

**JOINT MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BOCA RATON
and
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY**

**Florida Atlantic University Campus
777 Glades Road
Administration Building, 3rd Floor
Board of Trustees Room**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2006 - 12:00 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE: (Boca Raton City Council) Mayor Steven L. Abrams
Deputy Mayor Susan Whelchel
Council Member M.J. Mike Arts
Council Member Peter Baronoff
Council Member Bill Hager

(Boca Raton City Staff) City Manager Leif J. Ahnell
City Attorney Diana Grub Frieser

(FAU Board of Trustees) Chairman Sherry Plymale
Vice Chairman Norman Tripp
Scott Adams
Nancy Blosser
Armand Grossman
Rajendra Gupta
Roy Levow

(FAU Staff) President Frank Brogan
John Pritchett, University Provost
Tom Donaudy, Interim Vice-President / Facilities
Ken Jessell, Vice President / Financial Affairs
Aileen Izquierdo, Vice President / Communications
and Marketing
Jennifer O'Flannery, Chief of Staff / BOT Liaison
Mary Mertz, Executive Assistant for Provost
Karen Miller, Administrative Assistant, BOT

Board of Trustees Chairman Sherry Plymale opened the meeting at approximately 12:20 p.m. President Brogan welcomed those present and commented generally about the purpose of the meeting. The above-noted attendees introduced themselves, as did additional City and FAU staff who were in attendance.

Mayor Abrams stated that one of his proudest accomplishments during his tenure as Mayor has been the strengthening of the relationship between the City and Florida Atlantic University (FAU) and commented on how serving on President's Brogan's transition team has given him the opportunity to learn more about how the University functions internally and in the way it relates to the community. He then noted issues of mutual interest. Those listed included: funding for the I-95 interchange; status of funding for the Tri-Rail shuttle; the stadium proposal; attracting bio-medical facilities to the City; FAU's plans for a more traditional campus and the impacts to the City that would result; and relocation of Boca Raton Community Hospital (BRCH) to the campus as a result of the partnership between FAU, BRCH and the University of Miami School of Medicine. He then referred to the City's Strategic Plan, a copy of which was provided to meeting participants, and pointed out that

many of the above-mentioned issues were included in same. Mayor Abrams closed by stating that the City and FAU were in a great position to tackle the challenges together, adding that he looks forward to the dialogue.

President Brogan stated that he concurred and commented on the purposeful uniqueness of his transition team, i.e. it deviated from the usual transition team in that it included members of the community in addition to members from within the University. Community representatives were included on the transition team in recognition of the impacts that the University has on the City, in the interest of developing a strong relationship with the City and community, and in order to facilitate open communication.

President Brogan then provided a brief history of FAU and touched on some of the challenges of having seven different campuses. Details were provided on the University's plan to develop the Boca Raton campus as a more traditional campus and the reasons for the move in that direction; the goal is to become more of a "first choice" university by providing the academic choices, programs, and facilities that students expect on a traditional campus. A more traditional campus will allow FAU to compete with other State universities in attracting students within Florida (including local students) as well as outside of Florida who now choose other State universities because of the amenities they offer. Increased campus housing (both dorms and apartments), non-destination retail within the campus that would provide basic services, and additional athletic facilities were mentioned as essential elements of this plan. The plan also includes transitional housing for faculty and administrative personnel. President Brogan concluded by stating that the University is aware of the potential impacts of these initiatives on the community and wants the City to continue to be present at the table on these issues.

Topics touched on during a question and discussion period were the status of the City's workforce housing efforts, the timeline for and status of the I-95 interchange, declining enrollment and the importance of marketing the University, support for the athletic program and planned stadium, and traffic impacts.

University Provost John Pritchett then gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Boca Raton Campus Academic Mission Statement and Program Plans." He reviewed the mission statement, emphasizing that FAU seeks to fulfill its mission "through public engagement and distinctive scientific and cultural alliances, all within an environment that fosters inclusiveness." Mr. Pritchett then elaborated by stating that a special element of FAU is that it is one of the most diverse universities in the United States. He then continued by presenting the seven goals enumerated in the strategic plan for the Boca Raton campus, the first four of which are also goals of the State university system. For purposes of today's focus, Mr. Pritchett called specific attention to three of the goals: Meeting Community Needs and Fulfilling Unique Institutional Responsibilities (Goal 4), Enhancing the Physical Environment (Goal 6), and Increasing the University's Visibility (Goal 7). He further emphasized that the success of the Boca Raton campus is contingent on changes to the academic program, as well as the physical infrastructure. The goal is to be a "University of First Choice" in five years. He cited several planned program changes including the partnership with Boca Raton Community Hospital and the University of Miami School of Medicine for an undergraduate and graduate medical program. Mr. Pritchett then responded to questions.

Tom Donaudy, FAU Interim Vice President of Facilities, presented the master plan for the Boca Raton campus. Mr. Donaudy, who noted he is an architect, provided an overview of the campus, listed completed projects, used a map to show pending projects that have been relocated to a different area of the campus, and named new planned projects. Added projects include: 4-laning of Florida Atlantic Blvd. and St. Lucie Ave.; the I-95 interchange; a City-operated fire station on campus; an Engineering Building; expansion of the College of Business; expansion of the Arts and Humanities Building; an addition to the gymnasium; an addition to the Oxley Center; internal road projects; additional academic buildings; two parking garages; a jogging trail; and the teaching hospital. Mr. Donaudy then responded to questions

President Brogan closed the meeting by reiterating that he feels it is in the best interest of both FAU and the City to continue the "town-gown" relationship. He added that he feels there is more that can be done to create camaraderie and thanked the City for their continued support.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:45 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24, 2006.

Sharma Carannante, City Clerk