



**Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, March 19, 2013 – 10:00 a.m.  
Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute  
Marine Education Building,  
5600 US 1 North  
Fort Pierce, FL 34946**

Chair Anthony Barbar convened the full board meeting of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees with the following members participating:

Vice Chair Thomas Workman, Mr. David Feder, Dr. Jeffrey Feingold, Mr. Robert Huffman, Dr. William McDaniel, Mr. Robert Rubin, Mr. Robert Stilley, Mr. Paul Tanner, and Dr. Julius Teske.

The following university officials participated:

Dr. Mary Jane Saunders, University President; Dr. Brenda Claiborne, Provost and Chief Academic Officer; Mr. David Kian, General Counsel;

Chair Barbar thanked the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute staff for hosting this is his first meeting as chair, Barbar wanted to give the direction he wants to wants to continue with previous Chair Robert Stilley's direction of doubling research and better community engagement. He also wants to leverage those to facilitate

entrepreneurship and commercialization. He believes this strategic initiative will be a catalyst for all FAU colleges and units to work together



#### **IV. Approval of the Minutes**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 15, 2013 meeting minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 19, 2013 meeting minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **V. Consent Agenda**

Chairman Barbar stated that all items have been discussed and approved in their respective committee. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the Audit & Finance Committee and Strategic Planning Committee consent agendas. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **VI. Old Business**

##### **a. Research Trends and Highlights**

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

#### **VII. New Business**

There was no new business.

#### **VIII. BOT Member Comments**

Trustee Huffman gave a brief update on student government and the student body president election. The election was last month and there was a winner, but currently contestations are going on, so he can't name the winner until that is completed. Trustee McDaniel said endowed professorships is a great way to retain researchers. Trustee Stilley thanked President Saunders, Provost Claiborne and Dr. Gitanjali Kaul for their leadership in the SACS process. Trustee Rubin was extremely thankful for Student Government President Robert Huffman and Vice President April Turner for their visit to Tallahassee. It is extremely important for the legislators to see the students and not just the trustee members. Trustee Feingold is happy with the progress of the plans for the new board room. Trustee

Feder thanked the GEO Group for their gift, but also wanted to publicly thank them for hiring many FAU graduates.

#### **IX. Public Comments**

Britni Hiatt, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College student, spoke about Stop Owlcatraz, the student led movement urging FAU not to name our stadium after the GEO Group. She noted they have over 60,000 signatures on their national list to drop the naming rights.

Catherine Armulas, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College student, spoke to the board about her disagreement to let the GEO Group name the stadium.

Arielle Ball, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College student, also wanted to express her disagreement with the naming of the stadium to the GEO Group.

Anole Hoffman, graduate student at FAU, was on the phone and spoke about her disagreement with the naming of the stadium to the GEO Group.

#### **X. Adjournment**

**A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.**