



Item: CG: A-M

COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

SUBJECT: ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 1, 2022 MINUTES

PROPOSED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Initiate roll call to document member participation, ensure quorum, and approve the minutes of February 1, 2022 meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Earnie Ellison, Chair	___
Ms. Elycia Morris, Vice Chair	___
Mr. Anthony Barbar, ex-officio	___
Mrs. Barbara Feingold	___
Mr. Brad Levine, ex-officio	___
Mr. Maxwell Simonson	___
Mrs. Linda Stoch	___

PARTICIPATING BOT MEMBERS

Mr. Brent Burns	___
Mr. Piero Bussani	___
Mr. Daniel Cane	___
Mr. Shaun Davis	___
Dr. Kimberly Dunn	___
Mrs. Sherry Murphy	___



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Minutes of February 1, 2022

CG: A-1 Roll Call:

Chair Earnie Ellison (Chair) called the meeting to order and initiated the roll call. In addition to Trustee Earnie Ellison (Chair), the following committee members were present: Trustee Anthony Barbar, Trustee Barbara Feingold, Trustee Brad Levine, Trustee Linda Stoch, Trustee Maxwell Simonson.

Trustee Brent Burns, Trustee Piero Bussani, Trustee Daniel Cane, Trustee Shaun Davis, Trustee Kimberly Dunn, Trustee Elycia Morris, Trustee Sherry Murphy.

A quorum was present and the committee was called to order.

Trustee Earnie Ellison asked for a motion to accept the minutes, the motion was seconded and passed.

Trustee Earnie Ellison (Chair) noted the start of Black History Month, and extended his appreciation for the time that Chris Delisio and Ryan Britton extended to him to educate him on his role and responsibilities for his position as the Chair, and that he spent time with the Executive Committee of the Foundation how discussions on where the University needs to be with fund raising and how to have a cushion in fund raising.

The following university officials participated: Mr. Chris Delisio, Vice President for Institutional Advancement and CEO of FAU Foundation, Inc.

CG: A-1 Recommend Naming Elements:

- "Claussen Outdoor Commons"
- "Swisher Family Healthcare Clinic"

Trustee Earnie Ellison (Chair) invited Mr. Chris Delisio, VP for Institutional Advancement and CEO of FAU Foundation, Inc. to address the Board.

VP Delisio.

Mr. Chris Delisio, VP for Institutional Advancement and CEO of FAU Foundation asked the Board of Trustee's Community and Governmental Relations Committee Member to approve the naming of the following University Elements:

1. Jonathan Claussen and Allison Lane

Jonathan Claussen and Allison Lane are new parents at A.D. Henderson University School. They have two daughters at the school. Both Jonathan and Allison are attorneys here in Boca Raton. They are big FAU fans and attend all home football games. Their \$25,000 gift will be recognized by naming the outdoor comments area, the "Claussen Lane Outdoor Commons".

Trustee Earnie Ellison (Chair) called for a motion to approve. A motion was made and seconded to approve without change or correction. No discussion or commentary followed. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Michael Swisher and Wincie Lau-Swisher

Michael and Wincie Swisher are parents of two boys, 1st & 3rd grades, at Henderson. Wincie is a critical care doctor at Boca Regional Hospital. Their \$10,000 gift will be recognized with by naming the Nurse's office and clinic area at the new AD Henderson/FAU High School complex the "Swisher Family Healthcare Clinic".

Trustee Earnie Ellison (Chair) called for a motion to approve. A motion was made and seconded to approve without change or correction. No discussion or commentary followed. The motion passed unanimously.

Chris Delisio provided a fund raising update. Earnie Ellison encouraged the members to tell the story of FAU and encourage others to contribute to the philanthropy of FAU as well. He also mentioned that Chris has encountered challenges with staffing and that he is diligently working with the staff he has to achieve the goals set.

Information Agenda

CG: I – 1 Legislative Update ...Mr. Ryan Britton, Executive Director, Government Relations

Mr. Britton provided a brief update on the university's government relations efforts at the local, state, federal and international levels.

President Kelly, VP Flynn and a small delegation recently hosted the Counsel General of Japan here on the Boca Raton campus. We do a number of things that aren't talked about regularly in terms of updates that are not money related but are ongoing engagement and outreach efforts which are significant to several levels of government.

Locally; and allow me to take a moment to introduce our newest team member. As many of you know, Constance Scott, who did a wonderful job representing FAU for many years, retired last summer. At the beginning of the year we welcomed Camila Mychalczuk to the Office of Government Relations. Camila comes to us from A.D. Henderson and before that North Carolina where she did community engagement at High Point University. Venante, Christine and I are excited to have Camila on the team and you will be seeing her out and about in our community as she engages with local governments and economic development agencies.

On January 11th, the 60-day Legislative Session began. At the top of this year's agenda is passing a state budget and redrawing the state and national electoral districts. In addition, lawmakers have discussed spending more money on law enforcement and corrections officers and will prioritize K-12 education spending increases to include those besides teachers, such as bus drivers, maintenance and cafeteria workers. In addition, environmental stewardship and infrastructure spending will seek to assure the quality of life of Floridians and visitors associated with the state.

As part of the regular Legislative Budget Request process, the Board of Governors approved and plans to seek legislative funding in three distinct categories referred to as their Pillars of Excellence which is three tiered – Performance Based Funding, Preeminent Universities (UF, FSU, USF), and Universities of Distinction. The BOG approved systemwide LBR is composed of an additional 1) \$15 mil (\$280 million state investment) for Performance Funding, 2) \$150 mil for Preeminence Funding and 3) \$87.1 mil for Universities of Distinction, which also includes FAU's \$18.1 UoD request for Applied Artificial Intelligence and Big Data Analytics (\$18.1 mil total: \$12.8 million in recurring funding, \$5.3 million nonrecurring).

A request made does not necessarily mean that it will be received. Of late, the legislature has not taken a hold of the Pillars of Excellence model. Florida's Performance based funding model has been largely flat for several years now and has remained at \$265 million, Universities of Distinction was funded one year but vetoed because of economic uncertainty around COVID and Preeminent Universities have not been funded in a significant way in several years. Chairman Lamb at the most recent BOG meeting talked about looking at these models and looking at the way in which asks are being made to encourage alignment.

FAU also is seeking capital funding for the Health Sciences Training and Research Facility. The FAU Health Sciences Workforce Training and Research Facility will be focused on providing a pipeline for the training of a health care workforce in South Florida. This 75,000 sq. ft. facility will blend experiential learning for trainees with patient care engagement and patient-oriented research. The total project cost is \$50 million and we have request \$25 million from the Legislature this year.

The state's recent economic recovery has pushed revenue collections above estimates in recent months and allowed Governor DeSantis to propose a \$99.7 billion budget, including \$15 billion in reserves. His proposed budget, which is enhanced by billions of dollars in federal money, includes a \$1 billion reprieve from the state's 25-cents-a-gallon gas tax and a \$500 million grant program to address failing infrastructure.

The Freedom First Budget proposal recommends investments in several categories:

- Economic Freedom
- K-12 Education
- First Responders and Service Members
- The Environment
- Health Care

Despite dire projections two years ago, the Florida economy has flourished. State revenues exceeded pre-pandemic estimates by more than \$3 billion over Fiscal Years 2020-21 and 2021-22.

Florida Reserves

- \$10.6 billion in unallocated General Revenue
- \$3.0 billion in the Budget Stabilization Fund
- \$1.7 billion in unallocated Trust Funds
- \$15.3 billion in Total Reserves

Specific to the State University System, the following funding levels are:

Operations

\$5.26 Billion total recommendation that includes:

- \$265 million for performance-based funding (this is the current state investment)
- No incremental funding is provided for any other Board initiative

Fixed Capital Outlay

- \$44.7 million for CITF projects (matches BOG Request)
- No funding for PECO projects or maintenance/repair/renovation

Higher Education Budget Highlights:

The Governor's budget includes state operating funding for Florida's higher education system \$1.3 billion for Florida's state colleges and \$2.7 billion for Florida's state universities.

The budget also maintains \$20.8 million for the Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network that provides essential library services to Florida College System and State University System institutions. Of the total, \$9 million is provided to Florida colleges and \$11.8 million to Florida universities to provide students with e-resources, technical support, distance learning, and more.

Tuition

The budget does not include any tuition or fee increases for Florida's colleges and universities.

Bright Futures

The budget fully funds the projected student enrollment for the Bright Futures Scholarship Program at \$602 million. The budget also includes \$40 million to provide a \$300 stipend for the fall and spring semesters for Florida Academic Scholars to cover the costs of textbooks and college-related expenses.

Performance Funding

The budget maintained the following performance funding at career technical centers, state colleges, and state universities:

- \$6.5 million for students earning industry certifications in high-skill, high-demand areas at career technical centers
- \$14 million for students earning industry certifications in high-skill, high-demand areas at Florida colleges
- \$25 million in performance funding for state colleges through the 2+2 Student Success Incentive Fund and the Work Florida Student Success Incentive Fund
- \$560 million in performance funding for state universities

Workforce Initiatives

The budget includes over \$534 million to support workforce education programs to ensure Florida students are prepared to fill high-demand, high-wage jobs, and help Florida meet its goal of becoming first in the nation for workforce education by 2030.

This includes \$15 million, an increase of \$5 million, for the Governor's Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program to establish or expand pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs for high school and college students.

The budget also includes \$100 million for a workforce development capitalization incentive. Grants to be used for instructional equipment, laboratory equipment, supplies, or other expenses associated with a workforce development program.

Education Infrastructure

The budget provides \$428.5 million in state for the following education capital outlay initiatives:

- Maintenance
 - o \$190.9 million for public charter school maintenance
 - ⊗ This funds the necessary infrastructure for charter schools without utilizing any of the school districts' local funds
 - o \$69.3 million for maintenance at the state colleges
 - o \$8.1 million for lab school maintenance
 - o \$3.2 million for the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind maintenance
 - o \$5 million for public broadcasting stations to correct health and safety issues and building deficiencies, and to complete renovations at public broadcasting stations

The Governor's proposal is a recommendation. The House and Senate will each put forward funding priorities and the differences will be reconciled during the budget conference, which will take place towards the end of the Legislative Session in early March.

State revenue estimators plan to meet once more to provide further clarity as state lawmakers continue to craft the new General Appropriations Act.

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Lastly, our office continues to work hand and hand with the Division of Research at all levels of government to help our talented group of researchers pursue their goals.

At the federal level, we are in the process of closing out the 2022 appropriations cycle and preparing for the 2023 cycle, which will be starting in just a few weeks. Our federal research priorities include a strong focus on the Southeast National Marine Renewable Energy Center, our Naval underwater surveillance work, Maritime AI and Autonomous Systems Testing, Aquaculture, Harmful Algal Blooms, military food waste and weather monitoring technology. Our federal funding is good and we are constantly marrying the expertise of the University with

the needs of the federal agencies and when those two things come together we tend to get success to set ourselves up for future years and further investments.

FAU enjoys strong relationships with our elected and appointed officials and I look forward to continuing to work with this Board as we expand these relationships and make more people fans of FAU. I cannot thank you enough for your support. Your continued advocacy on behalf of this university and its priorities remains crucial to our success. Thanks once more and I am happy to take any questions.

Question from Trustee Levine

How do you replicate the successful support from Senator Rubio with the other Senators in a repeatable fashion; do you need more backing or support from us (BOT members) to do that?

There is a distinction between how things differ at the state level then at the federal level. At the state level we can take a good idea to a member and if that member is influential enough they can just make it happen regardless of the state agency or funding mechanism needed to make it work, that happens less at the federal level. At the federal level there are member initiatives from both the House and Senate sides that ask the agencies to do something but they are fewer and far between than there are at the state level; what we need is for faculty to engage with their program managers, federal funding agencies to build strong relationships and then combine that with the member support. When you have good relationship between the researcher and the federal agency that's when the lobbying and member can take something and make a significant investment. Having more relationships like that throughout the University creates an avenue to replicate that success; researcher and agency based first over lobbyist and member based.

Trustee Earnie Ellison (Chair) moved to close Community And Governmental Relations Committee portion of the meeting.