



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 16, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Dr. Jeffrey P. & Barbara S. Feingold Board of Trustees Room**  
**777 Glades Road, Boca Raton, FL 33431**

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**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair Anthony Barbar convened the full board meeting of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees with the following members participating:

Dr. Christopher Beetle, Mr. Michael Cairo, Mr. Daniel Cane, Mr. Shaun Davis, Mr. Michael Dennis, Dr. Malcolm Dorman, Dr. Jeffrey Feingold, Mrs. Mary Beth McDonald, Mr. Abdol Moabery, Mr. Robert Rubin, Mr. Robert Stilley, and Mr. Thomas Workman

The following university officials participated: Dr. John Kelly, University President; Mr. David Kian, VP Legal Affairs and General Counsel; Dr. Gary Perry, University Provost and Chief Academic Officer; Ms. Dorothy Russell, VP Financial Affairs and Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Stacy Volnick, VP Administrative Affairs & Chief Administrative Officer; and Mr. Andrew LaPlant, BOT Director and Chief Aide.

**Roll was taken and a quorum was present.**

**II. Chair's Report**

Chair Barbar offered condolences from the board to Provost Gary Perry on the passing of his father. Chair Barbar thanked Stacy Volnick and Andrew LaPlant for their time working on the November Board of Governors (BOG) meeting and making it a success. He thanked the trustees for coming out to the trustee summit and the dinner we hosted that night. Over 50 trustees from around the state joined us.

Governor Rick Scott has asked the board chairs to come to Tallahassee and meet with him to talk about how the universities have responded to his “Stay Four, Save More” challenge.

At a future meeting, Chair Barbar will be asking for approval of a new committee that will separate the audit and finance committee. It is a BOG regulation.

Student Government President and Trustee Michael Cairo gave a great student address to the student body. He is working hard with students and our campus police to make sure there is a dialogue about what is happening in the country.

### **III. President’s Report**

President Kelly thanked the trustees for coming to the trustee summit. One of the trustees from another university, who was the former CEO of a major corporation, complimented FAU on the culture of the campus. When he was walking around our campus, he said that students from all races were talking to each other and not clustering. President Kelly said FAU really impressed a lot of people and thanked Stacy Volnick and Peter Hull’s teams for their work.

President Kelly mentioned this is a tense time in the country. Provost Perry sent out a note to the students to stay focused on what is important and talk to someone before you do anything foolish.

One of FAU’s Strategic Plan platforms is diversity. President Kelly said we have a unique setting at FAU. We want to use it to have students of all races and countries to continue to learn more about each other and their backgrounds.

Another platform is peace, justice and human rights. President Kelly said we have hired people that give a broad prospective in that area where many people are trying to determine what their future looks like. Trustee Michael Cairo spoke about how great the FAU Police Department has been in engaging students. Cairo said he saw Chief Sean Brammer stay up until midnight speaking with students and answering their questions.

President Kelly thanked Trustee Michael Dennis for his support in getting the tennis courts built. FAU was the only Division I program in Florida without tennis courts on campus. Thanks to Dr. Dennis, FAU is now home to a beautiful tennis complex.

Research will be the next topic that is discussed at the Florida Council of 100, of which President Kelly is a member. Unfortunately, FAU is not very relevant in research right now in the country or even the state. FAU needs to get to \$100 million before we become a relevant in that field. Our goal is to get their by 2023. President Kelly is hoping for 2020.

FAU is currently paying its graduate students very poorly. President Kelly said if FAU is going to compete on a national stage, we have to increase their salaries. That is a goal for the upcoming year.

FAU's Chief Financial Officer, Dorothy Russell, is retiring in January. President Kelly is looking at some additional options for the position, in terms of what else can be done in that role. He is looking at economic development and anything around strategic partnerships.

FAU's High School received great publicity with an AP article that placed in over 600 newspapers and web outlets around the world. A couple in Africa saw the article and is now applying to the school. They are prepared to move to Boca Raton, so their son can attend school at FAU high.

President Kelly went over many of our administrative new hires. We put in a full-page ad in the Sun-Sentinel touting their experience and expertise.

January 20<sup>th</sup> will be the ceremonial ground breaking of the Schmidt Family Complex for Academic Athletic Excellence. All trustees are invited.

#### **IV. Public Comments**

No public comments.

#### **V. Approval of the Minutes**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the May 17, 2016 meeting minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the June 7, 2016 meeting minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the August 22, 2016 meeting minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 26-27, 2016 meeting minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the October 28, 2016 meeting minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **VI. Consent Agenda**

Chair Barbar stated that all items were discussed and approved unanimously in their respective committee. No trustee asked to pull anything off the consent agenda. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the Audit & Finance Committee, Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, and the Personnel and Compensation Committee consent agendas. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **VII. New Business**

##### **a. Approval of the 2017 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar**

Chair Barbar asked for a motion to approve the 2017 Board of Trustees meeting calendar. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2017 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **VIII. BOT Member Comments**

Trustee Beetle said he remembers a few years ago being under an interim chair of the department, under an interim dean of the college, who was under an interim provost, who was under an interim president. He said the hires the president noted was extremely encouraging. With the leadership FAU has now, we can get this university to the next level. Trustee Cairo thanked Chair Barbar for coming to the student government address. It is important for the students to know what the board is doing on their behalf. Trustee McDonald thanked Dr. Deborah Floyd, Dean of the Graduate

College, for inviting her to be a judge at the 3-minute thesis challenge. Ms. McDonald mentioned that students were amazing and some of the topics that would seem not interesting, were quite fascinating. Trustee Dennis was extremely impressed by President Kelly's presentation in front of the trustee summit. The president spoke about how FAU was able to move up in the performance funding rankings. Trustee Davis said the chair and president represented FAU extremely well at the trustee summit. He is happy to hear the board talk about diversity. He would like to see the numbers in FAU's hiring practices and purchasing at the university. Dr. Feingold said he was at the Republican Governor's Association Meeting in Orlando. People were recognizing FAU and that is a testament to the hard work of President Kelly and his team.

#### **IX. Adjournment**

**A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.**