

**THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



**BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
16 FEBRUARY 2007**

I. Call to Order

Chairman David Parker convened the meeting of The Florida International University Board of Trustees at 9:08 a.m., on Friday, 16 February 2007, at University Park Campus, Graham Center Ballrooms, Miami, Florida.

The following attendance was recorded:

Present:

David Parker
Betsy Atkins
Albert Dotson
Patricia Frost
Armando Guerra
Bruce Hauptli

Kirk Landon
Alfonso Leon
Rosa Sugrañes
Modesto Maidique
Larry Kahn,
*Chairman FIU Foundation
Board of Directors*

Excused:

Miriam Lopez
Sergio Pino
Claudia Puig

II. Chairman's Remarks:

Chairman Parker welcomed all Trustees, University faculty and staff. He also recognized FIU Foundation Directors Joan Peven Smith, Noel Guillama-Alvarez and T. Gene Prescott

Chairman Parker congratulated newly-appointed Executive Vice President and Provost Ronald Berkman, noting his strong record of leadership and achievement while serving in an acting capacity. He also congratulated the University's School of Journalism and Mass Communication for their continuing to garner industry praise. Chairman Parker also recognized University Professor Stephen Haggerty, noting that, in conjunction with a team of researchers, recently determined that diamonds known as carbonados came from outer space. Chairman Parker also congratulated the University's Advancement team for their efforts in the "World-Class Organization" Branding Campaign, noting that the campaign was recognized with a top award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

Chairman Parker noted that in January he attended the Florida Board of Governors meeting for a discussion of the Pappas Consulting Group Report on the structure and organization of the Florida's State University System. He provided a brief summary of the report, noting the report's key recommendations.

III. FIU Foundation Report

Foundation Chairman Larry Kahn reported on the Financial Statements Recap for the 6-month Period Ending December 31, 2006 and provided an update on Foundation investments as of January 31, 2007. He also reported on fundraising and Alumni membership. Sr. Vice President for External Relations Marcos Perez provided a Development Update.

IV. Requests to Address the Board:

There were no requests to address the Board

V. University Report

President Maidique asked for a minute of silence in memory of Mercedes Murciano, University Bursar and Assistant Controller of Student financials, who passed away on 8 January 2007. He noted that the previous month she was recognized by the Finance and Audit Committee of the Board for her achievements, excellence, and exceptional service to the University's students and community.

President Maidique introduced and welcomed the new University Vice President and Chief Information Officer Min Yao.

The President reported that in February the University proudly celebrated the opening of the Rafael Diaz Balart Hall, home of the FIU College of Law, with a series of inaugural events. He also reported that with the Executive Dean for the College of Medicine now in place, the University had embarked on the arduous journey to accreditation. President Maidique congratulated the University's Stempel School of Public Health professor Robert Malow, who has been awarded a five-year, \$3 million grant by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). He also congratulated FIU Football player, Keyvonis "Kiki" Bouie for his placement among the top 20 defensive linebackers in the country, noting that his numerous athletic achievements were aligned with his successful academic record.

President Maidique announced upcoming University events, inviting all to participate.

VI. Item for Board Consideration:

A. Action Item

1. Consent Agenda:

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

RESOLVED, that the following matter included in the Consent Agenda is hereby approved:

- **MINUTES, 5 DECEMBER 2006** (*EXHIBIT "A"*)

2. Committee Status Reports

Finance and Audit Committee Chair Kirk Landon and Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee Chair Patricia Frost reported on items heard by their respective Committees. Sr. Vice President for External Relations Marcos Perez provided a Governmental Relations update. Chairman Parker thanked the Committees for their work noting that their careful review of university issues was of invaluable service to the entire Board.

3. FIU at FIFTY

President Maidique provided a presentation and led a discussion on his vision for FIU at fifty.

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 Friday, 16 February 2007, at 11:06 a.m.

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David Parker
Chairman
FIU Board of Trustees

Modesto A. Maidique
Corporate Secretary
FIU Board of Trustees

Attachment: Exhibit "A"