regarding a possible second building for Scripps on FAU's Jupiter Campus.

- **BOT Memoranda** – President Brogan noted that the meeting packets contain information requested by the BOT regarding the impact of hurricanes, competitive procurement and insurance programs at FAU. There was a brief discussion about the State University System (SUS) insurance pool. Trustee Tripp requested a presentation comparing areas that could be impacted by board rule with those, which cannot be affected by BOT action because of state law. President Brogan assured the BOT that they would have that presentation as part of their budget presentations in the spring.
- **Boca Raton Community Hospital** – President Brogan advised that there have been cursory discussions regarding the possibility of Boca Raton Community Hospital moving onto the Boca Raton Campus as a teaching hospital that would be utilized by FAU's medical education program. President Brogan explained to the board that he would be bringing information regarding this potential partnership to the appropriate BOT committees.
- **Higher Education Governance Bill** – President Brogan deferred his report on the Board of Governors' Governance Bill to Vice Chair Sherry Plymale. She reported that Florida's House of Representatives has assumed this important project, which will focus on a line of authority between the BOG and the state legislature.
- **2005 BOT Calendar** – A calendar has been established for all BOT meetings in the upcoming year. Trustee Plymale moved that the calendar be approved. Trustee Blosser added that the Strategic Planning Committee would be adding monthly meetings. Chairman Zoley called for a vote, and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Acquisition of WXEL Radio/Television Station** – Barry University of Miami asked for proposals from entities in South Florida seeking to acquire their WXEL radio and television station. An FAU committee considered the issue and concluded that the university would benefit from the acquisition of WXEL. The Deans of the Colleges of Education and Arts & Letters are involved in brainstorming how to integrate the station into current programs at FAU. President Brogan asked for BOT authorization to move forward with the proposal to Barry University.

**A motion was made and seconded to authorize FAU to submit a proposal for the purchase of WXEL radio/television station from Barry University. Motion passed unanimously.**

**4. STRATEGIC PLANNING/ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS JOINT COMMITTEE – Co-Chairs: Nancy Blosser and Scott Adams**

**A. Update on Strategic Planning/Y-Axis Update Information – Dr. Sharron Ronco, Assistant Provost**

Strategic Planning Committee Chair Nancy Blosser reported that her committee met jointly with the Academic & Student Affairs Committee on October 8. Dr. Ronco presented updated Y-axis information. Chair Blosser reported that the Strategic Planning Committee also approved the Strategic Planning Council charter, and she recommended its approval by the BOT.

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the FAU BOT Strategic Planning Council charter. Motion passed unanimously.**

**B. Updated Enrollment/Degree Production Report – Dr. John Pritchett, University Provost**

Dr. Pritchett presented an updated enrollment/degree production report. It was agreed that the end of semester reports would reflect variances when a difference of plus or minus five percent occurs. In this case, a more detailed analysis of the variance would be presented to the Board. Chairman Adams reported that his committee would coordinate with the Strategic Planning Committee relative to future planning for academic programs. Trustee Tripp thanked the committee for its work on these reports. .

**C. Update on Proposed Academic Learning Compacts – Dr. Tom Pusateri, Assessment Director**

Dr. Pusateri made a presentation on proposed academic learning compacts. President Brogan added that discussion of academic learning compacts at the state level call for individual assessments of students. The cost of these individual compacts would be large for the universities and the state. Trustee Plymale noted that the ALC's must prove that students are learning not just being taught. Following discussion, President Brogan said that FAU would work with both the BOT and BOG to implement academic learning compacts at FAU.

Nancy Blosser continued her report with a brief explanation of the work of the Strategic Planning Council. Dr. Kristen Murtaugh explained how BOT members could access the strategic planning homepage.

**5. AUDIT & FINANCE/ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS JOINT COMMITTEE – Co-Chairs: Sherry Plymale and Scott Adams**

**A. First Quarter Status Report of Florida Atlantic University’s 2004-2005 Operating Budget, July 1 – September 30, 2004 – Dr. Kenneth A. Jessell, Vice President for Financial Affairs**

Vice Chair Plymale reported on the university’s budget for the first quarter ending September 30, 2004. She explained that the Finance and Audit Committee had thoroughly reviewed the financial report and that the quarterly reporting process allows the BOT to monitor the budget numbers throughout the year. Following Dr. Jessell’s comments, Trustee Warshal noted the shortfall in private donations in the Athletics Department budget that was reflected in the report. Dr. Jessell noted that the athletics budget was the most concerning of all the university’s budgets during the first quarter. He added that President Brogan and the FAU administration have made the athletics budget a top priority. Chairman Zoley mentioned that Athletics Department revenues were slightly above expenses during the first quarter. Dr. Jessell responded that revenue was higher because of student athletics fees that were paid in September and that expenses would significantly exceed revenues until athletics fee payments in January. Trustee Tripp added that the Audit & Finance Committee was monitoring the athletics budget shortfall and would keep the BOT updated. Trustee Plymale thanked Dr. Jessell and added that Trustee Warshal’s observation is a sign of the effectiveness of quarterly reports.

**B. Discussion of Proposed Board of Governors’ Tuition Policy Recommendations – Dr. Norman Kaufman, Associate Provost**

Dr. Kaufman reported on the proposed Board of Governors’ tuition policies. Following discussion among the trustees about the impact of these policies at FAU, President Brogan reported that he has asked the BOG for sufficient latitude to research possible outcomes of implementation of the BOG policies at FAU. He agreed with Chairman Zoley that the purpose of the policies is to increase accountability, productivity and efficiency at the state’s universities, but he explained that these policies would affect the 11 universities differently due to their unique student populations.

**6. PERSONNEL & COMPENSATION COMMITTEE – Chair Bruce Warshal**

**A. Approval to Amend Florida Atlantic University’s Sexual Harassment Policy as mandated by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights – Ms. Paula Behul, Special Assistant to the President for Equal Opportunity Programs**

**A motion was made and seconded to amend Florida Atlantic University's Sexual Harassment Policy as mandated by the U.S. Department of Education. Motion passed unanimously.**

- 7. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS – None**
- 8. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**
- 9. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m.**