



**Full Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 31, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.
Conference Call**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Vice Chair Shaun Davis, Mr. Kevin Buchanan, Mr. Brent Burns, Dr. Michael Dennis, Dr. Malcolm Dorman, Dr. Jeffrey Feingold, Mr. Brad Levine, Mrs. Mary Beth McDonald, Ms. Elycia Morris, Mr. Robert Rubin, Mr. Bob Stilley, and Dr. Kevin Wagner

The following university officials participated: Dr. John Kelly, University President, Mr. Jeff Atwater, VP Financial Affairs, Dr. Bret Danilowicz, Provost, Dr. Daniel Flynn, VP Research, Mr. Peter Hull, VP Public Affairs, Mr. David Kian, VP Legal Affairs, Dr. Larry Faerman, Acting VP Student Affairs, Ms. Danita Nias, VP Advancement, Ms. Stacy Volnick, VP Administrative Affairs, and Mr. Andrew LaPlant, Board of Trustees Operations.

Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

II. Chair's Report

Chair Moabery opened by thanking the president, executive leadership team, faculty and staff who have done a great job in the middle of this pandemic. Many are working extremely hard, with many putting in extra hours to help FAU. He also thanked the team for keeping the board and university community updated on what is happening at FAU.

Chair Moabery mentioned he succession 2020 legislative session in Tallahassee and thanked his fellow trustees and Rep. Magar for all of their help to get the items passed. Now they are waiting on the governor's approval.

III. President's Report

President Kelly opened that the university has a COVID-19 update website for the university community. He echoed Chair Moabery's comments that the executive leadership team (ELT) has been working great together. He noted that most of the university is working remotely. FAU has shifted to a hybrid model for some as there are workers that need to come in for research, facilities, etc. The ELT and faculty/staff had an open session yesterday to go over communication.

President Kelly noted that there is no commencement ceremony this semester. We are focused on the summer and fall semesters. Provost Danilowicz and his team deserve a ton of credit for the transition to online learning.

President Kelly then asked the vice presidents to give an update on their units. Stacy Volnick, VP Administrative Affairs spoke about operations and emergency management. They are in communication on a daily basis and coming up with process in self-quarantining. Their group has created plans for on-campus housing students, who are ill. FAU personnel who are working remotely have signed an agreement with the supervisors' approval for a remote work schedule. All open positions have been suspended unless deemed essential.

Provost Danilowicz, spoke about remote instruction. This transition was mandated at the state level. Center for Online learning has given numerous tutorials. FAU has adopted a process where students can take a course for pass/fail instead of for a grade. D- is the current passing grade for undergrad, C at the grad level. Students can choose. We have let the students know that a pass/fail choice can have implications for applications to graduate school. The plan if for the first half of summer enrollment will also be online, with the second half having a mix of both (online and face-to-face). This will all depend on where the world is at with the virus.

Larry Faerman, VP Student Affairs, spoke about housing, serving the students who are still on campus and numbers to undergraduate recruitment. FAU is providing housing to students who have nowhere else to go. Our counseling is critical, and that includes tele-health. Our team is working hard and on campus for enrollment in the summer and fall semesters. We currently have an increase in enrollment compared to this time last year.

Peter Hull, VP Public Affairs, spoke about university updates that are being sent and next plans for being in-touch with the university community.

Danita Nias, VP Advancement, updated the board on emerging fund raising and adjustment to our fund-raising goals. FAU went live with FAU CARES for students with serious financial hardships right now.

Dan Flynn, VP Research, went over grants and the federal stimulus for research grants and the students. President Kelly added that Dr. Flynn is providing research grants in relation to COVID-19.

Trustee Feingold thanked everyone for their work. He is concerned about the students. Trustee Rubin doesn't think D- shouldn't be a passing grade. Levine agreed and wants to university to look at cuts across the board. Trustee Stilley noted that he went through this when he was chair and will be happy to help.

Chair Moabery asked about the therapy. Are the students responding to the counseling? Larry Faerman responded yes and noted the increased needs of the students. Moabery asked if we can handle it. Dr. Faerman said yes and they are hiring OPS workers to help.

Trustee Buchanan asked about online fees for summer. Provost Danilowicz said fees will stay the same. There is no increased fees for face-to-face classes.

IV. Public Comments

No public comments.

V. Action Item: Delegation of Authority to Amend the 2019-20 University Carryforward Spending Plan and 2019-20 University Operating Budget

Jeff Atwater, VP Financial Affairs, presented the item. He said the \$8.5 million will be enough to cover the refunds. Mr. Atwater then went over the amended carry-forward plan and asked for approval. Trustee Levine asked if this was one or two different transactions. Mr. Atwater replied it was two different transactions, one for carry forward and one for auxiliaries. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the Delegation of Authority to Amend the 2019-20 University Carryforward Spending Plan and 2019-20 University Operating Budget. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

VI. Adjournment

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