



**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FULL BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2015
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order and Chair's Remarks

Board Chair Albert Maury convened the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees at 2:01 p.m., on Wednesday, December 9, 2015, at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Graham Center Ballrooms, Miami, Florida.

The following attendance was recorded:

Present:

Albert Maury, *Chair*
Claudia Puig, *Vice Chair*
Cesar L. Alvarez
Jose J. Armas
Jorge L. Arrizurieta
Leonard Boord
Alexis Calatayud
Gerald C. Grant, Jr.
Natasha Lowell
Justo L. Pozo
Kathleen L. Wilson

Excused:

Mayi de la Vega
Michael G. Joseph

Chair Maury welcomed all Trustees, University faculty and staff. He stated that, on behalf of the Board, he was honored at the opportunity presented to the University to host the Florida Board of Governors (BOG) meetings in November. He thanked the Board of Trustees members who participated in the BOG's Trustee Summit and also acknowledged the members that attended the orientation session for newly appointed Trustees.

Chair Maury recognized the University's efforts and success in promoting academic achievement among low-income, first-generation and minority students. He congratulated the FIU Men's Soccer Team on their first C-USA title. He reminded the Trustees of the upcoming FIU Day in Tallahassee, which he noted would take place on January 13, 2016¹.

¹ *Subsequent to this meeting, FIU Day was rescheduled for February 17, 2016.*

2. Foundation Report

FIU Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors Secretary Carlos B. Castillo provided the Foundation Report. He presented a campaign and fundraising update. He stated that as of December 7, 2015, \$7.4 million has been raised towards the \$56 million fundraising goal, adding that to date the fundraising total is \$301.8 million. He stated that the Foundation's investment portfolio totaled approximately \$232.8 million, down an estimated 4.2% month-to-date through December 4, 2015.

3. Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

4. President's Report

University President Mark B. Rosenberg announced that the College of Education and the College of Arts & Sciences will be integrated into a new college and that the School of Journalism and Mass Communication and the College of Architecture + The Arts will also be integrated into a new college. He added that the integrations will be effective on January 4, 2016 and will provide unique opportunities for trans-disciplinary research, creative activities, and entrepreneurship.

President Rosenberg reported on faculty achievement and science and health news, noting that the National Institutes of Health awarded FIU \$12.7 million as part of a multi-year national landmark study on substance use and adolescent brain development. He added that Raúl González, Associate Professor of Psychology, and Director of the Substance Use and HIV Neuropsychology Lab, will lead the 14-member research team. He stated that the National Science Foundation awarded FIU \$6 million to build an integrated neuroimaging instrument to help understand normal and pathological brain mapping. He further noted that the project will be led by Professor Malek Adjouadi and represents a multidisciplinary, multi-site collaboration. President Rosenberg announced that the research on wireless brain stimulation by Professor Sakhrat Khizroev's team at FIU was included in the list of top 100 Science Stories of Year 2015 by Discover Magazine. He indicated that Professor Geoffrey Smith, School of Computing and Information Sciences, along with five collaborators, won the NSA's third annual Best Scientific Cybersecurity Paper Competition.

President Rosenberg reported on fall graduation data and provided an update on the recent offerings of workshops, fairs and events by the FIU Career Services office. He introduced alumna Lily Saviñon '10, founder of the Miami-based advertising agency LD Creative, adding that Ms. Saviñon also serves as a professional consultant to BOLD – the University's student-run communications agency that provides real-world experience. He also discussed student achievement, noting that FIU student-athletes posted a combined GPA of 3.11, adding that 12 of the 18 Panther teams achieved a combined grade point average of 3.0 or higher. He noted that FIU undergraduate students, Ms. Karla Montejo and Ms. Mariluz Soula, won Outstanding Scientific Poster Presentation at the 2015 Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students.

5. Action Items – Consent Agenda

Chair Maury noted that the Finance and Audit Committee, Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee, and Governance Committee each recommended approval by the Board of the respective action items contained in the Consent Agenda.

Chair 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, September 10, 2015** – Approve the Minutes of the Florida International University Board of Trustees, Full Board meeting held Thursday, September 10, 2015 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Graham Center Ballrooms.
- **FA1. Florida International University Direct Support Organizations Financial Audits, FY 2014-15**
 - A. **Florida International University Foundation, Inc.** - Approve the Florida International University Foundation, Inc. Financial Audit for the 2014-15 fiscal year and authorize the CEO of the Florida International University Foundation, Inc. to take all actions necessary pertaining to this Financial Audit, including filing the report with the Auditor General.
 - B. **Florida International University Research Foundation, Inc.** - Approve the Florida International University Research Foundation, Inc. Financial Audit for the 2014-15 fiscal year and authorize the Executive Director of the Florida International University Research Foundation, Inc. to take all actions necessary pertaining to this Financial Audit, including filing the report with the Auditor General.
 - C. **Florida International University Athletics Finance Corporation** - Approve the Florida International University Athletics Finance Corporation Financial Audit for the 2014-15 fiscal year and authorize the Executive Director of the Florida International University Athletics Finance Corp. to take all actions necessary pertaining to this Financial Audit, including filing the report with the Auditor General.
 - D. **Florida International University Academic Health Center Health Care Network Faculty Group Practice, Inc.** – Approve the Florida International University Academic Health Center Health Care Network Faculty Group Practice, Inc. Financial Audit for the 2014-15 fiscal year and authorize the Executive Director of the Florida International University Academic Health Center Health Care Network Faculty Group Practice, Inc. to take all actions necessary pertaining to this Financial Audit, including filing the report with the Auditor General.
- **FA2. Amendment to Signature Authority – Authorization to Sign Checks for Certain Foreign Research Program Accounts** - Amend the Signature Authority - Authorization to Sign Checks for Certain Foreign Research Program Accounts to reflect the following changes:

For the West Africa Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene Program:

Remove: Ms. Sara Miner, West Africa Deputy Program Director

For the Rwanda Integrated Water Security Program:

Remove: Ms. Liliane Cyakwela, Office Manager
Ms. Jan Stofkoper, Director

Approve: Mr. Jean Pierre Nkuranga, Program Accountant

- **FA3. Approval of construction of two (2) intramural/athletics department practice fields (the “Project”); Approval of Amendment to the 2015-16 Operating and Fixed Capital Budgets to include the Project; Approval of Amendment to the 2010-20 Campus Master Plan for the Modesto A. Maidique Campus to accommodate the Project** - Approve (i) construction of the Project, (ii) an amendment to the 2015-16 Operating and Fixed Capital Budgets for the Project, and (iii) an amendment to the 2010-20 Campus Master Plan for the Modesto A. Maidique Campus to accommodate the Project; delegate to the University President the authority to amend the construction program as required, consider and implement alternative lower-cost opportunities for the Project that achieve the same objectives, and finalize all exhibits and execute all documents related thereto.
- **AP1. Tenure as a Condition of Employment Nomination** - Approve one (1) candidate for Tenure as a Condition of Employment (TACOE).
- **AP2. Approval of the Educational Plant Survey 2015** - Approve the Educational Plant Survey 2015.
- **AP3. New Program Proposal: Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry** - Approve the Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry (CIP 26.0202) new program proposal.
- **AP4. New Program Proposal: Juris Master** - Approve the Juris Master Degree (CIP 22.0201) new program proposal.
- **AP5. Limited Access Status for the Bachelor of Fine Arts** - Approve Limited Access Status for the Bachelor of Fine Arts (CIP 50.0702).
- **G1. Approval of the Amendment to the Bylaws of the Florida International University Foundation, Inc.** - Approve the Florida International University Foundation Inc. Bylaws as amended and restated on October 24, 2015.
- **G2. Approval of Resolution Requesting an Amendment to the Employment Agreement for University President Mark B. Rosenberg** - Approve a Resolution requesting an amendment to the President’s employment agreement that allows for an adjustment of the evaluation review cycle.

6. Status Reports, Board Committees

External Relations Committee Report

Trustee Claudia Puig, Chair of the External Relations Committee, presented highlights from the Committee's meeting earlier in the day. She reported that President Rosenberg provided an FIU in DC update and that Vice President for Governmental Relations Michelle L. Palacio discussed the upcoming Legislative Session. Trustee Puig reminded the Trustees of the upcoming FIU Day in Tallahassee. She noted that Vice President for Engagement Saif Y. Ishoof provided updates on Talent Development Network, Images and Voices of Hope, and Life Sciences South Florida.

Finance and Audit Committee Report

Trustee Gerald C. Grant Jr., Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, presented highlights from the Committee's meeting earlier in the day. He reported that Sr. VP and CFO Jessell provided an update on the budget variance for the first quarter of FY 2015-16, noting that operating revenues were above estimates by \$9.4M (or 3 percent) and that expenses were below estimates by \$13.5M (or 5 percent). He stated that as is stipulated in the Finance and Audit Committee Charter, the Committee met separately with senior management without the presence of the Internal Auditor.

Health Affairs Committee Report

Trustee Jose J. Armas, Chair of the Health Affairs Committee, presented highlights from the Committee's meeting earlier in the day. He reported that Senior Vice President of Medical Affairs John A. Rock provided an update on the Academic Health Center and that Chief Executive Officer of FIU Health Eneida O. Roldan presented a comprehensive update on the integration of FIU Student Health Services with the FIU HealthCare Network.

Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee Report

Trustee Cesar L. Alvarez, Chair of the Academic Policy and Student Affairs Committee, presented highlights from the Committee's meeting earlier in the day. He reported that Professor Malek Adjouadi, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, presented an overview of his research work which focuses on the mapping of brain function to optimize surgical outcomes and brain stimulation on patients with neurological disorders as curative interventions.

Provost and Executive Vice President Kenneth G. Furton introduced Associate Professor Stavros Georgakopoulos from the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and requested that he discuss the commercialization efforts of the Minimum Viable Product (MVP) technology developed at FIU's ElectroMagnetics Lab. Professor Georgakopoulos presented an overview of his work, noting that MVP is expected to yield significant societal benefits on health and quality of life as it will be able to support the safe powering and communication of wireless systems.

Governance Committee Report

Chair Maury presented highlights from the Governance Committee's meeting earlier in the day. He shared the 2016 FIU Board of Trustees' Meeting Dates for Regular Board and Committee Meetings with the Board members.

7. New Business

University Chief of Police Alexander D. Casas presented a video on active shooter response and discussed how FIU aims to enhance preparedness through a community approach by providing training and resources to a broad range of stakeholders in order to raise awareness of behaviors that represent pre-incident indicators and characteristics of active shooters. Assistant Vice President for Disaster Management and Emergency Operations Ruben D. Almaguer discussed how the University works on enhancing readiness, fostering community preparedness and exploring strategies for improving disaster recovery.

Board Chair Maury requested that the University's administration identify opportunities for collaboration with Miami-Dade County's Department of Transportation with the purpose of detecting issues relating to existing street signal control in order to develop adaptive signal control systems.

Board Chair Maury requested that prior to committing funds to the construction of two (2) intramural/athletics department practice fields, the University's administration consider the viability of sharing existing intramural fields with Miami-Dade County.

Chair Maury reported that the BOG directed the university boards of trustees to conduct a review of their respective bylaws/operating procedures in order to ensure that a procedure for addressing vacancies within the chair and vice chair positions was delineated. He requested that at the next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting, the Board adopt bylaw provisions that delineate a process for addressing vacancies in the offices.

Board Chair Maury noted that his term on the Board of Trustees expires January 6, 2016 and announced that he would not seek re-appointment. He expressed that despite his continued commitment to FIU, his anticipated professional commitments would not allow him to effectively carry out his duties and responsibilities as the Board's Chair. He stated that in order to afford the Board the opportunity to conduct elections before a vacancy exists, he would vacate the office of Board Chair.

University General Counsel M. Kristina Raattama noted that the Board's Bylaws specify that while the Vice Chair is the presumptive successor to the Chair when a vacancy occurs, the Chair shall be selected by the full Board by a majority vote. Chair Maury nominated Board Vice Chair Claudia Puig for the office of Chair and she was unanimously elected. Chair Maury requested that the Board elect the Vice Chair at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting following an amendment to the Bylaws that addresses vacancies. There were no objections.

President Rosenberg introduced FIU alumna Ms. Laura Martinez for a special holiday performance.

8. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

With no other business, Chair Albert Maury adjourned the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 3:52 p.m.

<i>Trustee Requests</i>	<i>Follow-up</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>
<p>1. Board Chair Maury requested that the University's administration identify opportunities for collaboration with Miami-Dade County's Department of Transportation with the purpose of detecting issues relating to existing street signal control in order to develop adaptive signal control systems.</p>	<p>University administration</p>	
<p>2. Board Chair Maury requested that prior to committing funds to the construction of two (2) intramural/ athletics department practice fields, the University's administration consider the viability of sharing existing intramural fields with Miami-Dade County.</p>	<p>Sr. VP and CFO Kenneth A. Jessell / Executive Director for Sports and Entertainment Pete Garcia</p>	<p>Meetings with Miami Dade County representative were held on January 5th and January 19th, 2016</p>

Albert Maury
 Chairman
 FIU Board of Trustees

Mark B. Rosenberg
 Corporate Secretary
 FIU Board of Trustees

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