



**Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 19, 2008  
Dania Beach – Sea Tech Campus  
101 North Beach Road  
Dania Beach, Florida 33004**

Chairman Norman Tripp convened the meeting of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees (BOT) at 11:51 am. with the following members participating:

Trustees Nancy Blosser, Bill Bryant, David Feder, Armand Grossman, Rajendra Gupta, Lalita Janke, Sherry Plymale, Eric Shaw, Robert Stilley, Tony Teixeira, and Tom Workman.

Absent: Trustee Scott Adams

The following university officials participated:

Mr. Frank T. Brogan, President; Dr. John Pritchett, Provost; Mr. David Kian, General Counsel; Dr. Jennifer O’Flannery, Chief of Staff; Dr. Ken Jessell, Vice President for Financial Affairs; Dr. Joyanne Stephens, Vice President of Broward Campuses; and Mr. Tom Donaudy, Vice President for Facilities.

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and members of the FAU's legislative delegation and discuss the needs of the final portion of funding for the medical education partnership. The Trustees had lunch with Chancellor Mark Rosenberg and attended the FAU alumni reception. The Trustees also met with Senator Ken Pruitt; the President of the Senate; Marco Rubio, Speaker of the House; Eric Eikenburg, the Governor's Chief of Staff; and Jeff Kottkamp, Lieutenant Governor. Trustee Tripp discussed the bill in the House and Senate to alter the governance model for Florida's public higher education. Trustee Tripp attended the committee meeting regarding the Governance Bill. The Board of Trustee Service Award will be awarded on April 9, 2008 recognizing outstanding service from a member of the community volunteering on one of FAU's committees and advisory boards. President Brogan and Trustee Tripp will be attending the Board of Governors meeting in Tallahassee, April 26-27, 2008. Trustee Tripp participated in a BOG conference call on Tuesday, March 3, 2008 regarding the Governance Bill. Mr. David Kian gave a detailed explanation of the Governance Bill. Trustee Tripp stated that the BOT will be kept informed about any changes and/or updates. Trustee Tripp informed the BOT that the Sea Side Shindig will be taking place at Sea Tech on Friday, March 28, 2008. Trustee Tripp acknowledged Trustee Tony Teixeira year of service on the BOT and stated he will be honored at the April committee meetings. Trustee Tripp stated that he attended the memorial service for Coach Howard Schnellenberger's son, Steven Schnellenberger.

#### **IV. President's Report**

President Brogan updated the BOT on a plane crash that affected the FAU family. The three people that perished in the crash included two graduate students and a staff member of the Charles E.

## **V. Welcome**

Trustee Tripp asked Dr. Joyanne Stephens to give the welcome for the Dania Beach, Sea Tech Campus. Dr. Stephens welcomed the Trustees and invited them to the new Student Union on the Davie Campus.

## **VI. Presentation on Campus Safety**

Trustee Tripp asked Chief Charles Lowe to give a presentation on campus safety. Chief Lowe introduced the Senior Command and Command Staff as well as gave an overview of the major divisions of the FAU Police Department. Chief Lowe reviewed the FAU Police strategic initiatives and emergency preparedness particularly in the event of an active shooter. He discussed the campus systems being implemented to provide mass communication to faculty, staff, and students in the event of an emergency. Chief Lowe reviewed the services provided by the Traffic and Parking department and the strategic initiatives of the Traffic and Parking department. Chief Lowe stated that the FAU Police Department has been fortunate to fill vacancies with experienced police officers and will be vital to the department's accreditation. Trustee Tripp asked the BOT if there were any questions. Trustee Lalita Janke asked if the Silent Witness program was implemented. Chief Lowe responded that the program is in place and the FAU Police Department has received tips from it. Trustee Blosser asked for an update on the policy of usage of police tasers. Chief Lowe stated that the FAU Police Department currently does not use police tasers. The police department does not have enough police tasers to be deployed. There has been a policy developed in the event that the department does deploy them. Trustee Tripp reiterated that as budget cuts are being employed it will not affect the safety of the university.

## **VII. Strategic Planning Committee**

**Trustee Lalita Janke**

Trustee Lalita Janke reported that the Strategic Planning Committee met on February 20, 2008. Two agenda items resulted in motions to come before the committee for approval. Due to the excellent attendance at that meeting, these items were fully vetted.

**SP: A-1. Approval of the Lease Agreement between Florida Atlantic University and Florida Atlantic University Foundation for the Land at Pine Jog.**

**SP: A-2. Approval of the Guidelines for University Policy and Development**

**With no further discussion there was a motion by Trustee Lalita Janke to approve agenda items listed by the committee as a whole. The motion was seconded by Trustee Eric Shaw. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **VIII. Committee on Academic and Student Affairs**

**Trustee Armand Grossman**

Trustee Armand Grossman reported that the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs met on February 20, 2008. Two agenda items resulted in motions to come before the committee for approval. Due to the excellent attendance at that meeting, these items were fully vetted.

**AS: A-1. Approval of New Program: Ph.D. in Geosciences**

**AS: A-2. Approval of Amendment to Regulation 5.006 on Tenure Procedures**

**With no further discussion there was a motion by Sherry Plymale to approve the agenda items listed by the committee as a whole. The motion was seconded by Trustee Rajendra Gupta. The motion passed unanimously.**

**IX. Audit and Finance Committee**

**Trustee Nancy Blosser**

Trustee Nancy Blosser reported that the Audit and Finance Committee met on February 20, 2008. Two agenda items resulted in motions to come before the committee for approval. Due to the

project. Mr. Kian responded there was no specific number; it is variable of what long term commitments FAU has. The administration is aware that \$5-6 million is needed for debt service, what is not guaranteed is the amount of coverage needed above the debt service amount.

**XI. Old Business**

There was no old business.

**XII. New Business**

There was no new business.

**XIII. BOT Member Comments**

Trustee Thomas Workman commented that he had the opportunity to visit with three colleges and meet with the Deans. He encourages all of the Trustees to meet with the colleges. Trustee David Feder stated he felt the workshops are very informative and should occur more often. Trustee Plymale stated that the trip to Tallahassee for FAU Legislative Days was a good use of time and resources. Trustee Blosser thanked the staff involved with the organization of FAU Days. Trustee Robert Stilley stated that he felt the administration will get past the funding issues for Innovation Village and thanked Mr. Kian for his efforts in the project. Trustee Teixeira commented positively on the trip to Tallahassee for FAU Legislative Days. He also mentioned he had the opportunity to attend the Ultimate CEO banquet where President Brogan was honored. Trustee Grossman acknowledged Trustee Teixeira work as Student Government President. He echoed Trustee Workman's comments on visiting the individual colleges of the university. Trustee Grossman also commended Mr. Kian on his work with the Innovation Village project. Trustee Lalita Janke commented positively on the trip to Tallahassee for FAU Legislative Days. Trustee Janke commented on President Brogan's increase involvement with the Treasure Coast campuses. Trustee Bill Bryant commended Trustee Tony Teixeira on his work on the BOT. Trustee Tripp commented that low tuition in the State of Florida is has negative connotation, but students are struggling to pay tuition. He feels the BOT and the BOG needs to work with the State to ensure that funding is an overall package that is affordable to students, that does not bankrupt the prepaid education, that gives the BOT on the economic development when approaching the legislative process each year, and that it is recognized that the way to generate the economic impact in the State is to pay attention to the State University System. Trustee Eric Shaw congratulated Trustee Teixeira for his service on the BOT and his work as Student Government President.

**XIV. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**XV. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.