



**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FULL BOARD MEETING
JUNE 29, 2012
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order and Chair's Remarks

Chairman Albert Maury convened the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees at 3:05 p.m., on Friday, June 29, 2012, via conference call.

The following attendance was recorded:

Present:

Albert Maury, *Chair*
Michael M. Adler, *Vice Chair*
Sukrit Agrawal
Cesar L. Alvarez
Jorge L. Arrizurieta
Robert T. Barlick, Jr.
Marcelo Claire
Mayi de la Vega
Laura Fariñas
Gerald C. Grant, Jr.
Claudia Puig

Excused:

Jose J. Armas
Thomas A. Breslin

Chairman Maury welcomed all Trustees, University faculty and staff. He thanked all Trustees for making themselves available to participate in the conference call.

On behalf of the University, President Mark B. Rosenberg expressed his gratitude to Trustees Laura Fariñas, Gerald C. Grant, Jr., and Claudia Puig, noting that their participation in FIU's Work Plan presentation to the Florida Board of Governors Strategic Planning Committee was instrumental in advocating FIU's unique mission and responsibility to students and the community.

2. Action Items

BT1. Honorary Degree Nomination

Provost and Executive Vice President Douglas Wartzok presented the Honorary Degree Nomination for Board review and approval, noting that the Faculty Senate recommended Mr. Maurice A. Ferré as a recipient of a doctoral degree from the University. Provost Wartzok commented that Mr. Ferré is a former City of Miami Mayor with a long history of dedicated service

to the community. Provost Wartzok noted that the honorary doctorate will be conferred at a future commencement ceremony.

A motion was made and passed that the Florida International University Board of Trustees endorse Mr. Maurice A. Ferré as a recipient of a doctoral degree *honoris causa* from Florida International University.

BT2. Approval of New Educational Site

Senior Vice President, University Advancement; President and CEO, FIU Foundation Inc Howard R. Lipman presented the New Educational Site for Board review and approval, noting that the Jewish Museum of Florida, Inc. (JMOF) is located in Miami Beach and is a secular, historical museum that is accredited by the American Association of Museums. He added that the JMOF's mission is to collect, preserve and interpret the material evidence of the Florida Jewish experience from when Jews were first allowed to settle in 1763 and up to the present and to interpret this history in the context of the American Jewish experience. He stated that on June 9, 2012, the FIU Foundation, Inc. accepted a gift of the property and other assets of the JMOF, which he stated can provide the opportunity for enhanced academic and public programs, through research, teaching and engagement, for FIU students and faculty.

College of Arts and Sciences Dean Kenneth G. Furton provided a brief overview of the FIU-JMOF five-year academic integration plan, noting that the use of the JMOF facility and its collection of archival materials would serve to enhance the development of existing and new curriculum, expand academic programs and further extend community outreach efforts.

Associate Vice President for Business and Finance, Aime Martinez, noted that the environmental phase I inspection, the structural engineering study and survey were completed, adding that no major adverse findings resulted. She stated that the entire site size is 19,500 sq. ft. and includes two restored, masonry constructed former synagogue buildings joined together by a glass-enclosed atrium. She also stated that both buildings are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and have been very well maintained.

Associate General Counsel Rafael Paz provided an overview of the JMOF-FIU Gift Agreement, noting that the JMOF's financial assets, real property, furniture and fixtures will be transferred to the FIU Foundation, Inc., while the collection of archival material will be transferred to the University's College of Arts and Sciences. He added that existing JMOF employees will become employees of the University's College of Arts and Sciences.

General Counsel M. Kristina Raattama provided background information regarding the review of constitutional issues undertaken by the University in connection with the JMOF gift and explained that anytime FIU undertakes an activity which could have, or be perceived to have, a religious element, it must be evaluated against constitutional limits. She then described the various factors and matters considered in the evaluation, the areas requiring the most careful consideration, and an assessment of the constitutional limits.

A motion was made and passed that the Florida International University Board of Trustees approve the JMOF Gift Agreement in the form presented and delegate to the University President and the

Foundation President and CEO the authority to finalize all exhibits; and approve the JMOF being established as a “special purpose center” of Florida International University.

3. New Business

No new business was raised.

4. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

With no other business, Chairman Albert Maury adjourned the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees on Friday, June 29, 2012, at 3:32 p.m.

Albert Maury
Chairman
FIU Board of Trustees

Mark B. Rosenberg
Corporate Secretary
FIU Board of Trustees

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