

**THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
Miami's public research university

**MINUTES
THURSDAY, 4 MARCH 2004
10:30 A.M.
BOARD MEETING
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY PARK CAMPUS
EAST GRAHAM CENTER BALLROOM
MIAMI, FLORIDA**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Henriques convened the meeting of The Florida International University Board of Trustees at 10:38 a.m., on Thursday, 4 March 2004, at Florida International University, University Park Campus, Miami, Florida.

The following attendance was recorded:

PRESENT:

Betsy S. Atkins
Rafael A. Calderón
Albert E. Dotson, Sr.
Marcel Escoffier
Patricia Frost
Adolfo Henriques
Miriam Lopez
Sergio Pino
Claudia Puig
Rosa Sugrañes
Clayton Solomon
Herbert A. Wertheim
Modesto A. Maidique

EXCUSED:

David R. Parker

SPECIAL GUEST OF THE BOARD:

Donald E. Lefton, FIU Foundation Chairman

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Mayra Beers
Erica Martinez took a silent roll.

II. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Henriques welcomed everyone to the meeting including several members of the Foundation Board of Directors and Dr. George Dambach, newly appointed University Vice President for Research. He congratulated Trustee Miriam Lopez for her recent appointment to the Board of Doctors' Hospital. The Chairman extended congratulations to John McGowan, University CIO and VP for Information Resources for being named to Cisco System's iQ Magazine as one of the 10 executives worldwide who set a standard for leadership in information technology. He commended President Maidique and FIU staff for their efforts in securing the Kaufman Foundation Grant totaling \$3 million (December 2003) to fund the Global Entrepreneur Center at FIU's Graduate School of Business.

Chairman Henriques reported on recent FIU honors including the Beacon Council's Education Award, and membership for the Kovens Center into the International Association of Conference Centers. He congratulated FIU Law School students who placed second at the national Moot Court Competition in Washington, D.C.

III. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Chairman Henriques recognized Alan Gummerson, United Faculty of Florida President. Gummerson presented issues faculty expect will be resolved through bargaining.

Chairman Henriques recognized Clayton Solomon, Student Government Association President. Solomon presented a synopsis of student government activities and achievements for the 2003-2004 academic year.

Chairman Henriques noted the meeting would be Solomon's last appearance before the Board as Student Government President and Trustee since his term would soon end. The Board commended Solomon for all of his efforts and hard work.

Chairman Henriques recognized Dr. Howard Rock, currently the faculty member on the Board of Governors. Dr. Rock addressed the Board on issues discussed in recent Board of Governors' meetings.

IV. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Consent Agenda- Chairman Henriques reminded the Board of its decision at the Board meeting of 2 September 2003, to take up and pass action items as part of a Consent Agenda requiring a single motion, unless a Board member had an objection to a particular item. He

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asked if there were any objections to the Consent Agenda. Trustee Solomon requested to remove Items 5 and 6 from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

With no further discussion, the Board adopted the following Amended Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the following matters included in the Consent Agenda are hereby approved:

1. Minutes 17 November 2003 (Exhibit A)
2. Minutes 9 February 2004 (Exhibit B)
3. Prompt Payment Rule (Exhibit C)
4. Banking Contract Authority (no Exhibit)
7. Lakeview Housing Project (Exhibit D)

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Exhibits A, B, C, and D are attached to this Resolution and made part of the minutes for this meeting.

Items Removed from Consent Agenda for Discussion:

Trustee Solomon presented his concerns regarding Items 5 and 6 to the Board.

Item 5, University Traffic and Parking Rule

After discussion, with a 1% increase in all decal categories and with funds designated for construction of a new sports field, the Board adopted the following Amended Resolution:

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees amend the amended Rule 6C8-5.006 of the Florida Administrative Code by increasing decal fees for all categories an additional one percent (1%) beyond the proposed increase with said additional funds to be designated for the creation of a new sports field, and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve all the amendments to the University Traffic and Parking Rule ("Rule"), Rule 6C8-5.006 of the Florida Administrative Code which is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit "E" and

FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of the Rule by the Board, the Board delegate authority to the University President to approve any subsequent amendments that are based on comments to the Rule received by the University in writing or at a public hearing on the Rule to be held after the Board's action and to file the rule for adoption.

Item 6, University Athletic Fee

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After discussion, the Board adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve a \$1.21 per credit hour increase in the student athletic fee effective Fall 2004, which is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit "F."

As requested by Trustee Solomon, President Maidique committed to allocate \$35,000 to fund an SGA football promotional committee.

V. Committee Reports

Chairman Henriques noted the information items required no action or discussion and were included in the agenda as information items.

Each Committee Chair gave a brief report of the Committees' recent discussion items. The Administration and Compensation Committee did not meet and therefore did not have a report.

As part of the Governmental Relations Committee Report, Committee Chair Lopez presented two items for Board approval.

Item 8 FIU Federal FY '05 Priorities

After discussion, the Board adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the University Federal Legislative Priorities for FY 2005, which are attached to this Resolution as Exhibit "G".

Item 9 FIU State Legislative Priorities for 2004

Trustee Solomon raised concerns about some of the language in priorities 6 and 7 of the 2004 State Legislative Priorities (Tuition and Fee Authority and Student Fee Authority). As a result, State priority #7 was amended as follows:

~~FIU and the other state universities request that the Legislature increase or remove entirely the~~ The Legislature has enacted a 40% cap on fees and the 5% increase limitation on the Activity and Service, Health, and Athletic Fee. These limitations unfairly limit those universities whose fees were low when the caps were put into place. The 40% cap prohibits FIU from raising its athletic fee to pay for the costs associated with our recently announced transition from NCAA Division I-AA to I-A for our two year old football team. ~~Failing the removal or increase of the 40% cap,~~ FIU requests that this cap be lifted for universities changing athletic competitive divisions so that we

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can increase our athletic fee. Any increase would be approved by a student committee.

With no further discussion, the Board adopted the following amended Resolution:
RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the amended University State Legislative Priorities for 2004, attached to this Resolution as Exhibit "H".

VI. LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEW

President Maidique summarized the Governor's Recommended Budget proposal and its implications for universities in the state. He also encouraged all Trustees to attend FIU Day at the Capitol, scheduled for 16 March 2004.

Trustee Dotson requested the Board pass a Resolution officially opposing two aspects of the proposed Governor's budgetary adjustments that would affect student status and tuition. After discussion the Board adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the Florida International University Board of Trustees is opposed to state-mandated changes in tuition policy that would penalize non-degree seeking students and those taking more than 110% of degree requirement credits by having those credits charged at out-of-state tuition rates.

The issue of the Board's position on block tuition was tabled for further discussion.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was raised.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business raised, the meeting of the FIU Board of Trustees was adjourned on Thursday, 4 March 2004, at 12:32 p.m.

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Adolfo Henriques
Chairman
FIU Board of Trustees

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*Modesto A. Maidique
Corporate Secretary
FIU Board of Trustees*

Attachments: Exhibits A-H