



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 26, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.
Boca Raton Campus
Williams Administration Building
777 Glades Road
Boca Raton, FL 33431

Chairman Robert Stilley convened the full board meeting of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees with the following members participating:

Mr. Anthony Barbar, Mr. David Feder, Dr. Jeffrey Feingold, Dr. Angela Graham-West, Dr. William McDaniel, Mr. Abdol Moabery, Mrs. Sherry Plymale, Mr. Robert Rubin, Mr. Paul Tanner, Dr. Julius Teske and Mr. Thomas Workman.

The following university officials participated:

Dr. Mary Jane Saunders, University President; Dr. Brenda Claiborne, Provost and Chief Academic Officer; Mr. David Kian, Senior Vice President for Strategic Relations & General Counsel; Mr. Dennis Crudele, Senior Vice President for Financial Affairs; Dr. Jennifer O’Flannery-Anderson, Vice President of Community Engagement and Executive Director, FAU Foundation, Inc.; Mr. Ron Bulger, Executive Administrator and BOT Liaison.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Robert Stilley convened the full board meeting. Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

II. Chair’s Report

Trustee Stilley opened the report with the 2011 December commencement ceremonies graduating 2,342 students, with more than 2,100 walking. The students came from 57 counties and had an age range of 18 to 82. Honorary doctorates were awarded to Dr. Michael Posner and Mr. Ralph de la

Vega. President's Service Medallions were awarded to former FAU Board of Trustees Chair Nancy Blosser and Mr. Shawn Friedkin. Mr. Friedkin's Stand Among Friends walk will be held in February.

Trustee Stilley mentioned one of the focuses of the board was community engagement. He welcomed Dr. Jennifer O'Flannery-Anderson as the new VP of Community Engagement and is happy to have her back at FAU.

Trustee Feingold had an excellent trip with State of Florida Governor Rick Scott to the State of Israel. These trips are important to establish a link between our state and other nations.

President Saunders and Trustee Stilley went to the Board of Governors meeting in Tallahassee last week. They discussed a lot of issues including the SUS Economic Impact Study, which was very positive for FAU, the Higher Education Coordinating Council and the BOG Annual Accountability Report. They had a number of different meetings with many different legislators in the Florida Senate and the House.

President Saunders presented to the House Education Committee. Trustee Stilley said she was incredible and that she is a superstar. Her responses to the number of questions asked were very impressive.

The Adams Center is introducing two new mentorship programs, the Entrepreneur-In-Residence Program and the Spring 2012 Executive Leadership Program. The programs offer FAU students a chance to work with successful businesses in the area.

Two days ago was the ribbon cutting of the Marine Science Laboratory at HBOI. This is the latest facility to be completed in the 44.6 million dollar capital investment program that started in 2008. Trustee Stilley noted our goal of being a high-research university is in sight with the help of these facilities.

FAU's pre-K to 12th grade schools all earned A ratings. The Karen Slattery Educational Center got a perfect score by the Palm Beach County Quality Rating Scale. The Alexander D. Henderson

University School got a perfect score by the Florida Department of Education for the 12th straight year. FAU High received an A from the Florida Department of Education with a perfect score. Trustee Stillel lauded Dean Valerie Bristor, Glenn Thomas and all the teachers and students for continuing to set the bar for pre-K through 12th grade.

The study on babies learning how to talk by Dr. David Lewkowicz received major media attention around the country. Trustee Stillel went on to talk about how great FAU's research is doing and continuing to reach out into the community.

III. President's Report

President Saunders enjoyed talking with the legislators last week. She noted FAU was ahead of the curve on the signature research niches. FAU's signature themes were very well received. She was especially pleased about the SUS commission of two individual faculty members to do an economic impact study of the higher education system. They found FAU has an economic impact of \$4 billion annually. That study did not include things such as game days, entertainment, etc. FAU can be very proud of its place in the local economy.

The United Way campaign had a major increase in donations from last year. FAU had donations of \$58,000, up \$10,000 from last year. The co-chairs were Brenda Claiborne and Ron Bulger.

The Gold Coast Public Relations Council gave their Gold Star award to our media relations department, led by Lisa Metcalf. They specifically highlighted the coverage of our medical school, the celebration of our 50th Anniversary and the opening of FAU Football Stadium.

Our medical school applications are already at 3,200 for 64 slots. Mr. Marcus and his wife, in their remarks about the major gift they gave to the Boca Raton Regional Hospital, mentioned that one of the reasons they wanted to support the hospital was the collaboration with FAU's School of Medicine.

Our 50th Anniversary book won awards for its design. Congratulations go to Crystal Bacchus, Janette Robbins and Lynn Laurenti who put the book together. CASE, the national organization that works with Advancement professionals, just gave FAU an award of excellence for its 50 on the 5-

Anniversary Gala. Thanks go to Carolyn Stewart and Stacy Volnick, and everyone else that worked so hard to make it a success.

President Saunders noted the tremendous atmosphere at HBOI and all the things it does for the community. She thinks this will be the place to make major strides in research in the future. Chair Stilley echoed those comments.

Margaret Leinen, executive director of HBOI, has been back and forth to Brazil because of the sale of the Seward Johnson. Brazil has an enormous commitment to environmental research. She has been a lead for FAU and NSF's outreach to Brazil.

The business plan competition is in its fourth year at the Adams Center in the College of Business. They'll be more than \$200,000 committed this year in cash and prizes. This year it will be open to high school students for the first time.

A couple of events going on at the university: one, former US Secretary of State Madeline Albright will be speaking on February 15 and two, Stand Among Friends will host its 2nd race on the Boca Raton campus on February 26.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 16, 2011 meeting minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the December 5, 2011 meeting minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

V. Consent Agenda

Chairman Stilley stated that all items have been discussed and approved in their respective committees. **With no further discussion or amendments, a motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.**

VI. Old Business

There was no old business.

VII. New Business –

a. Change the May 17, 2012 Full Board Meeting to May 24, 2012

Chairman Stilley started a discussion with the board moving the date since the May 17th date conflicts with the annual FAU Athletics Golf Tournament. It was determined May 24th was a suitable date for all members.

A motion was made and seconded to move the May Board of Trustees meeting to May 24, 2012. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. BOT Member Comments

Trustee Teske thought the HBOI event was well received. He looks forward to working with President Saunders over the next five years. Trustee Rubin asked about the funding from the legislature for the coming year. Mr. Crudele responded that we are waiting on the final budget and that could come late in the session this year due to redistricting. Trustee Feingold talked about his trip to Israel with Florida Governor Scott and Senate President Mike Haridopolos. Trustee Feder would like FAU to raise its graduation rate. Trustee Plymale mentioned HBOI is having a gala called, "Love Your Lagoon," and invited all the trustees to attend. Trustee Barbar noted how great it is how FAU is reaching out to the community. Trustee Workman mentioned the FAU Foundation has four openings on its board, so please let them know if there are any recommendations. He asked for comments on the new FAU Strategic Plan in the next week or two. Trustee Graham-West is impressed with FAU's medical school and the number of applications. Trustee Moabery noted when he travels to other countries; the people in those countries still want to come to the United States to get a college education. He said the FAU Football Stadium was a home-run for community engagement. Trustee McDaniel said the FAU Faculty Senate is anxious about the SACS reaccreditation. Trustee Tanner thinks the public image is changing with FAU, in a good way. He gave examples of the press clips and the football stadium.

IX. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

X. Adjournment

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