



**Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 24, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.  
Jupiter Campus  
Education Building, Room 101  
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:

Mr. Anthony Barbar, Mr. David Feder, Dr. Jeffrey Feingold, Dr. Angela Graham-West, Mr. Robert Huffman, Dr. William McDaniel, Mr. Abdol Moabery, Mrs. Sherry Plymale, Mr. Robert Rubin, Mr. Paul Tanner, Dr. Julius Teske, and Mr. Thomas Workman.

The following university officials participated:

FAU received close to a million dollar research project from the NIH looking at osteoarthritis. The principle investigator is Dr. Keith Brew. The second project is almost a two-million dollar project from NIH focused on implementing interventions to reduce hospitalizations of nursing home residents. Drs. Joseph Ouslander and Ruth Tappen are the principle investigators on the project.

Some task force groups related to higher education have been created throughout the state. They include the BOG Task Force on Facilities Funding, which has appointed Trustee Barbar and V.P. for Facilities Tom Donaudy. The governor has created a Blue Ribbon Task Force on state higher education reform. A third task force is the BOG's group on Degree Access and Attainment.

Trustee Stilley concluded that the state is looking at universities very closely. The FAU community needs to keep selling the university to the legislators, people in the community and our friends on the economic and business side.

### **III.**

President Saunders said the strategic planning process the board approved was extremely timely. A couple of features of the plan that the entire system will take notice of include the hiring of faculty and the signature themes. Professor Kevin Lanning will spearhead the contemporary societal issues project.

FAU was recognized as leader in awarding degrees to Hispanic students. FAU is 13<sup>th</sup> in the nation for Masters and Doctoral degrees awarded to Hispanics in 2010-11.

FAU's baseball team won the regular season conference championship.

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

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 15, 2012 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. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Audit & Finance Committee consent agenda. 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. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Personnel and Compensation Committee consent agenda. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **VI. Action Agenda**

- a. **Approval of Proposed 2012-13 Activity and Service Fee.** A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2012-13 Activity and Service Fee. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Request for Approval of Termination of Academic Programs: Master of Arts Liberal Studies.** This proposal was approved by the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs with an implementation date of fall 2012. Subsequent to that approval, however, the Administration determined that two students are still in the program and have a plan for completion of the Liberal Studies degree by December 2012. Thus, the wording has been changed to termination of the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies in spring 2013. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the Termination of**

**Academic Programs: Master of Arts Liberal Studies (24.0101). With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

**VII. Old Business**

- a.** Dr. Barry Rosson, Vice President of Research, gave a presentation entitled, “Research Trends and Highlights.”

