

**THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



**BOARD MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**5 DECEMBER 2006**

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman David Parker convened the meeting of The Florida International University Board of Trustees at 9:10 a.m., on Tuesday, 5 December 2006, at University Park Campus, College of Law Main Courtroom, Miami, Florida.

The following attendance was recorded:

***Present:***

David Parker  
Betsy Atkins  
Albert Dotson  
Armando Guerra  
Bruce Hauptli  
Kirk Landon  
Alfonso Leon

Sergio Pino  
Modesto Maidique  
Larry Kahn,  
*Chairman FIU Foundation*  
*Board of Directors*

***Excused:***

Patricia Frost  
Miriam Lopez  
Claudia Puig  
Rosa Sugrañes

**II. Chairman's Remarks:**

Chairman Parker welcomed all Trustees, University faculty and staff. He also recognized FIU Foundation Directors David Perlman and Ted Spak. He thanked the University's College of Law staff for its hard work in making the meeting possible.

Chairman Parker introduced newly-appointed Dean of the University's College of Medicine Dr. John A. Rock, noting that on November 14<sup>th</sup> Dr. Rock was appointed as founding Dean of the FIU College of Medicine and executive Vice President for Medical affairs.

Chairman Parker congratulated Rick Mello who was recently appointed Associate Vice President and Executive Director of the FIU Athletics Finance Corporation, noting that subsequently, the Sun Belt Conference had asked Rick to serve as its Associate Commissioner.

Chairman Parker introduced recently appointed Athletic Director, Pete Garcia, noting that Garcia was a former executive with the Cleveland Browns where he served as Vice President of Player personnel and Football development.

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Parker, thanked Dr. Wertheim as well as the Wertheim family for their service and all they have done for the University and for the community over the last two decades.

### **III. FIU Foundation Report**

Foundation Chairman Larry Kahn reported on fundraising and provided an update on Foundation investments as of October 31, 2006. He also reported that Alumni membership reached a new high in 2006.

### **IV. Requests to Address the Board:**

*There were no requests to address the Board*

### **V. University Report**

President Maidique reported that the American Bar Association (ABA) granted the University's College of Law full accreditation on Friday, 1 December 2006. He added that the panel accredited the program less than five years after the University's College of Law opened its doors in 2002.

President Maidique reported that as of November 21, 2006, the University has certified more than \$521,000 for the First Generation Scholarship Matching Program, noting that the funds were eligible for state match for a total scholarship pool of more than \$1 Million to fund students by providing these important scholarships.

President Maidique reported on the Executive MBA program in the University's College of Business Administration and on the World Class Scholars and Centers of Excellence Programs established by the Legislature. He also reported that the October issue of *Living Real Miami* placed FIU among the 25 best places to work in Miami and that five-time Grammy Award winning singer, songwriter, producer, actor, philanthropist, New York Times bestselling author and Miami icon, Gloria Estefan was named FIU's Wisdom Scholar in Residence for the 2006/07 academic year

President Maidique noted that on December 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, the University would be hosting five Commencement ceremonies when more than 3200 students will become FIU alumni. He invited all to attend any or all of these ceremonies.

## **VI. Items for Board Consideration:**

### **A. Action Items**

#### **1. Consent Agenda:**

Chairman Parker announced that there was an amendment to the Consent Agenda item D, Articles and Bylaws – FIU Athletics Finance Corp, noting that the errata was distributed to all Trustees and has been reviewed by the Finance and Audit Committee:

Chairman Parker asked for comments on any items included in the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, the Board adopted the following Resolution:

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

- A. **MINUTES, 22 SEPTEMBER 2006** (*EXHIBIT "A"*)
- B. **MINUTES, 29 SEPTEMBER 2006** (*EXHIBIT "B"*)
- C. **MINUTES, 20 OCTOBER 2006** (*EXHIBIT "C"*)
- D. **ARTICLES & BYLAWS – FIU ATHLETICS FINANCE CORP. AS AMENDED**  
(*EXHIBITS "D" & "E"*)
- E. **ADOPTION OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS DEBT MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES** (*EXHIBIT "F"*)
- F. **HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT** (*EXHIBIT "G"*)

#### **2. Tuition Waiver Program Policy**

Administration and Athletics Committee Chair Albert Dotson introduced the Tuition Waiver Program Policy for Board consideration and approval.

After discussion, the Board adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees ("BOT") is the public employer of all employees of the University and has the power and duty to adopt personnel policies for all University employees;

WHEREAS, the BOT adopted personnel policies for all University employees, including a Tuition Waiver Policy (the "Policy");

WHEREAS, the Policy should be amended to expand the benefit provided so as to include online courses as courses which qualify for in state tuition waivers;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the BOT approves the amendment to the Policy attached hereto as Exhibit "H";

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the policy attached hereto as Exhibit "H" shall be effective immediately solely for all non-bargaining unit personnel;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University Administration takes all actions necessary to give effect to this Resolution.

**3. Committee Status Reports**

Governmental Relations Committee Vice Chair Sergio Pino, Finance and Audit Committee Chair Kirk Landon, Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee Vice Chair Betsy Atkins and Administration and Athletics Committee Chair Albert Dotson reported on items heard by their respective Committees. Chairman Parker thanked the Committees for their work noting that their careful review of university issues was of invaluable service to the entire Board.

**VII. Other Business:**

*There was no other business brought forward.*

**VIII. Adjournment:**

Since there was no other business to come before the Board, the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees was adjourned on Tuesday, 5 December 2006, at 10:31 p.m.

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David Parker  
*Chairman*  
*FIU Board of Trustees*

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

*Attachments: Exhibits "A," "B," "C," "D," "E," "F," "G," & "H"*