

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



**BOARD MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**12 JUNE 2008**

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman David Parker convened the meeting of The Florida International University Board of Trustees at 2:09 p.m., on Thursday, 12 June 2008, at University Park Campus, Graham Center Ballrooms, Miami, Florida.

The following attendance was recorded:

***Present:***

David Parker, Chair  
Albert Dotson, Vice Chair  
Jorge Arrizurieta  
Patricia Frost  
Bruce Hauptli  
Kirk Landon  
Miriam López

AJ Meyer  
Albert Maury  
Claudia Puig  
Rosa Sugrañes  
Modesto Maidique  
Joseph Caruncho,  
*Chairman FIU Foundation Board of Directors*

***Excused:***

Cesar Alvarez  
Betsy Atkins

**II. Chairman's Remarks:**

Chairman Parker welcomed all Trustees, University faculty and staff. Chairman Parker noted that although Mr. Larry Kahn was not present, he wished to thank him for his valuable contributions to the Board of Trustees during his tenure as Chairman of the FIU Foundation Board of Directors.

Chairman Parker welcomed Foundation Director Gerald Grant. He also welcomed Mrs. Joan Peven Smith, noting that she retired as a Director on the Foundation's Board last month. On behalf of the Board, Chairman Parker thanked Mrs. Smith for her leadership, commitment and service to the Board of Directors, to the University and to the community.

Chairman Parker welcomed and introduced newly appointed Vice President for Human Resources, Dr. Jaffus Hardrick who joined the University in April, noting that the position was vacant for nearly two years. He reported on the recent appointments of deans Dr. Fernando

Treviño, Dean of the Stempel School of Public Health and Dr. Kingsley Banya, Interim Dean of the College of Education.

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Parker thanked Faculty Trustee Bruce Hauptli for his dedication and hard work as a member of the FIU Board of Trustees during the past 4 years. The Chair added that although this would be the last Board meeting for Dr. Hauptli as a Trustee, he looked forward to his continued work as a distinguished and accomplished professor in the University's department of Philosophy.

Chairman Parker noted that last month Benjamín León Jr., founder of Leon Medical Centers presented a \$10 million gift to the University's College of Medicine to establish the Benjamín León, Jr. Family Center for Geriatric Research and Education. He added that the gift also established the Leon Medical Centers Eminent Scholars Chair in Geriatrics. Chairman Parker and President Maidique presented Trustee Albert Maury with framed news clippings of the gift announcement.

Chairman Parker thanked all of the Trustees for their participation in the 19 May 2008 Board of Trustees Budget Workshop. He noted the importance of the meeting as it provided an interactive forum for Trustees to review and discuss the University's budget.

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

Foundation Chair Joseph L. Caruncho reported on key items reviewed at the annual meeting of the Foundation Board held in May. On behalf of the Foundation Board of Directors, Chair Caruncho, thanked Mrs. Joan Peven Smith for her hard work and invaluable contribution during 14 years of service on the Foundation Board.

### **IV. President's Report**

President Maidique provided a summary on the current State budget situation, which had and would continue to significantly impact the University. He added that the University's Administration, with feedback from the faculty and student body, worked on a multi-faceted approach that considered short-term and long-term reductions while safeguarding the University's strategic imperatives.

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

- Shih-Ming Lee, Chairperson and Associate Professor, Industrial Systems Engineering  
Associate Professor Lee addressed the Board, voicing his concerns regarding the proposed closure of the Industrial Systems Engineering programs.
- Marc Resnick, Associate Professor, Industrial Systems Engineering  
Associate Professor Resnick addressed the Board, voicing his concerns regarding the proposed closure of the Industrial Systems Engineering programs.
- Sergio Hernandez, PhD student, Industrial Systems Engineering  
Mr. Hernandez addressed the Board, voicing his concerns regarding the proposed closure of the Industrial Systems Engineering programs.

- Aleyda Mejia, current Master's student, Industrial Systems Engineering  
Ms. Mejia addressed the Board, voicing her concerns regarding the proposed closure of the Industrial Systems Engineering programs.
  
- Angela Flores, Alumnus, Industrial Systems Engineering  
Ms. Flores addressed the Board, voicing her concerns regarding the proposed closure of the Industrial Systems Engineering programs.
  
- Alfredo Tejera, President, Industrial Advisory Board; Vice President, International Operations, Assurant Solutions  
Mr. Tejera addressed the Board, voicing his concerns regarding the proposed closure of the Industrial Systems Engineering programs.
  
- Bruce Harvey, Director of Humanities and Associate Professor  
Dr. Harvey addressed the Board, voicing his concerns regarding the proposed closure of the Bachelor of Arts in Humanities.
  
- Eric Giunta, Alumnus, Humanities  
Mr. Giunta addressed the Board, voicing his concerns regarding the proposed closure of the Bachelor of Arts in Humanities.
  
- Andrea M. Seidel, Associate Professor of Dance and Director, Intercultural Dance and Music Institute/ Latin American and Caribbean Center  
Dr. Seidel addressed the Board, voicing her concerns regarding the proposed closure of the Bachelor of Arts in Dance.

Chairman Parker thanked all for their comments and reiterated the Board's commitment to the University's mission and core values.

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

### **A. Action Items**

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

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, 14 MARCH 2008 (*EXHIBIT "A"*)
- B. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES REGULATION (*EXHIBIT "B"*)
- C. UNIVERSITY EQUITY REPORTS (*EXHIBIT "C"*)
- D. TENURE NOMINATIONS (*EXHIBIT "D"*)
- E. TENURE AS A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT NOMINATIONS (*EXHIBIT "E"*)

## **2. Request to Terminate Centers and Institutes**

Academic Policy Committee Chair Patricia Frost introduced the Request to Terminate Centers and Institutes for Board consideration and approval. Provost Berkman presented the Request to Terminate Centers and Institutes, noting that the FIU Board of Trustees Policy on Centers and Institutes had clearly defined guidelines consistent with State University System policies for establishing, operating, evaluating/reviewing, and disbanding university institutes and centers.

Trustee Hauptli noted that the process for the request to terminate the proposed Centers and Institutes was thorough, comprehensive and provided the opportunity for appeals.

Committee Chair Frost noted that the Academic Policy Committee unanimously recommended the request to terminate the proposed Centers and Institutes.

After discussion, the Board adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Florida International University Board of Trustees (“the BOT”) Policy on Centers and Institutes has clearly defined guidelines consistent with State University System policies for establishing, operating, evaluating/reviewing, and disbanding university institutes and centers and is attached hereto as Exhibit "F";

RESOLVED, that the BOT hereby approves the request for the termination of the following Centers & Institutes:

Center for Economic Research and Education  
Center for Health Research and Policy  
Future Aerospace Science and Technology Center for Space Cryoelectronics  
Center for Ethnobiology and Natural Products  
Institute for Children and Families at Risk  
Intercultural Institute for Educational Initiatives

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BOT authorizes the University President to file this action with the Florida Board of Governors and take all actions necessary to implement this action.

## **3. Request to Terminate Academic Programs**

Academic Policy Committee Chair Frost introduced the Request to Terminate Academic Programs for Board consideration and approval. She noted that the proposed program closures had been endorsed by the Academic Policy Committee. Provost Berkman presented the Request to Terminate Academic Programs, noting that he reviewed the recommendations with the advice from the Deans and Faculty Senate. Chair Frost added that while closing academic degree programs did not affect the students currently in the programs, as these students would be given an opportunity to complete their degrees, it did stand to affect the faculty teaching the programs, the staff supporting program activities, and future students who may have wanted career opportunities in these fields.

Trustee Bruce Hauptli noted that the Faculty Senate followed policies and procedures in place

for the review and evaluation of the proposals for academic program terminations. He stated that the Faculty Senate did not support three of the recommendations for closure – Bachelor of Arts in Dance, Bachelor of Science and PhD in Industrial Systems Engineering.

Committee Chair Frost noted that the Academic Policy Committee reviewed as a block and unanimously recommended the request to terminate twenty-two (22) of the proposed Academic Programs. She added that after further review and discussion, the Committee also recommended the proposed closures to the Bachelor of Arts in Dance, the Bachelor of Science and PhD in Industrial Systems Engineering.

Committee Chair Frost proposed an amendment to the Resolution to vote on 22 programs as a block and then to consider the Bachelor of Arts in Dance, the Bachelor of Science and the PhD in Industrial Systems Engineering separately. The Board amended the Resolution. The amendment was unanimously approved.

After discussion, the Board adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Florida International University Board of Trustees (“the BOT”) has a Program Termination Policy, which specifies the standards required for University program termination and is attached hereto as Exhibit "G";

RESOLVED, that the BOT hereby approves the request for the termination of the following academic degree programs.

- English Teacher Education – Bachelor of Science
- English Teacher Education – Master of Science
- Environmental and Urban Systems – Master of Science
- Exercise Science – Bachelor of Science
- Exercise Science – Master of Science
- German – Bachelor of Arts
- Health Sciences – Bachelor of Science
- Health Information Management – Bachelor of Science
- Humanities – Bachelor of Arts
- Insurance and Risk Management – Bachelor of Business Administration
- Industrial Systems Engineering – Master of Science
- Logistics and Materials Management – Bachelor of Business Administration
- Mathematics Teacher Education – Bachelor of Science
- Mathematics Teacher Education – Master of Science
- Music Teacher Education – Bachelor of Science
- Science Teacher Education – Bachelor of Science
- Science Teacher Education – Master of Science
- Social Science Teacher Education – Bachelor of Science
- Social Science Teacher Education – Master of Science
- Technology Management – Master of Science
- Tourism Studies – Master of Science
- Travel and Tourism Management – Bachelor of Science

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BOT authorizes the University President to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution in accordance with the Florida Board of Governors regulations.

The Board discussed the key points of the proposal for closure of the Bachelor of Arts in Dance. A motion was made to approve the request to terminate the Bachelor of Arts in Dance. The Motion was seconded and carried.

After discussion, the Board adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Florida International University Board of Trustees (“the BOT”) has a Program Termination Policy, which specifies the standards required for University program termination and is attached hereto as Exhibit "G";

RESOLVED, that the BOT hereby approves the request for the termination of the following academic degree program.

Dance – Bachelor of Arts

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BOT authorizes the University President to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution in accordance with the Florida Board of Governors regulations.

The Board discussed the key points of the proposals for closure of the Bachelor of Science and the PhD in Industrial Systems Engineering. A motion was made to approve the request to terminate the Bachelor of Science and the PhD in Industrial Systems Engineering. The Motion was seconded and carried.

After discussion, the Board adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Florida International University Board of Trustees (“the BOT”) has a Program Termination Policy, which specifies the standards required for University program termination and is attached hereto as Exhibit "G";

RESOLVED, that the BOT hereby approves the request for the termination of the following academic degree program.

Industrial Systems Engineering – Bachelor of Science

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BOT hereby recommends the request for the termination of the following academic degree program and forwards the recommendation to the Florida Board of Governors for final approval.

Industrial Systems Engineering – Doctor of Philosophy

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BOT authorizes the University President to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution in accordance with the Florida Board of Governors regulations.

**4a. Proposed 2008-09 University Operating Budget**

Finance and Audit Committee Chair Kirk Landon introduced the Proposed 2008-09 University Operating Budget for Board consideration and approval. CFO and Sr. VP Vivian Sanchez presented the University's 2008-2009 Operating Budget, providing a summary by fund and delineated strategic issues.

After discussion, the Board adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Florida International University Board of Trustees ("the BOT") approves the 2008-2009 University Operating Budget attached hereto in Exhibit "H";

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BOT approves the 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the FIU Foundation, Inc., as adopted by the FIU Foundation Inc. Board of Directors on May 28, 2008; the 2008-2009 Operating Budget for the FIU Athletics Finance Corp., as adopted by the FIU Athletics Finance Corp. on May 16, 2008; and the 2008-2009 Operating Budget for the FIU Research Foundation, Inc., as adopted by the Research Foundation Board on June 9, 2008, each of which is attached hereto in Exhibit "H"; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BOT delegates to the University President the authority to amend the University Operating Budget to adjust to changing circumstances; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University President shall keep the BOT informed of any changes in excess of 2% made to the total approved 2008-2009 Operating Budget during the operating year.

**4b. University Tuition Fees Regulation FIU-1101 – Amendment**

CFO Sanchez presented the University Tuition Fees Regulation FIU-1101, noting that the Tuition Fees Regulation FIU-1101 was being amended to reflect the changes in tuition and fees for the 2008-09 Academic Year of the University that have been authorized by the Legislature.

After discussion, the Board adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Florida International University Board of Trustees ("the BOT") is authorized to set tuition and fees for the University within the limits provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has provided the Florida Board of Governors ("the BOG") or its designee, the BOT, with authority to set 2008-2009 Academic Year tuition and fees for graduate, graduate professional, and nonresident students (at any



level of instruction);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BOT approves the 2008- 2009 Academic Year tuition and fees as reflected in the amendments to the Tuition Fees Schedule Regulation FIU-1101 attached hereto as Exhibit “I” and as specifically revised herein;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BOT delegates authority to the University President to forward the Regulation to the Board of Governors for approval and to approve any subsequent amendments that are based on comments to the Regulation received from the Board of Governors and as a result of the regulation-making process;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President report to the BOT at its next regularly scheduled meeting on any substantive change requested or made to the Regulation as a result of comments received by the Board of Governors and the regulation-making process.

#### **4c. Amendment of University Traffic and Parking Regulations**

CFO Sanchez presented the Amendment of the University Traffic and Parking Regulations, noting that the increase in fees was a response to the need to provide additional on-campus parking and increased traffic-related services.

After discussion, the Board adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Florida International University Board of Trustees (“the BOT”) is authorized to establish Traffic and Parking fees and regulations within the limits provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the University Traffic and Parking Regulation FIU-1105 is revised primarily to provide clarification, additional options, and reflect changes in the decal registration fees and is being presented for adoption;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BOT adopts the following amended University Regulation, which is attached hereto as Exhibit “J”:

- FIU-1105 – University Traffic and Parking Regulation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, as the Regulation includes information on fees, the University Administration will submit the University Traffic and Parking Regulations FIU-1105 to the Florida Board of Governors for approval.

#### **4d. Athletic Fee Increase**

CFO Sanchez presented the Athletic Fee increase, noting that the increase represented an additional \$1.46 per student credit hour and will be used to help fund high priority needs in the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics.



After discussion, the Board adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Florida International University Board of Trustees (“the BOT”) has the power to establish an Athletic Fee for the University pursuant to Board of Governor's Resolution adopted January 7, 2003, which references Florida Statutes Section 1009.24, subsections (9) and (12); and

WHEREAS, the Athletic Fee Committee has approved, in the form attached as Exhibit “K” hereto, an increase in the Athletic Fee in the amount of \$1.46 per credit hour effective Fall 2008; and

WHEREAS, the President has approved the fee increase after consultation with the Student Government President;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the BOT approve the Athletic Fee increase referenced herein;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, as the FIU-1101 Tuition Fees Schedule Regulation includes information on fees, the University Administration will submit the Regulation to the Florida Board of Governors for approval.

**5a. Fixed Capital Outlay (FCO) Legislative Budget Request, 2009-2010**

CFO Sanchez presented the Resolution pertaining to the Fixed Capital Outlay (FCO) Legislative Budget Request, 2009-2010 for Board consideration and approval.

After discussion, the Board adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the University must submit to the Board of Governors its Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request for 2009-2010;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Florida International University Board of Trustees (“the BOT”) approves the Florida International University 2009-2010 Fixed Capital Outlay (FCO) Legislative Budget Request consisting of the 5-year capital improvement plan (CIP) for Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) projects, the Courtelis Facilities Enhancement Challenge Grant program list, and the Appropriations Bill proposed project list prepared pursuant to Sections 1013.64, 1013.79, 1001.74, 1011.40 and 1013.60, Florida Statutes and attached to this Resolution as Exhibits “L”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BOT authorizes the University President to supplement the Courtelis Facilities Enhancement Challenge Grant program list as donor contributions are completed, and that the final submitted program list be reported to the Board of Trustees at the next Board Meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BOT authorizes the University President to amend the 2009-2010 Fixed Capital Outlay (FCO) Legislative Budget Request to

adjust to changing circumstances not-to-exceed 15% for each year and that any changes made will be further reported to the Board of Trustees at the next board meeting;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BOT authorizes the University Administration to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution.

**5b. 2000-2010 Campus Master Plan Amendment No. 2**

CFO Sanchez presented the Resolution pertaining to the 2000-10 Campus Master Plan Amendment No. 2 for Board consideration and approval.

After discussion, the Board adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Florida Statute 1013.30 requires that the University Board of Trustees prepares and adopts the Campus Master plan; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statute 1013.30(9) requires the Board of Trustees to approve any minor changes to the plan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Florida International University Board of Trustees (“the BOT”) adopts Amendment No.2 to the Florida International University 2000-2010 Campus Master Plan Update, State Project No. BR-813 as a minor change amendment to the Master Plan approved by the Board at its July 26, 2004 meeting prepared in accordance with the requirements of 1013.30, Florida Statutes, attached to this Resolution as Exhibit “M” “Land Use Map – Amendment 2, Revised 6/12/08”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BOT authorizes the University Administration to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution.

**5. Committee Status Reports**

External Relations Workgroup Co-Chair Miriam Lopez provided an External Relations update, reporting on the University’s marketing and branding initiative. She asked that the Governmental Relations reports provided in the Board books be accepted as written. There were no objections.

Chairman Parker thanked the Committees and the Workgroups 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, the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees was adjourned on Thursday, 12 June 2008, at 4:57 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," "I," "J," "K," "L," & "M"*

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