

**FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MINUTES**

**91ÉçÇø BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Davie Campus**

**Ft. Lauderdale**

**March 11, 2002**

Chairman, John W. Temple, convened the meeting of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees on the Davie Campus, at 10:00 a.m. with the following members present:

Scott Adams, Nancy Blosser, Jorge Dominicus, E. Llwyd Ecclestone, Virginia Miller, Sherry Plymale, John W. Temple, Norman D. Tripp, Bruce Warshal, and George C. Zoley

Excused Absences: William Bryant, Gerri McPherson

Absent: Mukarram Mawjood

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES JOHN TEMPLE, Chairman**

Handout - Minutes of January 14, 2002 meeting

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2002 meeting. There being no changes or corrections, the minutes were approved unanimously.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT JOHN TEMPLE, Chairman**

Chairman Temple congratulated the President and university personnel on the successful preliminary report of the SACS Reaffirmation of Accreditation team.

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

The President welcomed the Board of Trustees and audience to the joint campus of 91ÉçÇø and BCC, one of the finest examples of the 2+2 system in the nation. 91ÉçÇø has approximately 6000 students at the Davie campus, which makes it the largest partner campus at any state university.

Very pleased with the results of the SACS site visit. Dr. Anthony Lombardo and Dr. Sharron Ronco are commended for their work the last three years in preparation of the self-study and SACS team visit.

The Reaffirmation Committee made approximately 18 recommendations, several being routine, and all very reasonable. They included library support, treatment of adjunct faculty, and faculty records and files. Provost Osburn is committed to implementing all recommendations.

Five commendations were given in areas that met or exceeded expectation:

1. The administration for its creative, innovative ways of dealing with growth
2. Joint programs
3. The Ocean Engineering program
4. The Theater Department
5. The Nursing program

#### A. Tallahassee Update

Revenue Estimating Conference Revenue increase estimates are up from the \$400 million range to \$644 million. Governor Bush has committed \$400 million to education.

Budget House budget, which has already been passed, has a large growth segment of \$12 million, mostly for first time freshmen.

PECO Funds Senate proposes a lump sum of \$30 million to the BOT at 91ÉÇÇø with discretion to spend as appropriate next year. Only limiting factor is the money must be spent on the Student Services Building, Harbor Branch, 91ÉÇÇø/IRCC campus, and Library at Jupiter campus. The House has proposed an allocation to 91ÉÇÇø of \$10 million Business, \$5 million to the Jupiter Library, and \$1.25 million to Student Services Building. The University favors the Senate proposal.

Courtelis Matching Funds The House budget proposes \$8 million to match the Christine Lynn gift, \$1 million for the psychology expansion on the Jupiter campus and \$250,000 for the library at the Boca Raton campus. The Senate budget proposes to fund only the highest priority of each state university. The University favors the House budget.

President Catanese met with President Shalala of the University of Miami. She fully supports the 91ÉÇÇø/UM cooperative program in medical education and will help to accelerate approval of the \$1.9 million proposed budget with the House and Senate for final authorization of the program.

Reorganization State University Presidents Association (SUPA) supports the Board of Education rewrite of the school code for K-20. It is very important to the local Boards of Trustees because of accreditation standards.

The Department of Education proposed that in hiring a new University President, the local Board would submit three names to the BOE. This procedure is unacceptable to

SACS in that the local Board should be in control of the hiring of a President. It was then suggested that the Board submit one name for ratification by the BOE, which is still unacceptable. The University should support the version of the bill that gives ratification of selection of a new president solely to the local Board of Trustees.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Board of Education's Code revisions for K-20. The motion was approved unanimously.

SACS has required that the University submit a "substantive change proposal" regarding the reorganization. 91ÉçÇø submit a proposal in February.

SUPA discussed the One Florida Plan with Governor Bush and legislators and feel the Plan is very promising for minority enrollment. Ten of the eleven state universities have increased their minority enrollment under the One Florida Plan.

B. SUPA has agreed to hold open meetings.

C. 91ÉçÇø Men's Basketball has its first A-Sun conference championship in history. They will play the University of Alabama in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

D. All universities have agreed on the federal research priorities. Of the top 10 priorities, three are 91ÉçÇø projects; Ocean Engineering Measurement Center, High Definition Telemedicine Technology, and Clinical Management of Alzheimer's Disease.

**4. APPROVAL OF 91ÉçÇø CLTY FORNIERE RICHARD L. OSBURN, Provost**  
Handout - Packet of faculty vita and letter of support/denial for candidates.

Discussion of Promotion and Tenure candidates took place at a workshop held on March 7, 2002.

A motion was made and seconded to approve candidates as presented in the memo to the President. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT NORMAN D. TRIPP, Vice Chairman**

In-depth discussion of issues took place at the committee meeting held on March 7, 2002.

A. Special Purpose Audit APPROVED

B. James Moore & Company financial report (Athletic Audit) APPROVED  
Auditor will be selected by the BOT in the future.

C. Fiscal Award Audit (Research Corporation) APPROVED

D. Bonds for Parking Garage #2 APPROVED

Approve the financing plan and adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 to finance a new 1,000 space parking garage at 91ÉçÇø (Boca Raton campus).

E. Bonds for Apartment Complex #2 APPROVED

Approve the financing plan and adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$15,500,000 to finance a new 288 bed housing facility at 91ÉçÇø (Boca Raton campus).

F. Increase in student housing rental rates - APPROVED

## **6. APPOINTMENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS CHAIR JOHN TEMPLE, Chairman**

Chairman John Temple appointed Bruce Warshal as Academic Affairs Chair.

## **7. SERVICE OF PROCESS ONDINA FELIPE, General Counsel**

Handout Proposed Board Action

Chapter 229, part I. Educational Governance Reorganization

The Office of General Counsel at 91ÉçÇø will accept all service of process against any member of the Board acting in their capacity as a Board member.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Service of Process as proposed. The motion passed unanimously.

## **8. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

A. Handout - New Government in the Sunshine Manual

B. Makarrum Mawjood, Student Government President, was officially appointed ex-officio to the Board of Trustees by the Board.

C. Excused absences by Board members from BOT meetings will be discussed at the next meeting, specifically the definition of "excused." Who determines what is a valid excused absence?

## **9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Fred Hoffman 91ÉçÇø UFC

Steve Keever Broward Student Volunteer Center

## **10. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the BOT will be May 13, 2002, SeaTech campus, Dania at 10:00 a.m.

Commencement will be Friday May 3, 2002, 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.