

  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Florida Atlantic University

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**Full Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, December 6, 2019 – 1:00 p.m.**  
**Dr. Jeffrey P. & Barbara S. Feingold Board of Trustees Room**  
**777 Glades Road, Boca Raton, FL 33431**

**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. Kevin Buchanan, Mr. Brent Burns, Mr. Shaun Davis, Dr. Michael Dennis, Dr. Malcolm Dorman, Mr. Brad Levine, Mrs. Mary Beth McDonald, Mr. Abdol Moabery, Mr. Robert Rubin, Mr. Bob Stilley, and Dr. Kevin Wagner

The following university officials participated: Dr. John Kelly, University President, Mr. David Kian, VP Legal Affairs and General Counsel and Mr. Andrew LaPlant, Board of Trustees Operations.

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

**II. Chair's Report**

Chair Barbar opened by congratulating Vice Chair Moabery on becoming the first Owl to address the British Parliament. He spoke on Brexit and the impact on the aviation industry. Trustee McDonald spoke to the Indian River County Delegation and promote FAU initiatives. Chair Barbar also thanked the board members who attended the trustee summit in Gainesville.

Chair Barbar highlighted the state Board of Governors (BOG) meetings since the BOT retreat. He thanked President Kelly and his team for a great Universities of Distinction proposal. Our proposal's main focus is artificial intelligence. That is a differentiator with other universities. The proposal was

approved. The great thing about the proposal is it came out of the strategic plan. Also at the board meeting, trustee Dennis was appointed to another term and we have a new trustee, Elycia Morris.

As we prepare for the 2020 legislative session, Chair Barbar thanked trustees Moabery, Rubin, Levine and Buchanan for coming to FAU Day in October. Trustee Buchanan put together a great group of students to travel to Tallahassee. Our students are the university's best asset. Chair Barbar gave a special thank you to Mary Lynn Magar for putting together the first Owl Caucus in Tallahassee. She is rallying other members of the house and senate to follow her lead and continue this tradition in the future.

The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary groundbreaking event in Jupiter was well attended. It was top-notch and a wonderful celebration of our Jupiter campus. Chair Barbar gave special mention of Trustee Stilley. FAU would not have labs up there today with out his support. The growth and development in Jupiter is due in no small part to his leadership.

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

President Kelly opened with there are a lot of excitement about FAU. One of the ways the university has been able to boost revenue is through out of state students. We are currently at 13% of our students are out of state. The attraction of this university to out of state students is high.

FAU started two searches for enrollment management and VP, Student Affairs. Neither one of those searches yielded a candidate. Larry Faerman will continue his role as interim vice president for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. The searches will start over all in the fall.

Much has been said about our football coach. We should know something in the next few days. President Kelly acknowledged Brian White's leadership and the direction he has taken athletics. He has done extremely well. FAU Athletics is continually going up in the Captain's Cup, which is a ranking of all the sports teams in Conference USA.

Thirty-five merit scholars are at FAU. That is a record number. FAU High has twenty-five national merit scholars.

Next week, FAU will have five graduation ceremonies. This week, the Baldwin House hosted three events for the holidays. The trustees will take a tour of the Schmidt Family Complex after the meeting. President Kelly is an attempt for this university to have a one-stop shop.

We are updating the university every day. The university doesn't have a tired look anymore. The breezeway has been updated and the students are back to filling up the long stretch in the central part of campus. The student union is being renovated. The Schmidt Family Complex will redefine both academics and athletics at FAU.

President Kelly said that all that he has been able to do over the last five years, that Chair Barbar is heavily responsible. President Kelly could not have asked for better leadership. Thank you to Chair Barbar.

#### **IV. Public Comments**

No public comments.

#### **V. Consent Agenda**

Chair Barbar stated that all items were discussed and approved unanimously in their respective committees. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the Governance Committee, Audit & Compliance Committee, Strategic Planning and Initiatives Committee, and Committee on Academic and Student Affairs consent agendas. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **VI. New Business**

##### **a. Approval of Full Board Minutes**

##### **i. September 16-17, 2019**

Chair Barbar asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 16-17, 2019 Full Board Minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

##### **b. Approval of Second Renewed Employment Agreement for President Kelly**

Chair Barbar noted that we renewed the contract for President Kelly and will be up in February 2020. In order for the board to meet the BOG schedule at the end of January, we need to approve it today. There are no changes made to the contract except for the ones made at the retreat, which the board already approved. All of the financial terms are the same. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the Second Renewed Employment Agreement for President Kelly. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

**b. Approval of the Board of Trustees 2020 Meeting Calendar**

Chair Barbar asked if everyone had a chance to review it. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the Approval of the Board of Trustees 2020 Meeting Calendar. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

**VII. BOT Member Comments**

Trustee Burns seconded President Kelly's comments about Chair Barbar's service. Trustee Burns is excited about the direction the university is going. Trustee Wagner noted that political science and history have double the seats in civic engagement classes. There is some concerned about improved writing. FAU has some programs including writing enhanced curriculum. It tries to not only get them to write better, but what do employers want. Trustee Wagner also thanked Chair Barbar for his service. He was always there to help and a fantastic leader. Trustee Rubin said FAU had a great year and wants the university to continue to build upward next year. Trustee Moabery said Chair Barbar mentored him to unparalleled levels. The last five years have been incredible. Trustee Moabery thanked Trustee Stilley and his wife for their commitment to FAU. He noted it is something to watch Rep. Magar in Tallahassee. Trustee Moabery is going to have Brian White give a presentation on athletics in the early spring that will see FAU go from the bottom to the middle or tops in the rankings. He also noted that we are no. 1 in best looking general counsel. Trustee Stilley opened that this is a beautiful campus. FAU is attracting students from all over the place. He said that it was the right thing to do and bring neuroscience to Jupiter. It was a battle, but it was worth it. He also worked with Chair Barbar a number of years. He has been steady through good and bad times. He worked with the BOG and reestablish our stature within the system. Trustee Dennis said it has been an absolute privilege to work with Chair Barbar. He is humbled to be a part of FAU. Trustee McDonald said Chair Barbar has put on such a wonder face to the university. We are not saying

goodbye, because he will always be involved with FAU. Trustee Levine said great leaders build organizations over time and Chair Barbar was a great leader. Everyone can see the long-term results of his chairmanship. Trustee Dorman has tremendous admiration for Chair Barbar. The amount of time he put in is extraordinary.

Chair Barbar ended with it has been one of his greatest honors to be appointed to the board and selected as chair. He wanted to challenge FAU on a couple of things. One, we have looked at so many departments and all are going up. How do you keep that going? It needs to be sustainable. Two, one of the things that makes the board stronger is that we are collegial with each other. We have put aside personal differences and focus on FAU. He said he is a proud alum of the university. Please continue to encourage, ask questions, and support the new chair.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

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