



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, May 18, 2011 – 10:00 a.m.**  
**John D. MacArthur Campus**  
**Education Classroom Bldg.**  
**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:

Vice Chairman Anthony Barbar, Mr. David Feder, Dr. Jeffrey Feingold, Dr. Rajendra Gupta, Mr. Ayden Maher, Dr. William McDaniel, Mrs. Sherry Plymale, Mr. Paul Tanner and Mr. Thomas Workman.

The following university officials participated:

Dr. Mary Jane Saunders, University President; Dr. Diane Alperin, Interim University Provost and Chief Academic Officer; Mr. David Kian, Senior Vice President for Strategic Relations & General Counsel; Mr. Dennis Crudele, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration; Dr. Charles Brown, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs; Dr. Gitanjali Kaul, Vice President for Strategic Planning & Information Technology; Dr. Joyanne Stephens, Vice President and Associate Provost of Regional Campuses; Mr. David Mann, Director of Governmental Relations.

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**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 asked Dr. Stephens to tell the story of the painted Owls that were around the room. Dr. Stephens said the Owls were in honor of then-President Brogan's inauguration. An Owl was painted for each Board member.

Trustee Stilley thanked Trustees Barbar, Plymale and McDaniel for speaking at commencement. He urged the other trustees to come and speak soon. A luncheon was setup at the Baldwin House for the commencement honorees and it was a great event.

Trustee Stilley is very proud of FAU's effort during the legislative budget process. He believes the University is relatively well-positioned to handle the difficult economic environment and the reduction in state support. He also feels that the fundraising efforts to support the new stadium are on track, and he thanked Trustee Barbar for hosting a lunch for potential donors.

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

President Saunders noted our commencement was our largest graduating class ever. FAU honored Mr. Arthur Jaffe and Dr. Michael Turvey with honorary degrees. Mrs. Christine Lynn and Dr. Morris Povar received presidential medallions. Mr. Ken Hermann was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame.

Summer enrollment is up over 2 percent from last year and credit hours are up 3.8 percent. President Saunders announced that Dr. Brenda Claiborne has accepted the University Provost and Chief Academic Officer position. Dr. Barry Rosson has accepted a dual role of Graduate Dean and Vice President for Research. Dr. Marlaine Smith has taken the role of Dean of Nursing after Dr. Anne Boykin's retirement. Dr. Heather Coltman will become Interim Dean of the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters.

President Saunders reported good news around the University:

1. Office of Undergraduate Studies received a 1.6-million dollar grant from the U.S. Department of Education for academic support for our second-year at-risk students.
2. Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing is developing an Interdisciplinary Health Studies program to respond to the overwhelming number of applicants every year.
3. Nursing professor Dr. John Lowe received a \$600,000 grant from the federal government for testing a substance abuse prevention program for Cherokee early adolescents.

4. Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine has received new donations since creation of the school. They had 1,465 total applicants, 65 were admitted. Forty-one percent of the applicants were from the State of Florida.
5. Charles E. Schmidt College of Science received a million-dollar grant from the South Florida Water Management District for the Everglades Restoration Plan to Dr. Dale Gawlik. Dr. Erika Hoff got an NIH grant for 3.7 million dollars over five years for a study of early dual language development in children from Spanish speaking families.
6. Our Division of Facilities opened five major projects this year. \$133.5 million of new construction on our campuses. The five are the Engineering and Computer Science building, the Culture and Society building, the Henderson School expansion, the Davie West building and the HBOI Link building renovation.
7. One of our mandates from the state is to decrease our energy consumption by 10-percent. Over the three-year period from 2007-2010, we decreased our consumption by 22-percent, the highest in the state system.
8. The Division of Research accepted over 18 awards of more than \$500,000 each. Funding sources include: NSF, NIH, Office of Naval Research, NASA, Department of Energy, NOAA and the State of Florida.
9. The Division of Marketing has increased its social media efforts. Our Facebook page has over 12,000 fans, over 1,700 followers on Twitter, 21,000 channel views on YouTube and 200-300 unique views on iTunesU. FAU had over 609-million hits this past year on [www.fau.edu](http://www.fau.edu). We launched [www.fau.com](http://www.fau.com) a website for our students.
10. The Office of the General Counsel has closed many contracts this year, including the FAU Football Stadium and Innovation Village.
11. The Weppner Center for Civic Engagement has been named to the President of the United States Honor Roll for community service.
12. FAU has 25 new student organizations for a total of 228 on campus.
13. Our new gifts goal was 9.6 million. We have already raised 13.6 million and would like to get to 18 million by year's end.
14. Our annual faculty/staff campaign raised more than \$400,000.
15. Our women's golf team was honored at the Sun Belt Conference Championships with highest overall team GPA.

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

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 10, 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. Information Item – Overview of the 2011 Legislative Session**

David Mann gave a summary of the 2011 State of Florida Legislative Session. He noted that since 2007-08, the State University System's general revenue allocation has been reduced more than \$250 million. Chairman Stilley thanked him for his effective work on behalf of the University.

#### **VII. Old Business**

There was no old business.

#### **VIII. New Business – Engaging the Community: Board Discussion**

Chairman Stilley started a discussion with the board about developing new ideas to connect the community with FAU. Trustee Plymale would like to see more trustees on community boards. Trustee Tanner said community partnerships are needed to help foster relationships. FAU's economic impact is huge for our region.

Trustee Plymale noted our new Faculty and Staff Club would be a great place to host outside people and companies. Trustee Workman said all the exciting things going on in the university are a great way to start a conversation.

President Saunders said that at the request of Kelly Smallridge, Executive Director of the Palm Beach County Business Development Board, we are preparing an asset map of the University. It will describe our resources and catalogue a variety of data, such as the percentage of graduates that stay in South Florida, the internship and service learning opportunities we offer our students, and our various campus venues that hold events.

**IX. BOT Member Comments**

Trustee Plymale welcomed Trustee McDaniel to the board.

**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.**