



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 27, 2013 – 10:00 a.m.
Boca Raton Campus
FAU Stadium – Recruiting Room
777 Glades Road
Boca Raton, FL 33431

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

Vice Chair Thomas Workman, Mr. Peter Amirato, Mr. David Feder, Dr. Jeffrey Feingold, Mr. Abdol Moabery, Dr. Ronald Nyhan, Mr. Robert Rubin, Mr. Robert Stilley and Dr. Julius Teske.

The following university officials participated:

Mr. Dennis Crudele, Acting University President; Dr. Diane Alperin, Associate Provost; Mr. David Kian, General Counsel; Mrs. Dorothy Russell, Acting Senior Vice President for Financial Affairs; Dr. Barry Rosson, Vice President of Research and Dean of the Graduate College; Mr. Larry Glick, Sr. Associate General Counsel; Ms. Stacy Volnick, Vice President of Executive Operations and Chief of Staff; and Andrew LaPlant, BOT Coordinator.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Anthony Barbar convened the full board meeting. Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

II. Chair's Report

Chair Barbar thanked the trustees for accommodating a special board meeting. The Board of Governors (BOG) was held at USF last week and Chair Colson invited the board chairs to a dinner. Our own Trustee Stilley started that dinner when FAU held the BOG meeting. Barbar thanked Acting President Crudele, Provost Claiborne and Vice President Gitanjali Kaul for making a presentation. There was a concern with the way that graduation rates are reported to the BOG.

FAU's rates appear low, but if one combines FAU's graduation rates with the graduation rates of students who began at FAU but then transferred, the rate goes from the 40s to the high 60s and low 70s. FAU needs to work with the BOG on how to address the reporting issue.

Our new dorm, which is located on the south-end of campus is moving along and will be completed by the start of the fall semester. It is coming in early and under budget.

III. President's Report

Acting President Crudele thanked outgoing Vice President Dr. Jennifer O'Flannery Anderson for her service to the university. Mrs. Joanne Davis has agreed to be the interim vice president.

At the Board of Governors meeting, we discussed our workplan's emphasis on maintaining our high research designation with the Carnegie Foundation Research Institution. We are placing strategic importance on undergraduate research and key hires in needed areas. Our graduation rate is improving and we are doing several things to improve it more. We are hiring more advisors, expanding our online courses and have gotten software that will help us better monitor student's progress towards a degree.

A few nice stories out of the news have included FAU. One was our former student body president, Ancel Pratt. The article highlighted his successful career with the Miami Heat. Pratt was just appointed the project manager for the Dwayne Wade World Foundation. That is a non-profit organization for at-risk children. Also, FAU received press for placing all of their graduates in jobs in the Accounting Scholars Program. Third, David Kian was listed as one of Florida's "Legal Elite" in the latest issue of the *Florida Trend*.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the June 11, 2013 meeting minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

V. Action Agenda

a. Approval of the 2012-2015 Collective Bargaining Agreement with United Faculty of Florida

Chair Barbar noted that committee chair Trustee Teske and previous chair Trustee Feder have been working on this for over a year. By law, the committee can meet in closed meetings. All the articles in the agreement and the red line changes in your background packet have been discussed, reviewed and approved by the committee. Additional changes can be made every year through the bargaining process. Dr. Alperin and Mr. Glick discussed some of the highlights from the latest round of bargaining. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2012-2015 Collective Bargaining Agreement with United Faculty of Florida. Trustee Feder said our philosophy in negotiating has been to recognize that we are all on the same team, and to reach mutually beneficial agreements with the union. He complimented the Board's negotiating team. Trustees Teske and Feingold also complimented the team. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

b. Discussion of the Presidential Search

Acting President Crudele excused himself from the discussion. Chair Barbar started by asking if the board should start a search immediately or delay for some period of time. After some discussion, it was agreed that the board should start the search immediately. Mr. Kian noted that by law, FAU has to appoint a search committee to conduct the search.

The discussion went to interim president. **A motion was made and seconded to approve Dennis Crudele as the interim president and empower the chair to appoint a search committee.** Chair Barbar stated last time the board empowered the chair to form a search committee comprised of three trustees, one faculty member, one non-faculty employee, one student, one alumni representative, one FAU Foundation representative, one community representative and at least one member at the chair's discretion. Barbar noted he wants to add a member, as BOG chair Colson asked a BOG representative be on the committee. Trustee Feingold said he would like the committee to be comprised more of trustees. Chair Barbar replied we have many stakeholders in the community and we need to make sure we have "buy-in" from the beginning with them. **A motion was made and seconded to amend the composition of the search committee to have between three and five trustees, and to state that the interim president appointment will serve unless modified by further action and would not be a candidate for the full-time presidency.** Trustee Moabery asked the Chair to give serious consideration to our donors to be on the committee. Chair Barbar concurred. **With no further discussion on the amendments to the composition of the**

search committee and the interim president appointment, the motion passed unanimously. With no further discussion on the motion to empower the chair to appoint a search committee, as amended, the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Chair Anthony Barbar as chair of the presidential search committee. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to have the chair of the board select and present three search firms for the Board's approval to assist with the search for the next president. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Dennis Crudele as Interim President. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded for the chair to negotiate and execute the interim president's employment agreement. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

VI. Old Business

Trustee Feingold thanked Vice President for Facilities Tom Donaudy for his help in regards to the BOT Room renovations.

VII. New Business

There was no new business.

VIII. BOT Member Comments

Trustee Moabery thanked Athletic Director Pat Chun for the bowl discussions at FAU Stadium. Trustee Feder said we will hire a great president for the university. He also is excited about a possible hotel being built on campus. Trustee Feingold is excited to work with Interim President Crudele. Feingold wants to enhance the image of the university in the community, and he urged the faculty to recognize their responsibilities to the public as members of a public university. Trustee

Nyhan said the faculty stands ready to help the board select the next president. Nyhan would like the board to have a highly participative process to find the best person for the job. Trustee Rubin congratulated David Kian on being selected as one of Florida's "Legal Elite" in *Florida Trend*. Trustee Stilley expressed disappointment that faculty should be perceptive enough to not use a classroom exercise that offends millions of people, or if they do, they should at least apologize. Trustee Workman congratulated Interim President Crudele and looked forward to working with him. Chair Barbar thanked the Board and said he would call another special meeting later this summer to continue developing the presidential search.

IX. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

X. Adjournment

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