



**Full Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 25, 2023
Virtual Meeting**

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. Piero Bussani, Mr. Shaun Davis, Dr. Kimberly Dunn, Mr. Earnie Ellison, Mrs. Barbara Feingold, Mr. Robert Flippo, Mr. Pierce Kennamer, Mrs. Elycia Morris, and Mrs. Linda Stoch.

The following university officials participated: Dr. Stacy Volnick, 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 with a proclamation to Trustee Pierce Kennamer for his work as Student Body President and Trustee. He noted the FAU Gala was a big success. FAU raised about \$718,000. The City of Boca Raton gave the Men's Basketball team a key to the city. Chair Levine let the trustees know about the first Chair's Medal award event that was happening on Wednesday at the Baldwin House. He spoke about adding speakers and awards to keep people coming to campus and learning or re-learning about FAU.

III. President's Update

President Volnick opened that FAU's new CFO, Jayson Iroff, has joined FAU last week. Dr. Dan Flynn is leaving his position as VP of Research and Dr. Gregg Fields will be the interim. President Volnick said according to FAU Regulation 5.006, the president shall make the final decision for

granting tenure to faculty members. In 2023 the university awarded tenure to 18 faculty members who were also promoted to rank of associate professor. One individual was denied tenure. Additionally, the university promoted 15 associate professor to the rank of full professor. One individual was denied promotion. The 2022-23 tenure process has been completed. President Volnick certified to the Board of Trustees that all required tenure procedures have been followed. Decisions regarding tenure is now final.

President Volnick showed a presentation of the impacts of the Final Four run of Men's Basketball. VP of Public Affairs, Peter Hull, spoke about the impacts to Public Affairs, including media placements, total advertising value, advertising placements, social media, and merchandise. VP of Advancement, Chris Delisio, spoke about the impacts to Advancement, including events, alumni membership and donations, student alumni, charter flight to Houston, and fundraising. VP of Athletics, Brian White, spoke about the impacts to Athletics, including men's basketball's first national ranking, first wins in the NCAA Tournament, Final Four appearance, athletics social media, and tickets and merchandise. President Volnick concluded the presentation with next steps, including admissions, housing, campus services, athletics master plan, public affairs and fundraising. Trustee Flippo asked about the portal and being active. Mr. White replied with there is a lot of interest, but there are not a lot of spots open, since most of the roster is coming back. The next year will be very important.

IV. Public Comment

No public comments

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 Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, Strategic Planning and Initiatives 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. February 14, 2023

Chair Levine asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 14, 2023 Full Board Minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

b. Approval of University Elements

a) Edith & Martin Stein Atrium at Theatre Lab

A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Edith & Martin Stein Atrium at Theatre Lab. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

b) Marilyn & Jay Weinberg Grand Lobby in the Holocaust & Jewish Studies Building

A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Marilyn & Jay Weinberg Grand Lobby in the Holocaust & Jewish Studies Building. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

c) Sam W. Klein Faculty Hub in the College of Medicine

A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Sam W. Klein Faculty Hub in the College of Medicine. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously. Trustee Flippo abstained.

d) Sandler Family Student Lounge in the College of Social Work and Criminal Justice

A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Sandler Family Student Lounge in the College of Social Work and Criminal Justice. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

e) Naming the Softball Field “Joan Joyce Field”

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Naming the Softball Field “Joan Joyce Field”. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

c. Approval to Amend Board of Trustees 2023 Meeting Calendar

Chair Levine asked for a motion to moved the June 13, 2023 meeting to June 19, 2023.

There was a motion and a second. **With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

d. Presidential Search Update

a. Approval of the Presidential Profile

Chair Levine asked Dr. Rod McDavis of AGB Search to walk through the Presidential Profile. Dr. McDavis noted there were eleven open forums and discussed with the presidential search committee. There are eight core pillars on the profile. Qualifications and Key Presidential Attributes were also included.

Trustee Dunn asked to make a motion to amend the document. Chair Levine asked that any motion to the document be rejected. He asked if there are any changes to let Dr. McDavis know. Trustee Ellison noted this is the most important thing we do as trustees. He suggests the part that deals with strategic vision and plan being moved up in the document. He also suggested that we mention DEI in the document.

Trustee Dunn made a motion to strike the Curing Parkinson's Disease paragraph. Trustee Ellison offered an amendment to move Curing Parkinson's Disease to a different section and be listed of an integrated Strategic Plan. Trustee Dunn accepts that amendment. The motion is now to move the entire section of Advancing a Strategic Vision to be listed as possible items. Trustee Dunn withdrew her motion for Trustee Ellison to offer his amendment as a full motion. Trustee Morris said we are getting to far (in the weeds). Chair Levine agreed with Trustee Morris. He likes Trustee Ellison's comments and wants him to talk with Dr. McDavis about it. We don't need to change sentences.

Chair Levine's suggestion is to vote on the profile as is. Trustee Ellison wanted to clarify that he didn't want to wordsmith. He wants to create a strategic plan in this section and

restructure it with more of a strategic vision. Chair Levine noted a part in the profile about the strategic plan.

Chair Levine asked for a motion to approve the presidential profile as is. **There was a motion and a second. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed with 7 yeas and 3 nays.**

VII. Adjournment

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