



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, November 12, 2015 – 11:00 a.m.**  
**Conference Call**

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**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

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

Mr. Anthony Barbar, Dr. Christopher Beetle, Dr. Michael Dennis, Ms. Kathryn Edmunds, Mrs. Mary Beth McDonald, Mr. Abdol Moabery, Mr. Robert Rubin, and Mr. Robert Stilley.

The following university officials participated: Dr. John Kelly, University President; Mr. David Kian, VP Legal Affairs and General Counsel; Dr. Gary Perry, University Provost and Chief Academic Officer; Ms. Dorothy Russell, VP Financial Affairs and Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Stacy Volnick, VP Administrative Affairs & Chief Administrative Officer; and Andrew LaPlant, BOT Director and Chief Aide.

**Roll was taken and a quorum was present.**

**II. Chair's Report**

Chair Barbar thanked the trustees that went to the trustee summit in Miami. It was a good time to interact with trustees from other universities and Board of Governors members. The Board of Governors approved FAU's Doctor of Social Work degree.

Last Tuesday we hosted Governor Scott and the cabinet on the Jupiter campus. It was the first state cabinet meeting held in Palm Beach County. It went extremely well. CFO Atwater commended three FAU individuals including Hannah Herbst from FAU High, Monica Escaleras for the recently

launched Hispanic Opinion polling, and Jan Bednar, who came through our business plan competition and now is at Tech Runway. Agriculture commissioner Adam Putnam also toured Max Planck and Scripps.

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

President Kelly was impressed by the turnout for the cabinet meeting in Jupiter. It was great to see Scripps and Max Planck brag about their relationship with FAU. One of the scientists told them she

**Committee on Academic and Student Affairs and Strategic Planning Committee consent agendas. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

## **VII. New Business**

### **a. Approval of Honorary Doctorate Nomination**

Provost Gary Perry presented the honorary doctorate nomination for Leon Charney. The provost noted that in addition to what the president told them, he is a renowned lawyer, author, broadcaster, real estate developer, political advisor and philanthropist. He is being nominated for his many good works, including his lasting contributions to international security and promotion of peaceful resolution among nations. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the Honorary Doctorate Nomination for Leon Charney. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

### **b. Approval of the 2016 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar**

Chair Barbar wanted to clarify the proposed meetings on January 26 and June 7 would only be full board meetings. The others would be both committee and full board meetings. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed 2016 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

## **VIII. BOT Member Comments**

Trustee Michael Dennis attended the trustee summit and the BOG orientation. Both BOG Chair Mori Hosseini and Governor Norm Tripp commended FAU on its progress and its response to the metrics. He said it was a great reflection on the president, the faculty and staff who are working hard to make this happen. Trustee Kathryn Edmunds followed up on the Nick Vujicic event on campus. She said a number of students told her it had a profound impact on them and now they feel they have a purpose.

## **IX. Adjournment**

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