

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY  
**MINUTES**  
**FAU BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**JUNE 29, 2005**

Chairwoman Sherry Plymale convened the meeting of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees (BOT) on FAU's Boca campus at 10:00 a.m. with the following members present:

Bill Bryant, Armand Grossman, Rajendra Gupta, Lalita Janke, Roy Levow, Sherry Plymale, and Dan Wilson.

By Phone: Nancy Blosser, Norman Tripp

Excused: David Feder, George Zoley

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Handout: Minutes of May 11, 2005 BOT Meeting

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2005 BOT Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**

**II. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Sherry Plymale**

Chair Sherry Plymale opened the meeting with a report on the BOT Retreat being planned for September 13 and 14, 2005 at the PGA National Resort and

President Brogan hosted the 2

Trustee Tripp asked if someone at the University could compose an article highlighting Dr. Pritchett's report to send to the newspapers to get some recognition of what we are achieving.

Trustee Bryant requested Dr. Pritchett to mirror the student body with the diversity of our faculty.

**B. Report on National LambdaRail/Florida LambdaRail Status – Dr. Jeff Schilit, Associate Provost and Chief Information Officer**

Dr. Schilit reported that the National LambdaRail was started in 2003 and is now fully implemented.

In Florida, LambdaRail started in 2003/04 with 7 members, namely FAU, FIU, UCF, FIT, FSU, UF and University of Miami, and formed a limited liability corporation. Since then, three more schools, namely UWF, UNF and Nova Southeastern University have joined the corporation and no outside managers are required. Florida has the first statewide network in the country to be complete, and be fully funded by its member institutions. Having this type of network behind us should help us with federal grants and federal earmarks.

Dr. Schilit said that Florida LambdaRail is fat, fast, and functional. Fat – this backbone can carry more information than we have ever experienced; fast – it can move anywhere in the world in milliseconds; functional – it's working. An example: using the Florida LambdaRail system, the entire Encyclopedia Britannica, which is over 200,000 pages, could be put into a single document and transported in three seconds.

**Action Items**

**C. Recommendations to Approve Name Change for an Existing Doctoral Degree Program – Dean Anne Boykin, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the name change. Motion passed unanimously.**

**D. Recommendations to Approve Accountability Targets for Submission to the FBOG – Dr. John Pritchett, University Provost**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve accountability targets for submission to the FBOG. Motion passed unanimously.**

- E. **Recommendation to Approve Timeline for Implementation of Academic Learning Compacts** – Dr. John Pritchett, University Provost

**A motion was made and seconded to approve timeline for implementation of academic learning compacts. Motion passed unanimously.**

- F. **Recommendation to Approve Florida Atlantic University’s FTE Plans for Submission to the FBOG** – Dr. John Pritchett, University Provost

**A motion was made and seconded to approve FAU’S FTE Plans for submission to the FBOG. Motion passed unanimously.**

- G. **Recommendation to Approve Florida Atlantic University’s Peer Institutions Review** – Dr. John Pritchett, University Provost

**A motion was made and seconded to approve FAU’S Peer Institutions Review. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **IV. Report of Audit & Finance Committee – Chair Norman Tripp**

##### **Action Items:**

- A. **Recommendation to Approve Increase in Athletics Fee** – Dr. Kenneth Jessell, Vice President for Financial Affairs.

Norman Tripp provided background on the decision to increase the student athletics fee to \$2.00. Committees were established within the university to review the proposal and after much consideration the recommendation that came out of those committees was to increase the fee. This will generate approximately \$1.2 million in additional revenue.

Trustee Dan Wilson asked that several FAU students be allowed to speak on this issue. He introduced Jared Velez, Jupiter Campus Student Body Governor, Helen Marshall, Senate Speaker, Treasure Coast campus, Gian Amato, Broward Student Body Governor, and Joshua Bratt, Boca Raton Senate Speaker. The general consensus was that FAU should not increase the athletics fee. Dan Wilson, who represents 26,000 students as Student Body President, stated he was deeply concerned with the decision to increase the athletics fee. This would not increase student support; rather it would decrease support, due to student resentment toward athletics and the football program, resulting in a lower attendance rate at football games.



**A motion was made and seconded to approve the Promulgation of Emergency and Permanent Tuition and Fee Rules. Motion passed unanimously.**

- C. Recommendation to Approve Increase in Housing Rental Rates – Dr. Constance Foley, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs**

No discussion.

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the Increase in Housing Rental Rates. Motion passed unanimously.**

- D. Recommendation to Approve Fee Increase for Karen A. Slattery Education Research Center for Child Development – Mr. Glenn Thomas, Executive Director of University Schools**

No discussion.

**A motion was made and seconded to approve Fee Increase for Karen A. Slattery Education Research Center for Child**

**these Budgets as Appropriate during the Fiscal Year. Motion passed unanimously.**

- G. Recommendation to Approve the 2005-06 Capital Outlay Budget –** Mr. Robert Friedman, University Architect and Vice President & Dr. Kenneth Jessell, Vice President for Financial Affairs

No discussion.

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2005-06 Capital Outlay Budget. Motion passed unanimously.**

- H. Recommendation to Approve 2004-2005 Educational Equity Act Update Summary Report to be Submitted to the Florida Department of Education –** Mrs. Paula Behul, Director of Equal Opportunity Programs

No discussion.

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2004-2005 Educational Equity Act Update Summary Report to be Submitted to the Florida Department of Education. Motion passed unanimously.**

- V. REPORT OF STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE – Chair Nancy Blosser**

Chair Blosser noted the Strategic Planning Committee met along with the Student Affairs Committee on June 15 (minutes enclosed in notebooks). The Action Item reported on at that meeting relates to the adoption of the Values Statement, which is the third piece of the foundation for the Strategic Plan. She said that collectively the Mission, Vision and Values Statements will provide a reference point to guide decision making about what actions to take, how to use our resources, and how we want to measure achievement.

The Values Statement was developed by the Strategic Planning Council and was approved at the meeting. Since that time, several minor changes were made for ease of reading and the amended copy was sent to Trustees.

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended Values Statement. Motion passed unanimously.**

Chair Blosser commented on the athletics fee increase and said that there were several points made by the students that related to strategic issues facing the Committee in making the strategic plan. She encouraged student involvement in the strategic planning process and asked them to confer with Kristen Murtaugh, head of the Strategic Planning Council.

