



**BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
12 SEPTEMBER 2008**

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, 12 September 2008, at University Park Campus, Graham Center Ballroom, Miami, Florida.

The following attendance was recorded:

Present:

David Parker, Chair	Arthur "AJ" Meyer
Albert Dotson, Vice Chair	Claudia Puig
Cesar Alvarez	Rosa Sugrañes
Jorge Arrizurieta	Modesto Maidique
Thomas Breslin	Joseph Caruncho,
Patricia Frost	Chairman FIU Foundation Board of Directors
Kirk Landon	
Miriam López	

Excused:

Betsy Atkins
Albert Maury

II. Chairman's Remarks:

Chairman Parker welcomed all Trustees, University faculty and staff. He also welcomed special guest Board of Governors Chair Sheila McDevitt. Chairman Parker noted that the Board of Trustees looks forward to continued collaboration with the Board of Governors, particularly in development of strategic decisions to overcome the challenges dealt by the state's financial crisis.

Chairman Parker spoke on the difficult financial situation being faced at all levels of government – federal, state, and local – and how it continues to impact the state of affairs for the university. He reminded everyone that the university is only in its first year of the three year budget plan thoroughly reviewed at the Budget Workshop last May and approved by the Board of Trustees in June, and as state projections continue to decline additional cuts may need to be absorbed. Chairman Parker stated that every unit at the University is effectively implementing its first year of reductions, and the Board will continue to dialogue frequently with the President and the administration to understand the evolving scenarios and monitor plans for addressing issues as they arise.

III. Comments from SUS Board of Governor's Chair:

Chair McDevitt addressed the Board and all guests present at the meeting. Chair McDevitt stated she is scheduled to meet with all Boards of Trustees in the State University System, in an effort to develop a more efficient and productive relationship between all the Boards and the Board of Governors. Chair McDevitt stated that the Board of Governors remains committed to providing a quality education to all students within the State University System.

IV. Requests to address the Board:

There were no requests to address the Board.

V. President's Remarks:

President Maidique reported that to date, the College of Medicine has received over 2,300 applicants from 48 different states, and the number is expected to increase significantly as the December 2008 application deadline approaches.

President Maidique presented a television news report from a local television station that featured Florida International University's "Future House" in Beijing, China. President Maidique recognized Dr. Tao, who directed the Future House Project, and thanked him for his dedication and service to the University.

V. Items for Board Review:

A. Action Items

2. 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, 29 FEBRUARY 2008 (*EXHIBIT "A"*)
- B. MINUTES, 19 MAY 2008 (*EXHIBIT "B"*)
- C. MINUTES, 12 JUNE 2008 (*EXHIBIT "C"*)
- D. MINUTES, 7 JULY 2008 (*EXHIBIT "D"*)
- E. UNIVERSITY TUITION FEES REGULATION (*EXHIBIT "E"*)
- F. RULES AND REGULATIONS STREAMLINING AND CLEAN-UP (*EXHIBIT "F"*)
- G. TENURE AS A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT (*EXHIBIT "G"*)

B. Reports

2. Preliminary Report – University Goals Outcomes for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

President Maidique presented the University Goals Outcomes for Fiscal Year 2007-2008, which consisted of four overarching objectives in student academic performance, academic and research excellence, local development, and financial stability. The President added that the established goals fall in line with goals set for 2015, the University's 50 year anniversary.

The President noted that an area of disappointment and continued strategic focus is retention rates where FIU fell below target.

2. Foundation Report

Foundation Chair Joe Caruncho presented the Foundation Report, noting that the University is making significant progress in the selection of a Vice President for Advancement. He thanked Vice President Sandra Gonzalez-Levy for her successful role as Interim Vice President for Advancement, and reported that under her leadership the University ended last fiscal year with \$51.8 million against a \$30 million goal.

Foundation Chair Caruncho reported that the FIU Alumni Association is currently at 15, 884 total members, which includes alumni, students and friends of FIU. The total represents an increase of 4% since the end of the last fiscal year. He added that Associate Vice President of Alumni Relations Bill Draughon and his team are in the planning stages for the Alumni Center.

3. Committee Reports

Finance and Audit Committee Chair Kirk Landon reported on items heard by his committee. Committee Chair Landon commented on CFO Sanchez' presentation on the Master Plan Update and Construction Financing, noting all the new construction that is currently underway and in the pipeline at the University. She also noted that some of the University projects will require bond financing and a recommendation will be brought before the Board for approval.

Academic Policy Chair Patricia Frost deferred to Vice President of Academic Affairs Doug Wartzok to provide an in-depth update on the Academic Program Closures approved by the Board during the 12 June 2008 Board meeting. Vice President Wartzok reported that students enrolled in terminated programs are all being taught out as planned, and incoming students are being advised on alternative degrees based on their choice of undergraduate major.

Vice President Wartzok also reported on the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) reaffirmation of accreditation process currently underway at the University. He explained that in order to comply with the re-accreditation, by 2010 the University needs to complete a Certification of Compliance consisting of approximately 90 principles, as well as develop a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). Vice President Wartzok noted that all departments within the University are presently working to maintain compliance for accreditation reaffirmation of the University.

4. Workgroup Reports

Athletics Workgroup Chair Albert Dotson reported on items heard by his committee. He stated that the Athletics program needs to continue to look for innovative ways to stimulate fund-raising efforts. Workgroup Chair Dotson noted that the Athletics Department exceeded their Fundraising target by 16% for the last fiscal year. He also recognized the University Women's Volleyball team, and congratulated player Yarimar Rosa for being named the Sun Belt Conference Player of the Week this past week for the 6th time in her career.

External Relations Chair Miriam Lopez gave a short report, noting that during this election year six representatives and three house members in support of the University may be affected depending on the outcome of the presidential elections. She noted that especially as University

funds are at risk, Trustee and administrator presence at FIU Day on March 11, 2009 should be considered a top priority.

VII. Other Business

Trustee Arthur “AJ” Meyer Provided an update on student activities, including his work with the Student Government Association (SGA) and the Florida Student Association.

VIII. Adjournment:

Since there was no other business, the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees was adjourned on Friday, 12 September 2008, at 11:15 a.m.

David Parker
Chairman
FIU Board of Trustees

Modesto A. Maidique
Corporate Secretary
FIU Board of Trustees

Attachments: Exhibits “A,” “B,” “C,” “D,” “E,” “F,” & “G”

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