



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 19, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.
Boca Raton Campus
FAU Stadium, Recruitment Room
777 Glades Road
Boca Raton, FL 33431

Vice Chair Anthony Barbar convened the full board meeting of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees with the following members participating:

Chair Robert Stilley (by phone), Dr. Jeffrey Feingold, Dr. Angela Graham-West, Mr. Robert Huffman, Dr. William McDaniel, 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.; Mr. Ron Bulger, Executive Administrator and BOT Liaison; and Andrew LaPlant, BOT Coordinator.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice Chair Anthony Barbar convened the full board meeting. Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

II. Chair's Report

Trustee Stilley was on via phone call and noted he was at the BOG meeting in Orlando. He talked to the chairs of New College of Florida and FIU. Both approved the 15% differential tuition increases.

III. President's Report

President Saunders opened with how difficult this budget process has been. She noted FAU is about people, but its primary concern as an educational institution is the students. The cuts the board is looking at will help serve FAU in the long run.

The president passed out the 2012 FAU Economic Impact report, which shows all the ways the University positively impacts our local, regional, and state economy. FAU's total economic impact is estimated to be 6.7 billion dollars.

President Saunders told the board that in accordance with University Regulation 5.006 – Tenure Procedures, she certified that all required tenure procedures were followed pertaining to the review and awarding of tenure. Twenty-three faculty members were granted tenure this year. These faculty members have met the criteria for tenure at FAU and have demonstrated highly competent performance in the areas of teaching, scholarly research, creative activity and service to the University. She offered congratulations on behalf of the University to the newly-tenured professors.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the May 3 and 24, 2012 meeting minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

V. Consent Agenda

Vice Chair Barbar stated that Trustee Robert Huffman asked to move the item AF: A-5 Approval of the Proposed 2012-13 Differential Tuition off the consent agenda. Barbar asked David Kian if they could approve the other items in the consent agenda and then go back to AF: A-5. Mr. Kian said that was acceptable. Barbar stated that all remaining items on the consent agenda had been discussed and approved in their respective committees. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the Audit & Finance Committee consent agenda, excluding item AF: A-5 Approval of the Proposed 2012-13 Differential Tuition. 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.

VI. Old Business

In recognition of the time, Vice Chair Barbar asked that the Sponsored Research and Community Engagement Updates be given at the next meeting.

VII. New Business

a. A motion was made and seconded to approve item AF: A-5 Approval of the Proposed 2012-13 Differential Tuition. Discussion followed. Trustee Feingold suggested that the board have workshops to vet out the budget cut discussions. Vice Chair Barbar replied that we don't have a timetable from the legislature and that makes it hard with such a short window to go over the budget. President Saunders noted that Chair Stilley was invited to all of the Administration's budget planning sessions. That included the first one that went over eight hours long, which he attended. The Vice Chair attended every meeting that the Chair was not available to attend. The Administration also provided an overview of the budget at the April committee meetings. Trustee Huffman said he is concerned that we are sending a message to the state that if they keep cutting our budgets, we will just raise tuition, and students cannot afford more increases. Chair Stilley responded that while it is hard to raise that tuition, they went over all options in the planning sessions. He concluded that if we didn't raise tuition by 15 percent, it would hurt the University. Trustee Plymale cautioned that while she usually likes workshops, this one would be logistically challenging. Plymale concluded that she was happy the way it was done.

Trustee Feingold made an incidental motion to hold a roll call vote for item AF: A-5 Approval of the Proposed 2012-13 Differential Tuition. The incidental motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Vice Chair Barbar asked Mr. LaPlant to call the roll for the pending motion to approve item AF: A-5 Approval of the Proposed 2012-13 Differential Tuition. The following trustees voted yes: Stilley, Barbar, Graham-West, McDaniel, Plymale, Rubin, Tanner, Teske and Workman. The following trustees voted no: Feingold and Huffman. Without further discussion or amendments, the motion to approve item AF: A-5 Approval of the Proposed 2012-13 Differential Tuition passed.

a. Amend Board of Trustees' Policies and Procedures

Mr. Kian said this is to clarify the powers and duties of the University President. In 2001, when the board first adopted the powers and duties of the president, it incorporated by reference the powers of the president set forth in Florida statutes. Over the past decade, many lawsuits and amendments have changed this reference, necessitating a comprehensive listing of the powers in the Policies and Procedures document itself. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed Amendments to the Board of Trustees' Policies and Procedures.** Discussion ensued. Trustee McDaniel made a motion to amend Section 2.2 the President of the Faculty Senate instead of the Chair. **The motion to amend was seconded and passed unanimously.** Trustee McDaniel made a motion to amend section 3.2 to distinguish between the terms of appointed Trustees and those of the Presidents of Student Government and Faculty Senate, the latter of which would be coincident with the terms of the respective offices. **The motion to amend was seconded and passed unanimously. Without further discussion or amendments, the motion to approve the proposed amendments to Board of Trustee's Policies and Procedures, as amended by Trustee McDaniel's two amendments, passed unanimously.**

VIII. BOT Member Comments

Trustee Teske commented he thought the administration did a great job with the budget reduction. Trustee Feingold wished condolences to Trustee Stilley's family for the loss of his mother. He thanked Trustees Stilley and Barbar for their hard work on the budget. Trustee Plymale mentioned Dr. Watlington, Dr. Leinen and herself were invited to the St. Lucie County Economic Development Council. Plymale said it couldn't have gone better and both FAU administrators represented FAU well. Trustee Workman thanked the faculty and staff for their hard work on the budget planning sessions. Trustee Rubin and Football Coach Carl Pelini did an event at the Blue Martini and brought several potential new friends of the University. The coach was a wonderful speaker and delivered his message well. The potential friends really appreciated it and will hopefully lead to long-term commitments. Trustee Graham-West mentioned how hard it is to work on budget cutting and was appreciative of the staff. Trustee Huffman thanked the board for hearing the student opinion. He gave some of their initiatives in student government, including MySG, a rental bike program, GPS on shuttle buses, revising the student government constitution and working with athletics on a better game day experience for the students. Trustee McDaniel thanked the staff and trustees. He offered his regrets on raising the tuition on students. Trustee Stilley thanked everyone for all the well wishes regarding his mother.

IX. Public Comments

Mr. Shane Eason said he came representing the faculty of Fort Lauderdale as well as some of the staff. Job losses will happen in Fort Lauderdale. He would like FAU to put the \$2 million savings from closing the buildings and put them back into the infrastructure of the buildings. There was a petition on signon.org, which Mr. Eason brought a booklet of the signatures. He noted that faculty, staff, students and persons in the downtown Fort Lauderdale campus have signed. He gave the booklet to Mr. LaPlant for the trustees to review.

Mr. Matthew Perez spoke against the tuition increase. He asked next year that the board do what's right for the students.

X. Adjournment

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