



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 24, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.
Jupiter Campus
Education Building, Room 101
5353 Parkside Drive
Jupiter, FL 33458

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, Mr. Robert Huffman, 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, 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.; and 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 his comments with FAU's 2012 Business of the Year award from the Boca Chamber of Commerce. On April 26th, Trustee Moabery won the Biggest Heart award from the Men with Caring Hearts. This is bestowed to members of the community who are philanthropic leaders, who are committed to dedication and effectiveness of individuals of the community-at-large.

FAU received close to a million dollar research project from the NIH looking at osteoarthritis. The principle investigator is Dr. Keith Brew. The second project is almost a two-million dollar project from NIH focused on implementing interventions to reduce hospitalizations of nursing home residents. Drs. Joseph Ouslander and Ruth Tappen are the principle investigators on the project.

Some task force groups related to higher education have been created throughout the state. They include the BOG Task Force on Facilities Funding, which has appointed Trustee Barbar and V.P. for Facilities Tom Donaudy. The governor has created a Blue Ribbon Task Force on state higher education reform. A third task force is the BOG's group on Degree Access and Attainment.

Trustee Stilley concluded that the state is looking at universities very closely. The FAU community needs to keep selling the university to the legislators, people in the community and our friends on the economic and business side.

III. President's Report

President Saunders said the strategic planning process the board approved was extremely timely. A couple of features of the plan that the entire system will take notice of include the hiring of faculty and the signature themes. Professor Kevin Lanning will spearhead the contemporary societal issues project.

Spring commencement was our largest graduating class ever with 2,901 students. We honored three Tuskegee Airmen, Marvin Weiner, and Jaime Borrás at the five ceremonies.

Some good news throughout the University includes:

- Six of our students at FAU High received merit scholar recognition.
- Dr. Len Berry, director for the FAU Florida Center of Environmental Studies, testified before the US Senate Committee on Energy and National Resources in Washington D.C.
- FAU Ocean Engineering junior Christina Zurilli was named Technology Student Leader of the Year by the Miami Chamber of Commerce.

- FAU was recognized as leader in awarding degrees to Hispanic students. FAU is 13th in the nation for Masters and Doctoral degrees awarded to Hispanics in 2010-11.
- FAU's baseball team won the regular season conference championship.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 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 committees. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Audit & Finance Committee consent agenda. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs consent agenda. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Strategic Planning Committee consent agenda. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Personnel and Compensation Committee consent agenda. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

VI. Action Agenda

- Approval of Proposed 2012-13 Activity and Service Fee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2012-13 Activity and Service Fee. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**
- Request for Approval of Termination of Academic Programs: Master of Arts – Liberal Studies. This proposal was approved by the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs with an implementation date of fall 2012. Subsequent to that approval, however, the Administration determined that two students are still in the program and have a plan for completion of the Liberal Studies degree by December 2012. Thus, the wording has been changed to termination of the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies in spring 2013. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the Termination of****

Academic Programs: Master of Arts – Liberal Studies (24.0101). With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

VII. Old Business

- a.** Dr. Barry Rosson, Vice President of Research, gave a presentation entitled, “Research Trends and Highlights.” The presentation highlighted many of the research grants received in the past month.
- b.** Dr. Jennifer O’Flannery-Anderson, Vice President of Community Engagement, gave a presentation entitled, “Community Engagement Update.” The presentation showed the number of meetings with community leaders, new corporate partnerships and fundraising numbers from January-April 2012.

VIII. New Business –

- a. Move the June 14, 2012 Committee and June 21, 2012 Full Board Meetings to June 19, 2012**

Chairman Stilley asked that the Board calendar be modified to merge the two dates into one, so that the meetings would not conflict with the Board of Governors’ meeting that week.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the new date of the June committees and full board meetings on June 19, 2012. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

- b. Move the September 18-19, 2012 Board Retreat to September 10-11, 2012**

Chairman Stilley asked to move the dates of the BOT Retreat to accommodate the Jewish Holidays.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the new dates of the BOT Retreat to September 10-11, 2012. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

IX. BOT Member Comments

Trustee Teske is amazed by the dollar value and research being done by the university. Trustee Tanner echoed Trustee Teske’s comments and was glad to see the research was divided up well throughout the departments. Trustee Feder noted that the FAU Athletics Golf Tournament is a first-

class tournament. They were able keep a lot of dollars raised, which is unusual for this type of tournament. Trustee Plymale thanked the deans, Dr. O'Flannery-Anderson and Dr. Rosson for their time with the Business Development Board of Martin County. Trustee Barbar commented that FAU has a huge impact on the local community and surrounding areas. Trustee Workman said the FAU Foundation has seven new members and they are discussing new ways to raise money. Trustee Rubin said the new Community and Governmental Relations Committee is working on a branding and marketing campaign. Trustee Graham-West commented the community and alumni outreach has been impressive. Trustee McDaniel spoke about tenure and the reasons behind it. He thanked the trustees for volunteering their time as the faculty senate president. Trustee Huffman introduced the Student Government Vice President April Turner. They had a three-day retreat to outline goals for the upcoming year and looks forward to being on the board over the next year. Trustee Feingold requested a workshop or further individual briefing on the 2012-13 budget before a final vote by the Board. He also wants FAU to be very careful with the different groups on campus and to be aware of organizations in and outside of the university that promote hatred and bigotry.

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.