



**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FULL BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 9, 2010  
MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order and Chair's Remarks**

Chairman Albert E. Dotson, Sr. convened the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees at 9:11 a.m., on Thursday, December 9, 2010, at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, MARC International Pavilion, Miami, Florida.

The following attendance was recorded:

**Present:**

Albert E. Dotson, Sr., *Chair*

Albert Maury, *Vice Chair*

Michael M. Adler

Sukrit Agrawal

Cesar L. Alvarez

Thomas A. Breslin

Joseph L. Caruncho

Marcelo Claire

Claudia Puig

Helena Ramirez

*Noel J. Guillama-Alvarez, FIU Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors Chairman*

**Excused:**

Jorge L. Arrizurieta

S. Lawrence Kahn, III

Miriam López

Chairman Dotson welcomed all Trustees, University faculty and staff. He commended the University's athletics Department and congratulated the student athletes on the recent Football victory that culminated in the Sun Belt Conference Championship title. He noted that Bowl officials announced that FIU's Golden Panthers will play the University of Toledo in the Little Caesars Bowl at 8:30 p.m. on December 26, 2010. He further noted that junior wide receiver T.Y. Hilton was named the 2010 Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year, adding that Head Coach Mario Cristobal was named the conference Coach of the Year. He once again praised the efforts of the athletics Department for what they have accomplished in such a short time.

Chairman Dotson introduced a brief video depicting the University's spirit of collaboration and cooperation, noting that the College of Arts & Sciences joined the gentlemen of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity last month to fight hunger in South Florida. He added that College of Arts and Sciences Dean Kenneth G. Furton climbed into a dunk tank on the Graham Center lawn, in his suit and tie, to help raise money for the North American Can Food Drive.

## 2. Foundation Report

FIU Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors Chairman Noel J. Guillama-Alvarez welcomed all in attendance and noted that the Management & Advanced Research Center (MARC) International Pavilion, owned by the FIU Foundation, Inc., will undergo renovations within the coming months. He presented the Foundation Report and provided an update on the Capital Campaign. He provided a brief overview on recent gifts and pledges that have been raised for University programs. He also reported on the Foundation's Outreach Initiative, adding that this was critical in increasing engagement and advancing the goals of the University throughout the community at large. He also provided updates on fundraising and investments.

## 3. Public Appearances

*There were no public appearances.*

## 4. President's Report

On behalf of President Mark B. Rosenberg, Provost and Executive Vice President Douglas Wartzok provided the University Report. Provost & Exec. VP Wartzok introduced and welcomed Sr. Vice President for University Advancement and Executive Director for the FIU Foundation Howard R. Lipman, noting that Sr. VP Lipman previously served as FIU Vice President for University Advancement from 2002-2006.

Provost & Exec. VP Wartzok provided a brief summary on a recent article *Cheating and the Generational Divide*, adding that the article examined an issue within the University of Central Florida that involved students in a senior-level business course receiving an advance version of a mid-term examination. He led the discussion on what constitutes cheating and shifting generational views. He noted that through comprehensive efforts, FIU remained committed to educating the student population on the definitions of academic misconduct, which he added includes cheating and plagiarism.

Provost & Exec. VP Wartzok announced that the Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) – Commission on Colleges approved the University's reaffirmation of accreditation at the December 6, 2010 board meeting. He added that the reaffirmation is for a ten year period, noting that the reaffirmation did not contain reservations or follow-up requirements. He reported that the University's College of Law was ranked Top 10 Best Value school in the nation by *The National Jurist*.

Provost & Exec. VP Wartzok introduced a video collage that depicted brief excerpts of four films that each highlight community engagement projects in each of the following Colleges: Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine; the Honors College; the School of Environment, Arts and Society; and the College of Engineering and Computing. He reported that for the past two years research awards have increased by 22% and 13%, noting that currently awards are increasing at a 13% rate. He illustrated the growth in research awards by providing a few recent examples of faculty accomplishments in research and creative activities.

Provost & Exec. VP Wartzok reported on the University's annual Faculty Convocation events that celebrate the accomplishments of the University's academics. He also reported on the Employee Service and Recognition Awards Ceremony where the University community celebrated the accomplishments of outstanding staff members and introduced a brief video highlighting the ceremony and award recipients. He also provided a summary on the Homecoming week of festivities, noting that the events included a Parade, Retirees Luncheon and Football Game.

Provost & Exec. VP Wartzok noted that the University's commitment to Haiti relief efforts remains strong, reporting that last month, the Middle East Society and the Consulate General of Israel to Florida and Puerto Rico co-hosted a lecture by Ambassador Danny Biran, Head of Israel's Advance Team to Haiti after the earthquake. He further noted that the University was selected to serve as the host institution for a three-day retreat where 24 finalists of *Digicel's Entrepreneur of the Year 2010 program* attended. He added that Digicel, the largest mobile telecommunications operator in the Caribbean, established the award program to identify, reward and cultivate entrepreneurs whose initiatives can give Haiti new economic foundations.

Provost & Exec. VP Wartzok reported on the Naming Ceremony and Dedication of the Library at the Biscayne Bay Campus as the "Glenn Hubert Library". He noted that newly-elected and re-elected members of the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation were sworn in at a local ceremony hosted by the University's College of Law. He reported that earlier last month, President Rosenberg was invited to the inauguration ceremony of the School Board of Miami-Dade County to swear in Board member Perla Tabares-Hantman as Chair. He further reported that the University's Director of EOP & Diversity Shirleyon McWhorter was also invited to the inauguration ceremony to swear in newly-elected Miami-Dade County School Board member Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall. Provost & Exec. VP Wartzok added that the Wolfsonian-FIU and the Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum held events in celebration of Art Basel Miami Beach. He stated that earlier in the month, the First Annual Benefit Dinner for the University's Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine was held and included a number of festivities.

## 5. Action Items – Consent Agenda

Chairman Dotson noted that the items included in the Consent Agenda were thoroughly reviewed and discussed at the Committee level. He further noted that the Finance and Audit Committee; Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee; and the External Relations Committee each recommended approval by the Board of the respective action items contained in the Consent Agenda.

Chairman Dotson asked for comments on any items included in the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, a motion was made and passed to accept the Consent Agenda, and members of the Board concurred with the following actions:

- **BT1. Minutes, September 24, 2010** - Approve the Minutes of the Florida International University Board of Trustees, Full Board meeting held on Friday, September 24, 2010 at the FIU Biscayne Bay Campus, Wolfe University Center Ballrooms.

- **FA1. Debt Management Guidelines** - Adopt the Florida Board of Governors Debt Management Guidelines as the Florida International University Guidelines for issuance of debt.
- **FA2. FIU Direct Support Organizations Financial Audits, FY 2009-2010**
  - A. **FIU Foundation, Inc.** - Approve the Florida International University Foundation, Inc. Financial Audit for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year and authorize the Executive Director of the FIU Foundation, Inc. to take all actions necessary pertaining to this Financial Audit, including filing the report with the Auditor General.
  - B. **FIU Research Foundation, Inc.** - Approve the Florida International University Research Foundation, Inc. Financial Audit for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year and authorize the Executive Director of the FIU Research Foundation, Inc. to take all actions necessary pertaining to this Financial Audit, including filing the report with the Auditor General.
  - C. **FIU Athletics Finance Corporation** - Approve the Florida International University Athletics Finance Corporation Financial Audit for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year and authorize the Executive Director of the FIU Athletics Finance Corp. to take all actions necessary pertaining to this Financial Audit, including filing the report with the Auditor General.
  - D. **FIU Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine Health Care Network** - Approve the Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine Health Care Network Financial Audit for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year and authorize the Executive Director of the FIU Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine Health Care Network to take all actions necessary pertaining to this Financial Audit, including filing the report with the Auditor General.
- **FA3. Signature Authority: Authorization to Sign Checks for the University** - Approve the following officers and employees of the University as authorized to sign checks to pay the legal obligations of the University from any and all designated University depositories:

Kenneth A. Jessell, Senior Vice President of Administration & Chief Financial Officer

Cecilia Hamilton, Associate Vice President & University Controller
- **AP1. Tenure as a Condition of Employment Nominations** - Approve four (4) candidates for Tenure as a Condition of Employment as specified in the Board materials.
- **AP2. Bachelor of Science in Environmental and Urban Systems (CIP 15.0599) Program Termination** - Terminate the Bachelor of Science in Environmental and Urban Systems (CIP 15.0599) and authorize the University President to take all actions necessary in accordance with Florida Board of Governors regulations.

- **AP3. The Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum Collections Management Policy** - Approve the Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum's Collections Management Policy.
- **AP6. Student Financial Aid Regulation FIU-1310** - Approve the Student Financial Aid, FIU Regulation 1310.
- **ER1. Priorities for the 2011 Legislative Session** - Adopt the Priorities for the 2011 Legislative Session as specified in the Board materials.

## 6. Action Items

### **FA4. Ratification of the Wage Article of the 2007-2010 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Florida International University Board of Trustees and the Dade County Police Benevolent Association**

Albert Maury, Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee provided brief highlights from the December 2, 2010 Committee meeting and requested that Vice President for Student Affairs Rosa L. Jones present the Ratification of the Wage Article of the 2007-2010 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Florida International University Board of Trustees and the Dade County Police Benevolent Association for Board consideration and approval. VP Jones noted that the parties revisited the Agreement to negotiate the 2009-2010 wages. She added that based on the negotiations, the parties agreed to a 0.75% across-the board payment and a merit bonus of 0.75% for the 2009-2010 wages to the PBA unit members. She further noted that neither payment will be added to the base pay. She stated that the parties also agreed that a committee comprised of members of the PBA and University be formed to create a merit pay evaluation form that is tailored to law enforcement and the approved form was included with the agenda item.

A motion was made and passed by the FIU Board of Trustees ratifying the Wage Article of the 2007-2010 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Florida International University Board of Trustees and the Dade County Police Benevolent Association.

### **FA5. Test Preparation Fee**

Finance and Audit Committee Chair Maury requested that Senior Vice President of Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer Kenneth A. Jessell present the Test Preparation Fee for Board consideration and approval. Sr. VP & CFO Jessell noted that the proposed fee, as part of a degree program request, if approved, would increase the accessibility of students to test preparation courses and also lower the cost of the preparation courses through negotiated contracts. He added that, by including the test preparation course fee as part of the degree requirements, students may be eligible to pay for the course through financial aid.

Committee Chair Maury noted that students were in support of the proposed fee as the associated costs would be lower than what is available through private, for-profit providers.

A motion was made and passed that the FIU Board of Trustees approve a test preparation fee that will apply only to those students who, as part of their graduation requirements, are expected to obtain specific preparation for a practice-based examination.

**FA6. Market Rate Tuition for Master of Arts in Global Governance**

Finance and Audit Committee Chair Maury requested that Sr. VP & CFO Jessell present the Market Rate Tuition for Master of Arts in Global Governance for Board consideration and approval. CFO & Sr. VP Jessell noted that the FIU Board of Trustees approved market tuition rates for several programs at its June 4, 2010 meeting. He further noted that while the Master of Arts in Global Governance degree program was approved at the June meeting it was not included in the request for market tuition rates at that time because it was not then an existing program. He stated that the Market Rate Tuition, totaling \$32,000 for the two-year program, will be effective Fall 2011.

A motion was made and passed that the FIU Board of Trustees approve the Market Rate Tuition for the Master of Arts in Global Governance

**AP4. Florida International University 2010 Annual Report to the Florida Board of Governors**

Chairman Dotson noted that in Trustee S. Lawrence Kahn's absence, Trustee Cesar L. Alvarez would present the Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee items. Cesar L. Alvarez, Vice Chair of the Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee provided brief highlights from the December 2, 2010 Committee meeting and requested that Provost & Exec. VP Wartzok present the 2010 FIU Annual Report to the Florida Board of Governors for Board consideration and approval. Provost & Exec. VP Wartzok noted that the Annual Report reflected the University's unique mission and described the progress against articulated goals and summarized other key data, with accompanying narrative to highlight or explain information, when applicable.

A motion was made and passed that the FIU Board of Trustees submit the 2010 Annual Report to the Florida Board of Governors for approval as provided in the Board materials.

**AP5. Florida International University 2010-2015 Worlds Ahead Strategic Plan**

Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee Vice Chair Alvarez requested that Provost & Exec. VP Wartzok present the 2010-2015 Worlds Ahead Strategic Plan for Board consideration and approval. Provost & Exec. VP Wartzok noted the University's new *Worlds Ahead* Strategic Plan benefited from valuable feedback from members of the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff and students. He added that FIU reaffirms its commitment to being a leading public urban research University. He discussed important components of the Strategic Plan that include the Mission and Vision Statements; state of the art research and creative activity redefined in innovation; and increased engagement activity.

A motion was made and passed that the FIU Board of Trustees adopt the Florida International University Worlds Ahead 2010-2015 Strategic Plan.

**7. Status Reports, Board Committees** *(for information only)*

Chairman Dotson noted that these Committees met prior to the regular Board meeting: Finance and Audit; Academic Policy and Student Affairs; External Relations; Athletics. He added that summaries of the Committee meetings were submitted for Board of Trustees' review in anticipation of the Board meeting.

Chairman Dotson requested that the Finance and Audit Committee report, the Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee report, the External Relations Committee report and the Athletics Committee report be accepted as written. There were no objections.

Chairman Dotson thanked the Committees for their work noting that their careful review of University issues was of invaluable service to the entire Board.

**8. New Business**

*No new business was raised.*

**9. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment**

Since there was no other business, the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees was adjourned on Thursday, December 9, 2010 at 11:05 a.m.

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Albert E. Dotson, Sr.  
*Chairman*  
*FIU Board of Trustees*

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Mark B. Rosenberg  
*Corporate Secretary*  
*FIU Board of Trustees*

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