



**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FULL BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2011
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order and Chair's Remarks

Chairman Albert Maury convened the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees at 9:06 a.m., on Thursday, September 8, 2011, at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Graham Center Ballrooms, Miami, Florida.

The following attendance was recorded:

Present:

Albert Maury, *Chair*
Michael M. Adler, *Vice Chair*
Sukrit Agrawal
Cesar L. Alvarez
Jose J. Armas
Jorge L. Arrizurieta
Thomas A. Breslin
Mayi de la Vega
Patrick O'Keefe

Excused:

Joseph L. Caruncho
Marcelo Claure
Claudia Puig

Chairman Maury welcomed all Trustees, University faculty and staff. He asked for a moment of silence in memory of Mr. David L. Perlman. He noted that Mr. Perlman served on the Foundation's Board for more than three decades, stating that his dedication and service to the University and south Florida community will be greatly missed.

Chairman Maury announced that FIU will host the Florida Board of Governors for their September 14-15, 2011 Board and Committee meetings, adding that the new trustee orientation session will be held concurrently. He also announced that the University welcomed approximately 46,000 students for the first day of Fall 2011 classes, noting that this record-high enrollment included over 4,500 students that comprised the freshman class.

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Maury congratulated the University's student athletes on their remarkable performances during the start of the 2011-12 season and provided highlights of Women's and Men's sports.

2. Foundation Report

On behalf of the FIU Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors, Senior Vice President University Advancement and President and CEO of the FIU Foundation Inc. Howard R. Lipman provided a fundraising report for August 2011. He provided an update on the capital campaign, noting that based on the Worlds Ahead Strategic Plan, the University's Colleges, Schools and Units have defined specific initiatives and projects that will help support the philanthropic agenda. He also provided updates on investments.

3. Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

4. President's Report

President Mark B. Rosenberg announced that the University was named as one of the best colleges in the nation to work for in the category of diversity in *The Chronicle of Higher Education's* annual survey, noting that the results were based on a survey of nearly 44,000 employees at 310 colleges and universities. He also announced that FIU, in partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, received a \$1 million grant from JPMorgan Chase to implement a university-assisted community school initiative at Miami Northwestern Senior High School. He reported that the Life Tech Florida economic development initiative aims to establish an industry cluster in South Florida focused on biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, diagnostics, and information technology.

President Rosenberg noted that Florida House Speaker Dean Cannon joined the Miami-Dade legislative delegation in a visit to the FIU Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine to learn about its progress. He announced that in recognition of the success of the University's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, the Bernard Osher Foundation donated \$1 million to establish an endowment and a \$50,000 grant to assist with endowment operations that will allow FIU to enhance and expand its offerings. He added that the Osher Foundation's philanthropic support of FIU since 2006 totals approximately \$1.5 million.

President Rosenberg reported on recent research news. He noted that Professor Eric Wagner was awarded an NIH grant to conduct a 5-year study in Oklahoma with Native American Youth and that Research Professor Maria Miguez was also awarded a 5-year grant to study the relationship between heavy tobacco use and damage to the immune system. He stated that Professor Naphtali Rishe was awarded a grant by the NSF to develop a turnkey instrument that will help transform the decision-making process in disaster mitigation with applications in environmental monitoring, transportation, education, public health, and safety. He further noted that Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine Joe Leigh Simpson, received an award to develop and test two biosensors to monitor and assess exposures to biological weapons of an unspecified nature encountered on the battlefield or during environmental cleanup programs.

President Rosenberg announced the appointment of Lakshmi N. Reddi as the University's Graduate School Dean, noting that Dean Reddi has established fruitful collaborations with researchers from diverse disciplines and is frequently called upon as a consultant in the areas of seepage and geo-environmental engineering. President Rosenberg also announced the appointment of Ora L. Strickland as the University's Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences. He noted that she most

recently served as a Professor in the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing at Emory University, adding that Dean Strickland's vast experience includes serving as a professor in the School of Nursing of the University of Maryland, teaching at the University of North Carolina and North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, and also holding nursing positions at Davidson County Health Department and Harlem Hospital Center. President Rosenberg also announced the appointment of Alexander D. Casas as the University's new Chief of Police, noting that Chief Casas possesses over 21 years of experience with the Miami-Dade County police department.

President Rosenberg reported on faculty news, announcing that Professor Rocco Angelo received the Howard B. Meek Award for his lifelong contribution to hospitality and tourism management education. President Rosenberg noted that President Barack Obama nominated FIU Adjunct Law Professor Adalberto José Jordán to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta. President Rosenberg stated that Professor David Cohen received a Fulbright-Tocqueville Distinguished Chair to France and a Distinguished Researcher Award from the International Society for Ethical Psychology and Psychiatry. He further noted that Professor Michael Patrick Gillespie recently accepted the Fanning Prize in Irish Studies, adding that the prize recognizes outstanding scholarship, creative work, and service in the broad area of Irish Studies.

President Rosenberg featured the work and respective accomplishments of three students. He noted that Carlos Granados' area of research is Theoretical Nuclear Physics, adding that Carlos has started as a Post-Doctoral Fellow within the one of the most prominent places in the country for research in Nuclear Physics, the Theory Group at Jefferson National Laboratory. President Rosenberg reported that Debrupa Lahiri's research focused on a unique problem which is at the interface of materials engineering and biology and added that during her four years of PhD study, she published 24 peer reviewed journal articles, 1 book chapter and also coauthored 1 book, noting that this accomplishment is very rare for a graduate student. He also reported that Jairo Pava who recently earned his B.S. in Computer Science had accepted a full-time software engineering position with IBM, noting that Jairo was the only student in the State of Florida to be recognized with an honorable mention in the Computing Research Association's "Outstanding Undergraduate Researchers" award. President Rosenberg introduced Susan Tapia, noting that her successful internship with the State Department coupled with her excellent academic record at FIU culminated in a paid internship in Miami.

President Rosenberg reported that the Sun Belt Conference honored 100 FIU student-athletes for achieving grade point averages of 3.0 or better during the 2010-2011 academic year, noting that more than 30 Panthers were named to the Sun Belt Commissioner's List, which honors all student-athletes recording a 3.5 GPA or better during the 2010-2011 academic year. He also reported that FIU alumnus Anthony Leone's healthy fast-food restaurant, Energy Kitchen, has opened 11 locations and has more than 70 franchises in development across the country. He announced that FIU alumnus Oscar Grau received the prestigious Jefferson Award, adding that this was one of the nation's highest honors for community service and volunteerism for the work he has done through FLIP, FIU Leadership in Practice.

President Rosenberg concluded the University Report by introducing a video that captured the energy and excitement that the students and University community share during the Fall semester's Week of Welcome.

5. Action Items – Consent Agenda

Chairman Maury noted that the Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee met on August 17, 2011 and recommends to the Board of Trustees the approval of the Tenure as a Condition of Employment Nominations and the New Program Proposal: PhD in Basic Biomedical Sciences

Chairman Maury asked for comments on any of the 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, June 21, 2011** – Approval of Minutes of the Florida International University Board of Trustees, Full Board Meeting held on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at the FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus, College of Business Complex Special Events Center, room 232.
- **AP1. Tenure as a Condition of Employment Nominations** – Approval of four (4) Tenure as a Condition of Employment Nominations as specified in the Board materials.
- **AP2. New Program Proposal: PhD in Basic Biomedical Sciences** - Approval of the PhD in Basic Biomedical Sciences (CIP 26.0102) new program proposal.

6. Action Items

P1. President's Management Review, 2010-2011

Trustee Michael M. Adler, Vice Chair of the Personnel Committee reported that the Personnel Committee met on August 17, 2011 to undertake the assessment of President Rosenberg's accomplishments for the 2010-11 academic year relative to the Board-approved goals and his overall performance.

President Rosenberg presented a self-appraisal report of the 2010-11 academic year's performance, delineating the achievements relative to each of the Board-approved goals.

Personnel Committee Vice Chair Adler reported that 64 percent of a \$55 million dollar fundraising goal was achieved, adding that the unmet goal can be attributed to an extremely challenging economic climate in the region that has negatively impacted philanthropic giving. He added that despite diminishing State revenues, the President successfully completed and/or exceeded objectives and critical initiatives pertaining to each of the following goals: 1) Revitalize and Expand Financial Base, 2) Achieve Results-Oriented, Student-Centered Academic Excellence, 3) Enhance Quality and Impact of Research and Creative Initiatives, and 4) Engage the Community.

Personnel Committee Vice Chair Adler noted that based on the executive performance ratings and the President's overall performance and accomplishments for the 2010-2011 academic year, the Committee recommended a rating of "Superior" for President Rosenberg.

A motion was made and passed by the FIU Board of Trustees granting a "Superior" performance rating to President Mark B. Rosenberg for his leadership of Florida International University during the 2010-11 academic year.

P2. University Goals, 2011-2012

Personnel Committee Vice Chair Adler introduced the University Goals for the 2011-12 academic year for the Board's review and adoption. President Rosenberg presented the proposed University Goals report for the 2011-12 academic year, noting that the *Worlds Ahead* Strategic Plan serves as the road map for the University through academic year 2015. He added that the Strategic Plan identifies a five year path to implement the mission and achieve the vision of FIU. He stated that efforts will be focused on achieving initiatives in four overarching themes: Revitalize and expand FIU's infrastructure and financial base; Achieve enhanced student learning and academic excellence; Enhance quality, quantity and impact of research and creative initiatives; and Engage with the community in collaborative problem solving. He also provided an overview of the initiatives that would be focused in each of these areas.

Trustees discussed the proposed Goals and raised questions on the University's efforts in the areas of facilitating student learning in an era of rapidly evolving technology, current steps taken to institutionalize the partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the work plan for addressing research grant awards for the current academic year. Provost and Executive Vice President Douglas Wartzok noted that Leslie Richardson was appointed as the director for the University's Center for the Advancement of Teaching, noting that part of her activities will focus on providing support to faculty as they strive to balance teaching and learning while also closing the digital divide in the classroom. He further noted that Ms. Richardson would facilitate a presentation to the Board's Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee that will highlight the different services, workshops and professional development in teaching programs that the Center offers. Vice President for Engagement Divina Grossman noted that as part of the University's partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools over ten different workgroups have been established and are expected to sustain current efforts and progress despite inevitable changes in leadership over time. Vice President for Research Andres G. Gil noted that while the University was awarded several significant federal grants during the third quarter of FY 2010-2011, the FY 2010-2011 was particularly unpredictable with almost all grant awards sustaining funding reductions of at least ten percent. He further noted that many federal grant awards that were slated to be awarded during FY 2011 were delayed. He provided an update on initiatives that represent ongoing efforts aimed at improving research support to faculty and addressing the needs associated with the growing breadth and quality of the research enterprise at FIU.

A motion was made and passed by the FIU Board of Trustees adopting the University Goals for the 2011-2012 Academic Year.

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

Chairman Maury noted that these Committees met prior to the regular Board meeting: Finance and Audit; Academic Policy and Student Affairs; Personnel; External Relations. He added that summaries of the Committee meetings were submitted as part of the agenda materials.

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

Chairman Maury 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

With no other business, Chairman Albert Maury adjourned the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees on Thursday, September 8, 2011, at 10:32 a.m.

Albert Maury
Chairman
FIU Board of Trustees

Mark B. Rosenberg
Corporate Secretary
FIU Board of Trustees

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