

Meeting Minutes  
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servers; it is not monitored or maintained by administrators and does not express the views of this university. He apologized on behalf of the board for any pain those comments may have caused to that community. The board rejects and condemns any such implications that the tragedy might not have occurred or the pain might not be genuine. He wanted the community to know that the thoughts, prayers and sympathies of Florida Atlantic University are with them.

Last week, Governor Scott appointed several new members to the Board of Governors. Brief bios were sent to each of the trustees.

Stilley noted this was his last meeting as board chair. He thanked everyone for their support the past two years. He said, as chair, you realize how important the yearly board retreats are to the university. The board highlighted two areas to focus on: community involvement and research. Those two items were important to look at for this year and many years ahead.

Many things have happened in the past two years, including the football stadium opening and Innovation Village. People can feel the excitement now everyday on campus. With President Saunders, we have made many more transitions with the 50 on the 50 gala. We have also seen the

President Saunders thanked Chair Stilley for his generous service as board chair and the university appreciates all the work he has put in as a chair and trustee. She also thanked the trustees that participated in the commencement ceremonies. FAU had 2,474 students graduate. Special honorees were Drs. Joan and Bernard Chodorkoff, Mr. Jay Salkini and Dr. Claudia Hillinger.

The College of Medicine hosted an event for Dick and Barbara Schmidt that was chaired by Jon and Bonnie Kaye, with Boca Raton mayor Susan Whelchel serving as honorary chair. There was a surprise announcement that faculty member Dr. Morton Levitt is making a \$3 million donation in support of medical education scholarships. That is the largest donation by a faculty member in FAU history. The university is so grateful for his donation.

Other donations include Louis and Anne Greco expand the Wellness Center and ADT Securities gave a tremendous gift to the football stadium, which included a clock that was from Fenway Park in Boston, Massachusetts.

Former Owl Alfred Morris is now a star running back in the National Football League with the Washington Redskins. He helped the Redskins win their first NFL Championship since 1999. He set a team record of 1,613 rushing yards, which is the highest total in NFL history for a rookie. He scored 13 touchdowns, flashing Owl fingers after each one. More importantly, Morris is a great person and role model for all of us.

The National Cancer Institute awarded a grant in the amount of \$433,500 to Dr. Vijaya Iragavarpu Chayulu in the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine. She is testing a theory that lung inflammation could create a favorable environment for the spread of cancer cells from outside the lung.

Saunders appeared before the Broward and Palm Beach legislative delegations and discussed how FAU is rebounding from last year's budget cuts. She also met with key legislators from the Tampa Bay area.

Dr. Herb Weissbach has been elected a charter Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors in recognition of his research on the role of oxidative damage in aging and the mechanisms that cells

use to combat this damage. Weissbach is the Director of the Center for Molecular and Biotechnology in the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science.

The Florida Commission on the Status of Women has been selected Dr. Josephine Betts to receive a 2012 Achievement Award. Dr. Betts heads FAU's Center for Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies in the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters.

Last year, all FAU senior staff and president's office staff took an online ethics course by the State of Florida

A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 15, 2012 meeting minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

V. Consent Agenda

Chairman Stilley stated that all items have been discussed and approved in their respective committee A

Chair Barbar opened the floor to nominations for chair of the board. Trustee Stilley nominated Trustee Workman. The nomination was seconded. With no further nominations, discussion or amendments, a vote was taken to approve Trustee Workman as vice chair. The motion passed unanimously. Vice-chair Workman gave opening remarks as the chair.

## VII. Old Business

### a. Research Trends and Highlights

Dr. Barry Rosson, Vice President of Research, gave a presentation entitled "Research Trends and Highlights."

## VIII. New Business

Trustee Workman thanked the Foundation Board for their hard work. He invited the Foundation Board Chair Randy Justice to speak. Justice gave brief remarks on the past, present and future of the board.

## IX. BOT Member Comments

Chair Barbar opened the comments with thanking Trustee Stilley for his time as chair. Barbar spoke of his last two years working with Stilley, which he described as a privilege. Barbar then presented Stilley with a resolution, picture and gavel. All of the trustees thanked Stilley for his guidance and leadership the past two years. Trustee Feder thanked Trustee Feingold for his gift to renovate the board room.