

AMENDED MINUTES

Florida Atlantic University Schools Advisory Body
Wednesday, May 12, 2010
5:40pm – 7:00pm
A.D. Henderson University School Media Center
College of Education, Florida Atlantic University

I. Call to Order/ Approval of Agenda

Call to order made by Ms. Daphna Smolka at 5:40pm.

Motion – Motion was made by Dr. Patricia Hodge to approve the Agenda.

Second – Seconded by Ms. Robin Barkes.

Unanimous Approval

II. Welcome

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Interim Chair

Ms. Smolka welcomed all the members of the Advisory Body. Members who were present:

Dr. Patricia Hodge – Principal/Director

Mr. Tom Ievoli – Secondary Faculty Representative

Ms. Tracie Nieporte –Elementary Parent Representative – VIA CONFERENCE CALL

Mr. Marc Hopin – Secondary Parent Representative

Ms. Daphna Smolka – At-Large Parent Representative

Ms. Robin Barkes – Elementary Faculty Representative

Dr. Deborah Shepherd – College of Education, Dean’s Office Representative

Ms. Kris Moser – At-Large Parent Representative

Dr. Stephen Locke -- FAU Faculty Representative

Ms. Emma del Real – Business/Community Citizen

Members who were not present:

Mr. Nicholas Yonezawa – Student Representative (Excused)

Others Present:

Mr. Glenn Thomas – Assistant Dean, Pk-12 Schools and Educational Programs

Ms. Allyn Margolies – Recording Secretary

III. Introductions

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Interim Chair

There were no new introductions made.

- IV. Approval of Minutes** Mr. Tom Ievoli, Secretary
Motion – Motion was made by Mr. Tom Ievoli to approve the April 14, 2010 FAUS Advisory Body Meeting Minutes, with the following amendments:
 Section I. Change Kim Moser to Kris Moser.
 Section VI. Change SAC10 to SAT10.
Second – Seconded by Mr. Marc Hopin.
Unanimous Approval
- V. Recognitions and Awards** Ms. Daphna Smolka, Interim Chair
- a. Dr. Patricia Hodge acknowledged the PTO and Auction Committee for the wonderful event held on April 30, 2010 – “Denim & Diamonds Auction.”
 - b. Dr. Deborah Shepherd recognized Dr. Terri Watson for receiving her doctorate at a ceremony the previous week.
 - c. Dr. Patricia Hodge recognized student Dominique Ranieri for receiving her FAU college degree, followed a week later by receiving her FAU High School degree.
 - d. Dr. Patricia Hodge recognized student Sam Greene who graduated FAU High School in 2009 and received his Bachelor’s degree from FAU last week.
 - e. Dr. Patricia Hodge recognized seven FAU High School students who were nominated to receive a scholarship at the May 12th Pathfinders Ceremony. This scholarship program was open to all high school students who reside in Palm Beach County.
- VI. Principal/Director’s Report** Dr. Patricia Hodge, Principal/Director
1. Dr. Patricia Hodge reported that the high school prom, held at the Wyndham Garden Inn in Boca Raton on Saturday, May 8, 2010, was an enjoyable event for everyone. Approximately 65 students attended.
- a. **PTO Report** Ms. Kris Moser, At-Large Parent Rep.
1. The PTO has been working on a calendar of events, based on fundraisers held year after year.
 2. The Spring Fling, held on May 8th, received only a mediocre turnout. The DJ did not show up.
 3. PTO elections for 2010-2011 will take place on Wednesday, May 26, 2010.
 4. The Box Top promotion went very well.
- VII. Action Items** Ms. Daphna Smolka, Interim Chair
- a. **Approval of the March 24, 2010 FAUS Committee Meetings Amended Minutes**
 1. **Motion** – Motion was made by Mr. Marc Hopins to approve the March 24, 2010 FAUS Committee Meetings Amended Minutes with the following additional changes: (1) Education Committee, Section III.b. – Change from “The ADHUS kitchen has a “learning lab” to “The ADHUS kitchen could be utilized as a “learning lab.” (2) Finance Committee, Section II.c. – change to read “Because not all students pay an activity fee, an additional \$35,000 needs to be paid by students who pay an activity fee.”
Second – Seconded by Ms. Robin Barkes.
Unanimous Approval

b. **Activity Fee**

1. Mr. Glenn Thomas stated that the current activity fee will remain in place until a recommendation is made to the Board of Trustees by the School Advisory Body, and changes are then made by the Board of Trustees. Any changes need to be in the hands of the Board of Trustees no later than 5:00pm on May 14, 2010.
2. Mr. Glenn Thomas stated that he had received no response from legal counsel regarding a review of our current Activity Fee structure.

Motion – Motion was made by Dr. Deborah Shepherd to retain the current Activity Fee structure, and those parents with financial difficulties could speak with Administration regarding reduced and free options.

Second – Seconded by Ms. Robin Barkes

Discussion:

Discussion and questions regarding this Motion included:

- Ms. Kris Moser: Does the state of Florida contribute to the free and reduced lunch program;
- Dr. Deborah Shepherd: Is there an option to “opt out” of specific items on the Supplements list, such as the yearbook, PE uniforms, etc.;
- Ms. Tracie Nieporte: Would legal counsel be able to respond to Mr. Thomas and the SAB, prior to the May 14th deadline;
- Mr. Marc Hopin: Regarding questions on the legality of the activity fee, does the activity fee violate a Florida statute; both Mr. Thomas and Dr. Hodge responded “no.”
- Dr. Stephen Locke: Stated that if we tried to impose an activity fee on those who qualify for free and reduced programs, we might be violating a Florida statute.
- Mr. Glenn Thomas: Distributed and discussed “Florida Atlantic University Report of Budget for Auxiliaries as of 05/11/2010.”
- Mr. Marc Hopin: He has consulted with a private attorney who has advised that the activity fee is in violation of Florida statute; he wants it on record that he made a request that the SAB speak with his counsel, prior to this evening’s vote, but that this was not done.
- Mr. Marc Hopin: Asked if there was any carry-over which would reduce next year’s activity fee. Mr. Thomas responded that Accounts Receivables are being collected right now, which affects disbursement.
- Mr. Marc Hopin: Suggested and discussed a new activity fee structure, as follows:
 - Elementary School = \$325.00; Middle School = \$500.00; High School = \$540.00.

Proposed Amendment to Motion – Ms. Tracie Nieporte proposed an amendment to the Motion made by Dr. Deborah Shepherd, accepting the change in activity fees for the three grade levels, as suggested above by Mr. Hopin.

Proposed Amendment Rejected: Dr. Deborah Shepherd rejected Ms. Tracie Nieporte’s Proposed Amendment to Motion.

Proposed Amendment to Motion is denied.

Vote taken on Dr. Deborah Shepherd's original Motion to retain the current Activity Fee structure, and those parents with financial difficulties could speak with Administration regarding reduced and free options.

In Favor: Dr. Deborah Shepherd, Ms. Kris Moser, Ms. Emma del Real, Dr. Stephen Locke, Dr. Patricia Hodge, Mr. Tom Ievoli, Ms. Robin Barkes

Against: Mr. Marc Hopin, Ms. Tracie Nieporte, Ms. Daphna Smolka.

Motion is Passed: For the school year 2010 – 2011, the Activity Fee will remain in place as a recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

c. By-Law Revisions, As Required

1. Mr. Glenn Thomas did not receive any revisions back from legal counsel.
2. Any changes must be voted on for submission to the Board of Trustees by May 24, 2010.

Motion – Motion was made by Dr. Patricia Hodge to table this vote until we receive a response from legal counsel.

Second – Seconded by Mr. Marc Hopin.

Unanimous Approval

VIII. Discussion Items

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Interim Chair

a. Education Committee

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Interim Chair

1. Committee Report

- i. The Parent Survey will be sent out on Friday, May 14; it may be completed online through SurveyMonkey.com or a hard copy may be picked up from the school front office. All responses are due by Friday, May 21, 2010.

2. Professional Development Plan

- i. Discussion about the Professional Development Plan was held at the April 28, 2010 FAUS Committees Meeting.

b. Finance Committee

Mr. Marc Hopin

1. Committee Report

- i. Activity Fee – covered in VII. b. Activity Fee above.

c. Personnel Committee

Mr. Tom Ievoli

1. Committee Report

2. Advisory Body Election Procedure

- i. This procedure will be left as is.

3. Parent Survey

- i. The Parent Survey will go on line on Friday, May 14, 2010.

4. Attendance Policy

- i. The Attendance Policy was discussed at the April 28, 2010 FAUS Committees Meeting. There are no current updates at this time.

IX. Old Business

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Interim Chair

a. Race to The Top Activity Update

Mr. Glenn Thomas, Asst. Dean

1. Race to The Top was discussed at the April 28, 2010 FAUS Committees Meeting. There are no current updates at this time.

X. Public Comment

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Interim Chair

- a. None.

XI. Announcements and Comments

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Interim Chair

- a. It was stated that parents need to be notified about the upcoming School Advisory Body election.

- 1. Election procedures have expired and must be re-written.

XII. Adjournment

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Interim Chair

Request for meeting to be adjourned at 7:00pm.

Motion – Motion made by Mr. Marc Hopin to adjourn the meeting.

Second – Seconded by Ms. Kris Moser.

Unanimous Approval