

THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES



BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
17 AUGUST 2007
Via Conference Call

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman David Parker convened the meeting of The Florida International University Board of Trustees at 10:33 am, on Friday, 17 August 2007, via Conference Call.

The following attendance was recorded:

Present:

David Parker	Kirk Landon
Jorge Arrizurieta	Albert Maury
Betsy Atkins	Claudia Puig
Albert Dotson	Rosa Sugrañes
Patricia Frost	Larry Kahn, <i>Chairman FIU</i>
Bruce Hauptli	<i>Foundation Board of Directors</i>
Marbely Hernandez	

EXCUSED:

Armando Guerra
Miriam López
Modesto Maidique

II. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

Chairman Parker welcomed all Trustees, University faculty and staff. Chairman Parker thanked all Trustees for making themselves available for the meeting.

III. ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW:

○ **Action Items**

1. FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION, INC. OPERATING BUDGET, 2007-2008

FIU Foundation Inc. Board of Directors Chairman Larry Kahn III introduced the FIU Foundation Inc. Operating Budget, 2007-2008, for Board consideration and approval. FIU Foundation Director Noel Guillama-Alvarez, Chair of the Foundation Finance and Audit Committee presented the FIU Foundation Inc Operating Budget, 2007-2008, providing a

summary by fund.

After discussion, the Board adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Florida Administrative Code Section 6C8-6.100 (4), the Florida International University Foundation, Inc. (FIU Foundation, Inc.) must submit an annual budget, which has been approved by its governing board and recommended by the University President to the Florida International University Board of Trustees (the BOT) for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the FIU Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors has approved the FIU Foundation, Inc. Operating Budget for 2007-2008 on 24 July 2007, attached hereto as Exhibit "A," and the University President is recommending its approval;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the BOT hereby approves the attached FIU Foundation, Inc. Operating Budget for 2007-2008 and authorizes the Executive Director of the FIU Foundation, Inc. to take all actions necessary pertaining to this Operating Budget.

Chairman Parker and Vice Chair Albert Dotson thanked the members of the FIU Foundation Board of Directors for their hard work and dedication.

2. RATIFICATION OF SALARIES ARTICLE FOR 2006-2007 BETWEEN THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE UNITED FACULTY OF FLORIDA – FIU CHAPTER

Chairman Parker introduced the Ratification of the Salaries Article for 2006-2007, between the Florida International University Board of Trustees and the United Faculty of Florida for Board consideration and approval. Executive Vice President and Provost Ronald Berkman reported on key points covered by the Salaries Article, noting that on Thursday, 2 August 2007, the faculty voted 122 to 1 to ratify the Salaries Article for 2006-2007.

After discussion, the Board adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Florida International University Board of Trustees (the BOT) is the public employer of all employees of the University and is obligated to engage in collective bargaining with employees who are represented by a union; and

WHEREAS, certain employees of the University are part of a bargaining unit represented by the United Faculty of Florida – FIU Chapter (the UFF); and

WHEREAS, representatives of the BOT and the UFF have engaged in collective bargaining and have reached agreement on the terms of the Salaries Article for 2006-2007, attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the bargaining unit employees represented by the UFF voted in favor of ratification of the Salaries Article on 1-2 August 2007;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the BOT hereby ratifies the Salaries Article for 2006-2007, attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

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

Chairman Parker congratulated the President, the negotiating teams, the Provost, the administration and the faculty for their diligence in completing negotiations.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Parker noted that there was an additional item, which required Board consideration and approval. Provost Berkman presented the Honorary Degree Recipient for Board review, noting that it was the last wish of Kristina Panagos, who suffered from a terminal illness, to receive a Bachelor of Science degree from Florida International University. He added that because Ms. Panagos did not complete all of the requirements set forth to receive a regular Bachelor's degree, the recommendation was that she be awarded an honorary degree. He also added that the proposed honorary degree for Ms. Panagos was recommended by the Chemistry and Biology department Chairs and by petitions signed by faculty from Chemistry and Biology, the Dean of Arts and Sciences, the Faculty Senate and the Provost and approved by the President.

After discussion, the Board adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Kristina Panagos has completed a substantial amount of coursework at the undergraduate level; and

WHEREAS, Kristina Panagos' grade point average is evidence of her academic dedication; and

WHEREAS, Kristina Panagos is suffering from a terminal illness deemed irreversible by nationally recognized medical institutions; and

WHEREAS, Kristina Panagos' medical condition has made it impossible for her to pursue further coursework; and

WHEREAS, Kristina Panagos and her family have requested, as her last wish, for Kristina to receive a Bachelor of Science degree from FIU; and

WHEREAS, the Florida International University Faculty Senate's Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee has recommended that the University award Kristina Panagos an

Honorary Bachelor of Science and the University President recommends its approval;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Florida International University Board of Trustees hereby approves the award of an Honorary Bachelor of Science degree to Kristina Panagos.

Vice Chair Dotson congratulated the Administration and the Faculty for their work.

V. 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 Friday, 17 August 2007, at 11:04 am.

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8.21.07

David Parker
Chairman
FIU Board of Trustees

Modesto A. Maidique
Corporate Secretary
FIU Board of Trustees

Attachments: Exhibits "A" & "B"