FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

MINUTES
FAU BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MAY 11, 2005

Chairwoman Sherry Plymale convened the meeting of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees (BOT) on FAU's Boca campus at 10:09 a.m. with the following members present:

Scott Adams, Nancy Blosser, Bill Bryant, Armand Grossman, Rajendra Gupta, Roy Levow, Sherry Plymale, Norman Tripp, Dan Wilson and George Zoley.

Excused: David Feder, Lalita Janke and Virginia Miller

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Handout: Minutes of March 2, 2005 BOT Meeting

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of March 2, 2005 BOT meeting . Motion passed unanimously.

II. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Sherry Plymale

Chairwoman Sherry Plymale welcomed new Trustees Dan Wilson and Dr. Roy Levow and thanked outgoing Trustees Dr. Fred Hoffman and Alvira Kahn for their dedication and hard work during their time on the Board. Ms. Kahn thanked the BOT for their support of the Student Government Association and presented each of the members an inscribed plaque. Ms. Plymale then presented plaques to Ms. Kahn, who instituted various practical fundraising activities during her tenure as Student Body President, and to Dr. Hoffman for his hard work during his term as faculty representative.

Ms. Plymale also introduced Tom Barlow, Director of Governmental Relations, and praised him for his outstanding work during the recently completed legislative session.

III. REPORT OF ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – Chair Scott Adams

A. **Recommendation to Approve Tenure Recommendations for 2004-05 – Dr. Diane Alperin, Associate Provost, Academic Personn**el

Dr. Alperin gave a brief synopsis of the process for awarding tenure to faculty. Trustee Tripp suggested we bring up the level of tenured faculty to that of other institutions, such as University of Florida or Florida State University.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2004-05 tenure recommendations. Motion passed unanimously.

B. **Recommendations to Approve Discontinuation of the Master of Science Program in Manufacturing Systems Engineering - Dr. Karl Stevens, Dean, College of Engineering**

Dr. Stevens stated that all students in this program had already graduated and all faculty who had previously taught classes in this program had either retired, been transferred, or were otherwise accommodated.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the discontinuation of the Master of Science Program in Manufacturing Systems Engineering. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Recommendation to Approve Program Review in the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts & Letters (Humanities Programs), the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, and the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing – Deans William Corvino, Nancy Poulson, and Anne Boykin, respectively.

In order to meet the guidelines of the Board of Governors, program reviews in these colleges are up for review.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the program review in the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts & Letters (Humanities Programs), the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, and the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. REPORT OF AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE – Chair Norman Tripp

A. Presentation on Third Quarter Status of Florida Atlantic University's 2004-2005 Operating Budget, July 1 – March 31, 2005 – Dr. Kenneth A. Jessell, Vice President for Financial Affairs

Dr. Jessell presented the Audit and Finance Committee's Third Quarter Operating Budget, which he stated was quite strong. Slides showed year-to-date expenditures for each of the budgetary components of the University: Educational and General; Auxiliary Enterprises; Sponsored

Research/Grants and Contracts; Financial Aid; Student Government/Student Activities; Athletics; and Concessions.

Trustee Trip asked for an update at each meeting of the Committee.

B. Recommendation to Approve Florida Atlantic University's 2006-2007 Legislative Budget Request – Dr. John Pritchett, Provost

The Budget Request has been reviewed by President Brogan and the FAU Executive Committee and approved by the Audit and Finance Committee and the Committee for Academic and Student Affairs.

Dr. Jessell stated there are four strategic priorities:

1) Access to and Production of Degrees. This includes funding for core disciplines that provide essential service courses; granting financial aid to allow students to achieve full-time status; increasing retention rates; strengthening the provision of services and the infrastructure.
2) Meeting statewide professional and workforce needs: specifically our partnership with the University of Miami in the Medical Education Program.
3) Building World-Class Academic Programs and Research Capacity: offering stipends and waiver enhancements to attract graduate students and upgrading our library collections and services. Trustee Tripp questioned the permissibility of offering stipends and asked Dr. Jessell to research this.
4) Meeting community needs: owing to FAU's wide service area, program costs are high and funding is needed to expand course offerings to meet expanding regional demands. Trustee Trip suggested speaking to leadership and community groups about our distributed campus.

A motion was made and seconded for the approval of the draft 2006-2007 Legislative Budget Request. Motion passed unanimously.

V. REPORT OF STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE – Chair Nancy Blosser

Chair Blosser discussed the process involved in choosing an updated FAU Mission Statement to be forwarded to the Board of Governors by May 15th. She then read the statement approved by an ad hoc committee consisting of Chair Blosser, Roy Levow, Kristen Murtaugh, and Trustee Armand Grossman (by phone), facilitated by Raymond Massie. Also participating in the process was Provost Pritchett. Trustee Tripp suggested a change in the sequence of the wording and it was agreed that this change should be made upon motion.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended mission statement, which reads as follows:

Florida Atlantic University is a public research university with multiple campuses along the southeast Florida coast serving a uniquely diverse community. It promotes academic and personal development, discovery, and lifelong learning. FAU fulfills its mission through excellence and innovation in teaching, outstanding research and creative activities, public engagement and distinctive scientific and cultural alliances, all within an environment that fosters inclusiveness.

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. "My FAU"

Dr. William Glenn, Director of FAU'S Imaging Technology Center gave a presentation of his latest development, a super high-definition color television camera which has 50 times the number of resolvable pixels as standard broadcast television. Dr. Glenn's camera has been designated to be on all future space shuttle launches.

VII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Brogan reported on the following items:

Strategic Planning – President Brogan reported that the University will be working on the guidelines established by the Board of Governors throughout the summer.

FAU Marching Band – will perform in parades, concerts, and football games. A student band member modeled the new uniform. President Brogan announced the hiring of a new band director, Dr. Kyle Prescott.

2005 Legislative Session – President Brogan introduced Tom Barlow, FAU's new Director of Governmental Relations, who reported on the highlights of the Session. These included bills for $2 million per year for the FAU/UM joint medical program, $400,000/year for the Autism Center, a state-supported memory disorder clinic, a 3.6% general revenue increase, a 3.6% raise for all FAU employees, a 9% increase in enrollment growth, and a 5% tuition increase.

VIII. BOT MEMBER COMMENTS

Armand Grossman, who represented the Board of Trustees at Spring Commencement, reported on the large number of students graduating at three separate ceremonies on May 6, 2005.

IX. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

No old business/new business was discussed.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.