

# **FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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FAU BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Treasure Coast Campus  
Port St. Lucie  
January 14, 2002

Chairman, John W. Temple, convened the meeting of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees at the Treasure Coast Campus, at 9:05 a.m. with the following members present:

Scott Adams, Nancy Blosser, Bill Bryant, Jorge Dominicus, E. Llwyd Ecclestone, Gerri McPherson, Virginia Miller, Sherry Plymale, John W. Temple, Norman D. Tripp, and Bruce Warshal.

Mukarrum Mawjood, the new Student Body President following Burak Kuntay's graduation, is awaiting formal appointment by Governor Bush.

Guests: Phil Handy, Chairman, Florida Board of Education  
Senator Ken Pruitt

## **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES JOHN TEMPLE, Chairman**

Handout - Minutes of November 6, 2001 meeting

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the November 6, 2001 meeting. There being no changes or corrections, the minutes were approved unanimously.

## **2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT JOHN TEMPLE, Chairman**

Chairman Temple deferred his remarks to Phil Handy.

## **3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT DR. ANTHONY JAMES CATANESE, President**

Handouts State University Priorities in Implementation of Education  
Governance Reorganization

Proposed Changes in the State University System under the new K-20 Governance Model

Spring Enrollment Update Enrollment for the spring 2002 term is up 10 percent. Admission applications for the fall 2002 term are up 30 percent. The Governor's 2002-2003 budget calls for 48 million dollars in new money for enrollment growth. The Governor has also recommended a maximum of 5 percent tuition increase for in-state students and a 10 percent increase for graduate and out-of-state students. This is the first step in tuition flexibility devolving to the Board of Trustees.

The State Universities Presidents Association (SUPA) is currently focusing on two positions:

- A. Completion of the transfer of power to the local Boards of Trustees
- B. Maintaining the position that the reorganization of higher education in the state is working. SUPA is on record as opposing the Graham initiative.

#### **4. FLORIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT PHIL HANDY**

A brief history of the establishment of the new Board of Education's K-20 plan was presented. The Florida Board of Education (FBOE) is responsible for 4 items this year:

- A. Creation of a balanced and responsible K-20 budget
- B. Submission of a strategic plan by the end of May 2002 which will also include an action plan
- C. Total reorganization of the Department of Education
- D. Rewriting of the Florida School Code (statutes) to consolidate and clarify current code. Two sub-workgroups will deal with higher education funding (funding, access, and disparity between universities) and an accountability workgroup that will set up guidelines on how to measure the success of the university.

The legislative session starts January 22, 2002. It is important that the universities stress the need to reaffirm matching funds commitments; tuition increases currently reflected in the Governor's budget; and the removal of the universities from the state agencies.

#### **5. TREASURE COAST CHAIRMAN'S REPORT SENATOR KEN PRUITT**

The state is in a very difficult fiscal year. Under the current tax system, the state collects \$17 billion and exempts \$23 billion. Tax reform is needed in which the way taxes are collected reflects the way in which the state economy is developing, i.e., as a service based economy.

Representative Gayle Harrell of Port St. Lucie spoke on the need for continued support for the FAU/Harbor Branch joint use facility. She encouraged the trustees to move forward in their endeavors to make this facility a priority.

## **6. BY LAWS JOHN TEMPLE, Chairman**

Handout The Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees Proposed Operating Procedures

Chairman Temple suggested that the Operating Procedures be approved as presented. There was discussion, initiated by E. Lloyd Ecclestone, that the chair of the Finance and Audit Committee be appointed by the chairman of the Board instead of the position being formally held by the vice chairman of the Board.

A motion was made and seconded to move for adoption of the Operating Procedures as written.

Mr. Ecclestone proposed an amendment that the chair of the Finance and Audit Committee be appointed by the Chair of the Board. It failed for a lack of a second.

The original motion was passed unanimously.

## **7. HARBOR BRANCH RICK HERMAN, President**

President Herman made a presentation on Harbor Branch which included a film that illustrated its facilities and activities. FAU currently offers a semester at sea program with Harbor Branch. The need for a joint use facility and enhanced interaction with FAU was again stressed. Last year the legislature approved the expenditure for a new facility, however, the Governor vetoed it.

## **8. LEGISLATIVE BUDGET Kenneth Jessell, Senior Vice President for Financial Affairs**

Handout - Legislative/Budget Special Session Reductions

The Legislature imposed a 4.5 percent reduction in the total Educational and General Budget as part of the 2001 Special Session C. This reduction amounted to \$7.3 million. This reduction was made while maintaining student access to courses and programs of study, continuing employment of permanent faculty and staff, and curtailing expenditure for equipment, hires and travel.

The Board of Trustees has the authority over the student use fees such as A&S, athletics, and health. President Catanese proposed no increase in these fees for the 2002-2003 academic year.

A motion was made and seconded that no new increase in A&S, athletic and health fees would be imposed in the 2002-2003 academic year. The motion passed unanimously.

## **9. REAFFIRMATION OF ACCREDITATION ANTHONY LOMBARDO, Self-Study Director**

Handout - Draft of Self-Study Plan and Manual

The SACS peer review team will be visiting FAU February 26 through March 1. Chairman Temple and President Catanese have already met with Dr. Hurley, Chair of the team. All trustees are invited to be involved in the exit interview which will convene on March 1, 2002 at 10:00 am.

Reaffirmation of accreditation is required every 10 years. FAU is the first state university to undergo the process under the new education governance system.

Copies of the Self-Study will be made available to the Trustees before February 26, 2002.

## **10. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

Any Trustee who would like to serve as chair of the Academic Committee should contact Chairman Temple. There are currently no new programs for review.

Ondina Felipe, General Counsel, provided the Trustees with a summary booklet of the Board of Trustees Duties.

The university is planning an expansion of activities in the fine arts in Ft. Lauderdale. Any Trustee interested in serving on a task force for the expansion should advise Chairman Temple or President Catanese.

The feasibility of and need for expansion of the number of cooperative programs with area hospitals should also be explored.

Recommendation to Postpone Program Reviews Richard Osburn, Provost  
Under the Board of Regents, reviews of academic programs were scheduled every five years. Due to the costs associated with these reviews and given the current budget constraints, it is recommended that the reviews scheduled for 2002 be postponed not to exceed one year.

A motion was made and seconded to postpone the academic program review not to exceed one year. The motion passed unanimously.

## **11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Fred Hoffman FAU UFC

## **12. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT**

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be March 11, 2002 at the Davie Campus. The agenda will include promotion and tenure.

A workshop on the promotion and tenure process will be held March 6, 2002 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Broward Advisory Board will be meeting at the Ft. Lauderdale campus, Higher Education Complex (HEC) on Tuesday, January 15, 2002 at 12:00 noon.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.