





**4. STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE– Chair Nancy Blosser**

A. Recommendation to approve the 2005-2006 Five Year Capital Improvement Plan.

Mr. Bob Friedman presented a summary of the Capital Improvement Plan. FAU has been consistent in funding projects on the list, especially those where classroom space is concerned. President Brogan added that FAU's highest priority is the addition of lab and classroom space across FAU, particularly at the Treasure Coast and Davie campuses. Mr. Friedman reminded the BOT that this report is provided to them on an annual basis, allowing for consistent monitoring of capital improvement at FAU.

**A motion was made and seconded to approve 2005-2006 Five Year Capital Improvement Plan. Motion passed unanimously.**

B. Update on Strategic Planning.

Chair Nancy Blosser recapped actions taken place in the Strategic planning process thus far. On June 28, the BOT approved the four goals of the BOG. The committee then determined the Plan format. The next step will be up to the Strategic Planning council, headed by Dr. Kristen Murtaugh. Her council, comprised of faculty, students and staff will make sure that everyone in the university will get involved from college, campus, division, etc. Overall, Chair Blosser said she would like this document to be a usable plan that everyone is able to access. She thanked Dr. Pritchett for agreeing to help in deva

Chair Scott Adams provided highlights of the M.S. in Finance. He explained that there will be no additional funding for these courses and that they will use the additional

The following statement will be issued to the BOG's on behalf of the FAU BOT:

**Targeted degree programs.** The concept of targeted degree programs has now developed into the "Y-axis" programs under consideration of the BOG as part of its strategic plan. FAU has embraced and endorsed this plan and adopted the four BOG goals as key elements of the university's developing strategic plan, with the understanding that growth in emphasized programs must be encouraged and supported with additional revenues rather than a redirection of existing resources.

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the statement above. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### B. Billing Statements

President Brogan introduced the concept of billing statements. The focus of this policy is to provide detail for the student identifying who is paying and how much is contributed towards their education. Currently an average of 75% of student fees is paid for by the state and 25% paid by the students. This cost may be detailed on the student's electronic tuition bill. President Brogan added that the only barrier to accomplishing this is to have a clear formula that truthfully delineates funding sources. Trustee Hoffman added that it would be very difficult to figure this out per student, as they would all be different. Trustee Blosser recommended that instead of reporting actual costs of the education, that a general statement reminding the student how much and by whom their education is being paid would suffice.

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**Billing statements.** FAU financial systems are not currently structured to provide information to students on the state provided contribution to each student's educational costs. The FAU Board of Trustees recommended that the BOG prepare a general statement on the proportion of instructional costs provided by the state on average. This statement could then be included on each billing statement.

**A motion was made and seconded to**

### C. Accountability and Effectiveness

President Brogan introduced the topic of accountability and effectiveness to the BOT. He assured the BOT that he and the administration are focused on making FAU and its faculty and staff accountable and more productive. FAU is moving in the right direction as seen in our new budget process, strategic planning update and quarterly reporting systems. Chairman Zoley added that more specificity in accountability & effectiveness will evolve as we move into the quarterly reporting system. Dr. Pritchett stated that in 2002 the BOT approved the program review process for FAU. The process for measurable student outcomes are still being refined.

### D. Excess Credit Hours

Dr. Mike Armstrong provided a PowerPoint presentation on excess credit hours. Following the presentation, President Brogan added that there are basic assumptions for and against the idea of banning excess credit hours. The BOT's job is to rationalize the advantages and disadvantages and make an educated decision. Further discussion occurred on the difference of FAU and traditional four-year universities. Trustee Khan questioned who would be responsible to go through each students schedule to distinguish whether or not they had taken extra credits. Dr. Armstrong replied that it would take

Alternatively, the limitation for payment of the state provided component should be set at 125% of degree requirements. Although FAU supports the intent of this policy, the FAU Board of Trustees notes that such a policy may be prohibitively difficult to implement.

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the statement above. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### E. Non-degree Seeking Student Tuition

Dr. Sharron Ronco gave a presentation on non-degree seeking students at FAU. Dr. Hoffman explained to the BOT, that FAU's non-degree seeking students are not taking up space as they can register only after degree-seeking students have registered.

The following statement will be issued to the BOG's on behalf of the FAU BOT:

**Non-degree seeking students.** The FAU Board of Trustees has analyzed the course-taking patterns of non-degree-seeking students and recommends that no action be taken to impose full cost of instruction on this group at this time. Although FAU may indeed enroll some non-degree students whose main purpose is self-enrichment, they are few in number and impossible to identify without penalizing those whose educational goals the state has an interest in supporting.

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the statement above. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### F. Block Tuition

Dr. Norman Kaufman gave a PowerPoint presentation on Block Tuition. Chairman Zoley recommended that we support the policy objective on the basis of a trial. President Brogan agreed and stated that FAU is supportive in looking at alternative ways to fill classrooms and assisting students to graduate at a faster rate. Trustee Tripp stated that while the idea of an independent BOT has been promoted, we are spending a lot of time on BOG mandates and not on independent BOT ideas. Chairman Zoley stated that the BOT is supportive of the BOG as they are the policy initiators, however, it is obvious that each institution is different and that the BOT will have the opportunity to indicate why FAU is different.

Discussion: Trustee Tripp stated that while recognizing the importance of the BOG's vision of statewide policy, it is important that the BOG recognize the creation of the BOT and supports its policy setting ability. President Brogan stated that the BOG Chairwoman recognizes that there are commonalities and