



Full Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 17 2020 – 10:00 a.m.
VIRTUAL MEETING

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Mr. Brent Burns, Mr. Shaun Davis, Mr. Brad Levine, Ms. Elycia Morris, Ms. Celine Persaud, Mr. Robert Rubin, Mr. Bob Stilley, and Dr. Kevin Wagner

The following university officials participated: Dr. Daniel Flynn, VP Research; Dr. John Kelly, University President; Mr. David Kian, VP Legal Affairs and General Counsel; Ms. Stacy Volnick, VP Administrative Affairs; Mr. Brian White, VP Athletics; and Mr. Andrew LaPlant, Board of Trustees Operations.

Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

II. Chair's Report

Chair Moabery recognized the hard work of the students, faculty and staff, despite all the obstacles this year.

FAU again hosted an early-voting site on campus this election season. Chair Moabery thanked former Board of Governors member and current Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections, Wendy Link, for all she has done during this election cycle. Her staff have worked collaboratively with us and helped it make it easier for members of the community to participate in democracy.

The university has hosted a number of elected officials the past couple of months. The U.S. Department of Energy Assistant Secretary and Chief of Staff visited HBOI to learn more about the Southeast National Marine Renewable Energy Center. President Kelly welcomed Environmental Protection Agency administrator, Andrew Wheeler, for a press conference and discussion on marine litter and ocean plastics. Congressman Brian Mast also joined the discussion.

Congressman Ted Deutch joined the naming event for the Arthur and Emalie Gutterman Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education. Chair Moabery noted that was incredibly well done for a virtual naming.

Looking forward to the 2021 legislative session, the Board of Governors approved the 2021-22 State University System legislative budget. As they did the previous year, the BOG will be seeking legislative funding in three categories: Performance-Based Funding, Preeminent Universities, and Universities of Distinction. The BOG approved system request includes FAU's \$6.2 million request for applied artificial intelligence and big-data analytics.

The FAU College of Business graduate and undergraduate schools have both been named top-50 in the Princeton Review for entrepreneurship.

III. President's Report

President Kelly started by announcing FAU's first clinical trial partner with Memorial Health. He asked Dan Flynn to give an update. Dr. Flynn said this will allow Memorial Health Systems physicians to have faculty research appointments at FAU. We will provide front and back office support for research grants for joint clinical trials together. Their grants will be routed through FAU and will be counted towards FAU metrics. This could lead to many millions of dollars of activity in the future.

The Leon Charney Diplomacy Program for the second time in three years finished first in the US. Trustee Persaud is on the diplomacy team. FAU High School has 34 National Merit Scholars, the most in the State of Florida. Niche Magazine has named our K-5 AD Henderson School No. 2, our middle school No. 11, and our high school No. 2 in the state.

Dr. Kelly noted that the Wallach gift is transformational. FAU has become a national leader for Holocaust education in the United States.

President Kelly asked Stacy Volnick to give a Covid-19 update. Ms. Volnick said that outside of athletics, we have seen no community spread of the virus. This is a testament to the individuals who are working tirelessly throughout the university. In the spring semester, we are looking at increasing a testing strategy to include random testing. The tech runway has performed over 23,000 tests since it opened. She thanked Trustees Rubin and Levine for helping to get that opened. They will also be opening a third testing site in Lot 5.

Trustee Davis asked for an athletics update regarding Covid-19. Mr. White said athletics has had all negative tests the last several weeks. In regards to the earlier positive tests, they feel like they can trace where it came from and have been able to stop future incidents from happening.

IV. Public Comments

No public comments.

V. Consent Agenda

Chair Moabery stated that all items were discussed and approved unanimously in their respective committees.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Audit & Compliance Committee, and the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, consent agendas. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

VI. New Business

a. Approval of Full Board Minutes

- i. September 21, 2020**
- ii. September 25, 2020**
- iii. October 6, 2020**
- iv. November 2, 2020**

Chair Moabery asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 21, 2020, September 25, 2020, October 6, 2020 and the November 2, 2020 Full Board Minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

b. Approval of the Modification of Article 23 of the 2018-2021 FAU BOT/UFF Collective Bargaining Agreement

Mr. Kian presented the item. He said this is a technical change to the collective bargaining agreement with the faculty union. This only affects the portion of the agreement that deals with the starting salary for FAU schools employees, i.e. AD Henderson and FAU High School. This is a change mandated by a law that the State Legislature passed this past spring. It allocated \$500 million dollars to increase the minimum base salary to \$47,500 for teachers. The governor signed the legislation this summer. Last month, the Department of Education's Florida Education Finance Program allocated to FAU Schools the portion of the funding to bring our salaries in line. There is also a portion to bring permanent faculty on the Grandfathered Salary Schedule to \$50,270. Those numbers are inserted to the relevant portion of the agreement. No other wording has been changed.

Trustee Wagner asked if the UFF approved the change. Mr. Kian replied in the affirmative.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Modification of Article 23 of the 2018-2021 FAU BOT/UFF Collective Bargaining Agreement. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

c. Approval of University Elements

a) Samuel C. Cantor Charitable Trust by Eddy and Helaine Cantor Second Floor Atrium

A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Samuel C. Cantor Charitable Trust by Eddy and Helaine Cantor Second Floor Atrium. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

b) Maizey More-Englehart Administrative Office

A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Maizey More-Englehart Administrative Office. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

c) Donna More Compliance Office in Memory of Mordecai More

A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Donna More Compliance Office in Memory of Mordecai More. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

d) Debbie Lindstrom and Bob Sheetz Owl's Perch

A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Debbie Lindstrom and Bob Sheetz Owl's Perch. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

e) Kurt and Marilyn Wallach Holocaust and Jewish Studies Building and Kurt and Marilyn Wallach Institute for Holocaust and Jewish Studies

A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Kurt and Marilyn Wallach Holocaust and Jewish Studies Building and Kurt and Marilyn Wallach Institute for Holocaust and Jewish Studies. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

d. Approval of the 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar

Chair Moabery asked the trustees to look at the meeting dates for next year. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

VII. BOT Member Comments

Trustee Burns was appreciative for everyone being flexible and keeping up the good work. Trustee Stilley wants to follow up on the financial information that the trustees talked about earlier today. Trustee Wagner wanted to echo the comments of appreciation by the chair to the faculty and staff with this being a difficult semester. Trustee Davis says these activities show how much good work is done in between meetings with a full agenda.

VIII. Adjournment

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