I. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Mr. Brent Burns, Mr. Shaun Davis, Dr. Kimberly Dunn, Mr. Earnie Ellison, Mrs. Barbara Feingold, Mr. Robert Flippo, Mr. Pierce Kennamer, Mrs. Sherry Murphy, and Mrs. Linda Stoch.

The following university officials participated: Dr. John Kelly, University President; Mr. David Kian, VP Legal Affairs, and Mr. Andrew LaPlant, Board of Trustees Operations.

Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

II. Chairman’s Update

Chair Levine opened that at the recent Board of Governors (BOG) meeting, they approved a motion to support FAU continuing to develop a plan to create a College of Dentistry and a proposal for a Doctor of Dental Medicine. The BOG also approved Dr. Stacy Volnick as interim president beginning January 1, 2023. FAU was recognized as the APLU’s award for degree completion. This is a big deal for the university.

The Bezos Academy, which this board approved at a previous meeting, is now accepting applications. They are located right next to AD Henderson. The Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing received a National Institutes of Health grant for a nurse-led mobile-health unit in medically underserved regions. The Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine received a NIH grant to launch of summer institute of Biostatistics and Data Science.
III. President’s Update

President Kelly showed the award FAU received from the APLU for degree completion. Dr. Kelly remembered that when former President Lyndon Johnson was at the opening of FAU, he said this would be a place for all. Through the years, we have kept that dream alive. Recently, FAU welcomed graduates from the original graduating class.

Chair Levine remarked that a university’s number one job is to graduate students. Under Dr. Kelly’s leadership, FAU went from 19-percent to over 50-percent. His accomplishments were tremendous.

Trustee Dunn thanked Dr. Kelly from her and the faculty for all he did to move the university forward. Trustee Kennamer, on behalf of the students, thanked Dr. Kelly. The metrics and the improvement of degree completions has helped many students. Trustee Burns said Dr. Kelly changed the trajectory of the university. It was his vision and commitment to raising the bar that has made a big difference. Trustee Feingold noted that Dr. Kelly came in during her husband’s time on the board. She said he raised the level, which is a goal of a university president. Trustee Ellison noted that he graduated from a historically black college. One of the focuses was to make sure black students graduated. When he came on the FAU board, he felt this university had the same kind of focus that black and other ethnic students are graduating on par with everyone else. To do that, you need to have a good heart. Dr. Kelly has that and give FAU a strong presence in this community and beyond. Dr. Davis echoed the comments already given and is sorry to see Dr. Kelly’s time as president come to an end.

IV. Public Comment

No public comments

Trustee Dunn asked to be recognized for a time-sensitive matter. Chair Levine recognized Trustee Dunn. Dr. Dunn said that Senate Bill 7044 was passed that required the BOG a post tenure review process. Currently there is a post tenure review regulation 10.003 for public comment. Prior to posting for public comment, they requested that the SUS institutions provide feedback. It is her understanding that feedback was provided and that the governors had not received the feedback prior to posting the regulation. The feedback was not incorporated and she is not sure why. BOG Chair
Lamb has talked about deregulation and reducing costs. This policy goes way beyond was it required in SB 7044. We talked about many things today that make it difficult for the faculty to succeed, i.e. the cost of living and salaries. This makes it difficult to keep FAU has a top ranked university and the university system. She asked if any of the trustees know members of the BOG to look at what was crafted by the university to the regulation. She asked the trustees to urge the BOG to take those into consideration before passing regulation 10.003. This is a concern not only at FAU but throughout the State University System.

V. Consent Agenda
Chair Levine stated that all items were discussed and approved unanimously in their respective committees. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Audit and Compliance Committee, Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, Budget and Finance Committee, and the Governance Committee consent agendas. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

VI. New Business
   a. Approval of Full Board Minutes
      i. September 18-19, 2022
Chair Levine asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 18-19, 2022 Full Board Minutes. Trustee Ellison wanted to make sure that Trustee Dunn got back with the senate to get their concurrence with the School of Dentistry. Trustee Dunn said that happened. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

   b. Approval of University Elements
      a) Everleigh and Evangeline Rosemurgy Classroom
      A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Everleigh and Evangeline Rosemurgy Classroom. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

      b) Frank and Mimi Walsh Meeting Center
A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Frank and Mimi Walsh Meeting Center. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

c) Holli Rockwell Eminent Dean in the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing
A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Holli Rockwell Eminent Dean in the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

d) Eleanor R. Baldwin Arena
A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Eleanor R. Baldwin Arena. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

c. Approval of the 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar
A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

d. Presidential Search Update
Chair Levine spoke about the upcoming presidential search. He noted that an outside consultant, Nicole Washington, was hired. He asked her to come and give an update. Ms. Washington introduced herself and company. She will be a liaison between the AGB search firm and the university.
Ms. Washington went over the search process. Chair Levine thanked her for the presentation.

VII. Adjournment
A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.