



**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FULL BOARD MEETING
APRIL 18, 2013
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order and Chair's Remarks

Chairman Albert Maury convened the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees at 3:20 p.m., on Thursday, April 18, 2013, via conference call.

The following attendance was recorded:

Present:

Albert Maury, *Chair*
Sukrit Agrawal
Cesar L. Alvarez
Jorge L. Arrizurieta
Robert T. Barlick, Jr.
Mayi de la Vega
Laura Fariñas
Gerald C. Grant, Jr.
C. Delano Gray
Claudia Puig

Excused:

Michael M. Adler, *Vice Chair*
Jose J. Armas
Marcelo Claure

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

2. Action Item

AP1. Honorary Degree Nomination

Trustee Cesar L. Alvarez, Chair of the Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee, noted that the Committee met earlier in the day to review the honorary degree nomination for Dr. Herbert A. Wertheim. He added that the Faculty Senate recommended Dr. Wertheim as a recipient of a doctoral degree from the University and that Dr. Wertheim's nomination was endorsed by Founding Dean and Senior Vice President for Health Affairs John A. Rock and Provost and Executive Vice President Douglas Wartzok. He commented that Dr. Wertheim's pioneering work in developing lenses to block ultraviolet light has aided in the prevention of cataracts and retinal degeneration and has saved the sight of millions. He stated that Dr. Wertheim played a significant role in advocating for the establishment of a College of Medicine at FIU, further noting that Dr. Wertheim's continued support culminated in a truly transformational gift to endow the College. He remarked that under Dr. Wertheim's more than 30-year leadership, the Wertheim Family Foundation has provided immeasurable support to the South Florida community.

A motion was made and passed by the FIU Board of Trustees endorsing Dr. Herbert A. Wertheim as a recipient of a doctoral degree *honoris causa* from 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 Thursday, April 18, 2013, at 3:30 p.m.

Albert Maury
Chairman
FIU Board of Trustees

Mark B. Rosenberg
Corporate Secretary
FIU Board of Trustees

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