



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 15, 2013 – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Boca Raton Campus**  
**Administration Building, Board of Trustees Room**  
**777 Glades Road**  
**Boca Raton, FL 33431**

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

Vice Chair Anthony Barbar, Mr. David Feder, Dr. Jeffrey Feingold, Dr. Angela Graham-West, Mr. Robert Huffman, Dr. William McDaniel, 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, General Counsel; Mr. Dennis Crudele, Senior Vice President for Financial Affairs; Dr. Barry Rosson, Vice President of Research and Dean of the Graduate College; Dr. Charles Brown, Sr. Vice President of Student 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; and Andrew LaPlant, BOT Coordinator.

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

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

**II. Chair’s Report**

Chair Stilley started his report by mentioning the professor who made comments about the Sandy Hook school tragedy. Stilley noted twice that the controversial statements were on the professor’s personal blog. The blog is not affiliated with Florida Atlantic University; it is not hosted on our

servers; it is not monitored or maintained by administrators; and does not express the views of this university. He apologized on behalf of the board for any pain those comments may have caused to that community. This board rejects and condemns any such implications that the tragedy might not have occurred or the pain might not be genuine. He wanted the community to know that the thoughts, prayers and sympathies of Florida Atlantic University are with them.

Last week, Governor Scott appointed several new members to the Board of Governors. Brief bios were sent to each of the trustees.

Stilley noted this was his last meeting as board chair. He thanked everyone for their support the past two years. He said, as chair, you realize how important the yearly board retreats are to the university. The board highlighted two areas to focus on: community involvement and research. Those two items were important to look at for this year and many years ahead.

Many things have happened in the past two years, including the football stadium opening and Innovation Village. People can feel the excitement now everyday on campus. With President Saunders, we have made many more traditions, with the 50 on the 50 gala. We have also seen the first two medical classes, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools 10-year reaccreditation process and a visit by the President of the United States.

In Jupiter, the university is moving many scientists up there to work with Max Planck, Scripps, VGTI, among others. This is what will be talked about 20, 30 years from now. He thanked Dr. Barry Rosson for his research reports and Dr. Jennifer O'Flannery Anderson for her community engagement updates.

The board is an important part of the university. The board is the protector of the university. Stilley asked that each trustee take that very seriously. He stated that he worked with a group of incredibly talented people where we changed the industry that we worked in. He said the people that support the university and the board are second-to-none and it's been an honor to work with each and every one of them.

### **III. President's Report**

President Saunders thanked Chair Stilley for his generous service as board chair and the university appreciates all the work he has put in as a chair and trustee. She also thanked the trustees that participated in the commencement ceremonies. FAU had 2,474 students graduate. Special honorees were Drs. Joan and Bernard Chodorkoff, Mr. Jay Salkini and Dr. Claudia Hillinger.

The College of Medicine hosted an event for Dick and Barbara Schmidt that was co-chaired by Jon and Bonnie Kaye, with Boca Raton mayor Susan Whelchel serving as honorary chair. There was a surprise announcement that faculty member Dr. Morton Levitt is making a \$3 million donation in support of medical education scholarships. That is the largest donation by a faculty member in FAU history. The university is so grateful for his donation.

Other donations include Louis and Anne Green to expand the Wellness Center and ADT Securities gave a tremendous gift to the football stadium, which included a clock that was from Fenway Park in Boston, Massachusetts.

Former Owl Alfred Morris is now a star running back in the National Football League with the Washington Redskins. He helped the Redskins win their first NFC Eastern Division Title since 1999. He set a team record of 1,613 rushing yards, which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest total in NFL history for a rookie. He scored 13 touchdowns, flashing Owl fingers after each one. More importantly, Morris is great person and role model for all of us.

The National Cancer Institute awarded a grant in the amount of \$433,500 to Dr. Vijaya Iragavarpu-Chayulu in the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine. She is testing a theory that lung inflammation could create a favorable environment for the spread of cancer cells from the breast to the lung.

Saunders appeared before the Broward and Palm Beach legislative delegations and discussed how FAU is rebounding from last year's budget cuts. She also met with key legislators from the Tampa Bay area.

Dr. Herb Weissbach has been elected a charter Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors in recognition of his research on the role of oxidative damage in aging and the mechanisms that cells

use to combat this damage. Weissbach is the Director of the Center for Molecular Biology and Biotechnology in the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science.

The Florida Commission on the Status of Women has been selected Dr. Josepine Beoku-Betts to receive a 2012 Achievement Award. Dr. Beoku-Betts heads FAU's Center for Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies in the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters.

Last year, all FAU senior staff and president's office staff took an online ethics course offered by the State of Florida. This year, the training will be repeated and extended to selected employees, as identified by the senior staff.

The SACS reaccreditation team will be at FAU from February 5-7, 2013. The team will be giving close attention to our Quality Enhancement Plan. This document can be accessed online and it focuses on expanding undergraduate research and inquiry.

Registration is now open for the 2013 Business Plan Competition sponsored by the Adams Center for Entrepreneurship in the College of Business. This contest is open to FAU students, alumni and members of the public. This year, the participants will be competing for more than \$200,000 in cash and prizes.

This year's Business Leader of the Year award is going to Jim Robo, president and CEO of NextEra Energy, Inc. NextEra Energy is a publicly-traded company based in Juno Beach, Fla. with revenues of more than 15-billion dollars.

The College of Business' online programs were labeled a "Best Buy" by GetEducated.com, with the online master's degree in accounting ranked first nationally.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Emb(race) Walk is on Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> on the Boca Raton campus. The partner organization is Stand Among Friends.

#### **IV. Approval of the Minutes**

**A motion was made a seconded to approve the November 15, 2012 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 committee. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the Audit & Finance Committee, Committee on Academic and Student Affairs and Strategic Planning Committee consent agendas. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

## **VI. Action Agenda**

### **a. Renaming of the BOT Room**

Mr. David Kian spoke representing the FAU Administration and the FAU Foundation Board to request the board to approve the renaming of the BOT Room to the Dr. Feingold Board Room. Dr. Feingold and Mrs. Feingold have given \$250,000 to improve, enhance and enlarge the BOT Room. In addition to the enlargement of the room, there will also be significant technological enhancements. **In recognition of the positive impact that this gift will have on the Board and the University as a whole, a motion was made and seconded to approve renaming the BOT Room to the Dr. Feingold Board Room.** Discussion ensued with Trustees Barbar, McDaniel and Stilley thanking Dr. Feingold and his wife Barbara for his tremendous gift. **With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.** Dr. Feingold thanked the Board for their recognition and expressed his and his wife's belief that everyone has a responsibility to give back to their community. They are proud of FAU and grateful for the opportunity to support it.

### **b. Election of a Chair**

Chair Stilley opened the floor to nominations for chair of the board. Trustee Graham-West nominated Trustee Feingold. Feingold declined and nominated Trustee Barbar. The nomination was seconded. **With no further nominations, discussion, or amendments, a vote was taken to approve Trustee Barbar as chair. The motion passed unanimously.** Trustee Stilley passed the gavel to Chair Barbar, and Chair Barbar gave opening remarks as chair.

### **c. Election of a Vice-Chair**

Chair Barbar opened the floor to nominations for vice-chair of the board. Trustee Stilley nominated Trustee Workman. The nomination was seconded. **With no further nominations, discussion, or amendments, a vote was taken to approve Trustee Workman as vice-chair. The motion passed unanimously.** Vice-chair Workman gave opening remarks as the vice-chair.

## **VII. Old Business**

### **a. Research Trends and Highlights**

Dr. Barry Rosson, Vice President of Research, gave a presentation entitled, “Research Trends and Highlights.”

## **VIII. New Business**

Trustee Workman thanked the Foundation Board for their hard work. He invited the Foundation Board Chair Randy Justice to speak. Justice gave brief remarks on the past, present and future of the board.

## **IX. BOT Member Comments**

Chair Barbar opened the comments with thanking Trustee Stilley for his time as chair. Barbar spoke of his last two years working with Stilley, which he described as a privilege. Barbar then presented Stilley with a resolution, picture and gavel. All of the trustees thanked Stilley for his guidance and leadership the past two years. Trustee Feder thanked Trustee Feingold for his gift to renovate the board room. Trustee Huffman gave a brief update on student government and the upcoming student body president election process.

## **X. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

## **XI. Adjournment**

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