

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
FAU BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JUNE 29, 2005

Chairwoman Sherry Plymale convened the meeting of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees (BOT) on FAU's Boca campus at 10:00 a.m. with the following members present:

Bill Bryant, Armand Grossman, Rajendra Gupta, Lalita Janke, Roy Levow, Sherry Plymale, and Dan Wilson.

By Phone: Nancy Blosser, Norman Tripp

Excused: David Feder, George Zoley

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Handout: Minutes of May 11, 2005 BOT Meeting

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2005 BOT Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

II. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Sherry Plymale

Chair Sherry Plymale opened the meeting with a report on the BOT Retreat being planned for September 13 and 14, 2005 at the PGA National Resort and Spa and thanked Trustee David Feder, CEO and President of PGA, for arranging accommodations. At the retreat, the results of the year-long work of the Strategic Planning Council, the BOT Strategic Planning Committee, and the work of Trustee Nancy Blosser who chaired this effort will be presented.

Mrs. Plymale presented several items of interest to Trustees:

Summer Graduation ceremonies will occur on August 12th and Trustees are invited to attend as platform guests;

The Florida Board of Education (FBOE) and the Board of Governors (BOG) have established a Task Force to study access to higher education in Florida. The committee will look at the Bright Futures scholarship and the prepaid tuition program. They will explore, consider and recommend policies to the 2006 Legislature to meet the growing demand for access at public and private institutions. They plan to meet in conjunction with the BOG Meetings and someone from our staff will be in attendance. Trustees will be advised the dates in the event they will be able to attend. This task force is expected to meet once a month for six months;

President Brogan hosted the 2nd Articulation Summit with our Community College partners. The President noted that discussions had gone well and Trustees have been provided with a summary.

A copy of a letter from Governor Bush to President Brogan proffering an idea from Williams College that recognizes public high school teachers is being distributed. Mrs. Plymale said it challenges Trustees to consider a similar idea and asked for suggestions which will be discussed at a future time.

Chair Plymale thanked the BOT members who attended the BOG meeting in Ft. Meyers in June, expressing the importance of their presence at these meetings. She also thanked the Trustees for their presence at their respective committee meetings, indicating that the steady progress made at these meetings allowed for today's meeting to occur, despite the absence of several members, to approve the budget and other items on the agenda to be sent to the Board of Governors.

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

Information Items:

A. Report on 2004-05 Degree Production – Dr. John Pritchett, University Provost & Chief Academic Officer

Dr. Pritchett gave a presentation on the past year's degree production tracking four areas: undergraduate targeted and non-targeted degrees, and graduate targeted and non-targeted degrees. Production has increased in all areas except elementary education and an analysis of elementary education degrees at every Florida public institution, except FAMU, showed a decline over the past year in five of the nine institutions surveyed. However, FAU over the past three years has led the state in the production of elementary education degrees and this year FAU has awarded more elementary education degrees than the combined totals of the University of Florida and Florida State University. An investigation into this year's decline in degrees despite steady enrollment found two contributing factors: a change in the teacher certification exam which accounts for 29 degrees not awarded this year, and the area of residence of seniors. There was a decline of 23 degrees among students from northern counties, versus a decline of 3 in Broward and 13 in Palm Beach, which possibly was weather or storm related.

Dr. Pritchett reported that FAU should be proud of the fact that the ethnicity of the student body at FAU almost exactly matched the demographics of our service area.

Trustee Tripp asked if someone at the University could compose an article highlighting Dr. Pritchett's report to send to the newspapers to get some recognition of what we are achieving.

Trustee Bryant requested Dr. Pritchett to mirror the student body with the diversity of our faculty.

B. Report on National LambdaRail/Florida LambdaRail Status – Dr. Jeff Schilit, Associate Provost and Chief Information Officer

Dr. Schilit reported that the National LambdaRail was started in 2003 and is now fully implemented.

In Florida, LambdaRail started in 2003/04 with 7 members, namely FAU, FIU, UCF, FIT, FSU, UF and University of Miami, and formed a limited liability corporation. Since then, three more schools, namely UWF, UNF and Nova Southeastern University have joined the corporation and no outside managers are required. Florida has the first statewide network in the country to be complete, and be fully funded by its member institutions. Having this type of network behind us should help us with federal grants and federal earmarks.

Dr. Schilit said that Florida LambdaRail is fat, fast, and functional. Fat – this backbone can carry more information than we have ever experienced; fast – it can move anywhere in the world in milliseconds; functional – it's working. An example: using the Florida LambdaRail system, the entire Encyclopedia Britannica, which is over 200,000 pages, could be put into a single document and transported in three seconds.

Action Items

C. Recommendations to Approve Name Change for an Existing Doctoral Degree Program – Dean Anne Boykin, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing

A motion was made and seconded to approve the name change. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Recommendations to Approve Accountability Targets for Submission to the FBOG – Dr. John Pritchett, University Provost

A motion was made and seconded to approve accountability targets for submission to the FBOG. Motion passed unanimously.

- E. Recommendation to Approve Timeline for Implementation of Academic Learning Compacts – Dr. John Pritchett, University Provost**

A motion was made and seconded to approve timeline for implementation of academic learning compacts. Motion passed unanimously.

- F. Recommendation to Approve Florida Atlantic University’s FTE Plans for Submission to the FBOG – Dr. John Pritchett, University Provost**

A motion was made and seconded to approve FAU’S FTE Plans for submission to the FBOG. Motion passed unanimously.

- G. Recommendation to Approve Florida Atlantic University’s Peer Institutions Review – Dr. John Pritchett, University Provost**

A motion was made and seconded to approve FAU’S Peer Institutions Review. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Report of Audit & Finance Committee – Chair Norman Tripp

Action Items:

- A. Recommendation to Approve Increase in Athletics Fee – Dr. Kenneth Jessell, Vice President for Financial Affairs.**

Norman Tripp provided background on the decision to increase the student athletics fee to \$2.00. Committees were established within the university to review the proposal and after much consideration the recommendation that came out of those committees was to increase the fee. This will generate approximately \$1.2 million in additional revenue.

Trustee Dan Wilson asked that several FAU students be allowed to speak on this issue. He introduced Jared Velez, Jupiter Campus Student Body Governor, Helen Marshall, Senate Speaker, Treasure Coast campus, Gian Amato, Broward Student Body Governor, and Joshua Bratt, Boca Raton Senate Speaker. The general consensus was that FAU should not increase the athletics fee. Dan Wilson, who represents 26,000 students as Student Body President, stated he was deeply concerned with the decision to increase the athletics fee. This would not increase student support; rather it would decrease support, due to student resentment toward athletics and the football program, resulting in a lower attendance rate at football games.

Dr. Jessell stated that all the concerns raised by the students were also raised by the President, the Executive Committee and members who participated in the various committees formed to study this increase. He enumerated some of the items that would help mitigate some of the concerns the students expressed, including \$267,000 additional need-based financial aid for 2005/6, free bus transportation to all home football games from each campus for students and their dependents, a football scrimmage at the St. Lucie County sports complex, baseball games in Jupiter and Pt. St. Lucie, free tickets to children of our students, a coach's day, team day, cheerleaders' day, and reopened negotiations for use of the Henderson soccer fields.

While our athletics fee is higher than that charged at other Florida institutions, this is balanced by our lower transportation access and health fees, and Dr. Jessell demonstrated that the total impact on students will be in line with other institutions' fees.

President Brogan congratulated students on their eloquence in articulating their feelings about this fee increase in such a respectful way. He stated this decision was not made without lengthy discussions and, while this increase may be a financial concern to students, FAU has been conservative in their past fee increases, even though it would have been possible to raise fees to a greater extent. He assured the students that the athletics fee increase will benefit all students, not just student athletes, as the increase will supplement the educational fees for all. It is necessary to share expenses for shared advantages.

Each board member was asked to comment on the fee increase before voting. All members expressed empathy with the students over the athletics fee increase and, with the exception of Dan Wilson, all felt there was no other choice. Trustee Tripp said that this is what it is going to cost us to go to the next level and become a first-tier school and, in the long term, the right decision is being made.

A motion was made and seconded to approve an increase in the athletics fee. Trustees Plymale, Tripp, Blosser, Janke, Gupta, Grossman, Levow and Bryant voted for the increase. Trustee Dan Wilson voted against the increase. The motion passed.

- B. Recommendation to Approve Promulgation of Emergency and Permanent Tuition and Fee Rules – Dr. Kenneth Jessell, Vice President for Financial Affairs.**
No discussion.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Promulgation of Emergency and Permanent Tuition and Fee Rules. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. Recommendation to Approve Increase in Housing Rental Rates – Dr. Constance Foley, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs**

No discussion.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Increase in Housing Rental Rates. Motion passed unanimously.

- D. Recommendation to Approve Fee Increase for Karen A. Slattery Education Research Center for Child Development – Mr. Glenn Thomas, Executive Director of University Schools**

No discussion.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Fee Increase for Karen A. Slattery Education Research Center for Child Development. Motion passed unanimously.

- E. Recommendation to Approve Financial Plan and Adoption of a Requesting Resolution for Financing and Construction of Student Housing at the Boca Raton Campus of Florida Atlantic University – Dr. Kenneth Jessell, Vice President for Financial Affairs**

No discussion.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Financial Plan and Adoption of a Requesting Resolution for Financing and Construction of Student Housing at the Boca Raton Campus of Florida Atlantic University. Motion passed unanimously.

- F. Recommendation to Approve the 2005-2006 Florida Atlantic University Operating Budgets as Recommended by the University President and Delegate to the University President the Authority to Amend these Budgets as Appropriate during the Fiscal Year – Dr. Kenneth Jessell, Vice President for Financial Affairs**

Trustee Plymale thanked Trustee Tripp and his committee for their hard work in developing this budget.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2005-06 FAU Operating Budgets as Recommended by the University President and Delegate to the University President the Authority to Amend

these Budgets as Appropriate during the Fiscal Year. Motion passed unanimously.

- G. Recommendation to Approve the 2005-06 Capital Outlay Budget – Mr. Robert Friedman, University Architect and Vice President & Dr. Kenneth Jessell, Vice President for Financial Affairs**

No discussion.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2005-06 Capital Outlay Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

- H. Recommendation to Approve 2004-2005 Educational Equity Act Update Summary Report to be Submitted to the Florida Department of Education – Mrs. Paula Behul, Director of Equal Opportunity Programs**

No discussion.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2004-2005 Educational Equity Act Update Summary Report to be Submitted to the Florida Department of Education. Motion passed unanimously.

V. REPORT OF STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE – Chair Nancy Blosser

Chair Blosser noted the Strategic Planning Committee met along with the Student Affairs Committee on June 15 (minutes enclosed in notebooks). The Action Item reported on at that meeting relates to the adoption of the Values Statement, which is the third piece of the foundation for the Strategic Plan. She said that collectively the Mission, Vision and Values Statements will provide a reference point to guide decision making about what actions to take, how to use our resources, and how we want to measure achievement.

The Values Statement was developed by the Strategic Planning Council and was approved at the meeting. Since that time, several minor changes were made for ease of reading and the amended copy was sent to Trustees.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended Values Statement. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Blosser commented on the athletics fee increase and said that there were several points made by the students that related to strategic issues facing the Committee in making the strategic plan. She encouraged student involvement in the strategic planning process and asked them to confer with Kristen Murtaugh, head of the Strategic Planning Council.

President Brogan congratulated Nancy Blosser on her ability to keep to the timeline of getting the first draft of the Strategic Plan to the board by September, with a deadline date of December.

VI. PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Frank T. Brogan

President Brogan reported on the following events:

- 1) A luncheon was held at the Baldwin House for the members of the House and Senate to thank them for their work on behalf of Florida Atlantic University during the last session, and a second luncheon is planned for the staff of the legislators,
- 2) The dedication of our Memory and Wellness Center was held yesterday which allowed a great opportunity to connect with some of the other 18 centers in the state,
- 3) The Community College Articulation Summit was well attended and several important issues were discussed: high performing community college students transferring to FAU, math preparedness, and FAU admission standards,
- 4) The second Scripps building on the Jupiter campus is being planned.
- 5) Mr. Barry Kaye has signed a gift agreement that will over the next 2-3 years make available to the College of Business \$5 million. As this amount is available for state match, this amounts to a \$10 million gift.

VII. BOT Member Comments

Trustee Tripp complimented President Brogan for the good press the school has been getting and expressed his appreciation for the job the President is doing.

VIII. Old Business/New Business

None

IX. Public Comment

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.