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**b. Approval of the Florida Atlantic University 2023-24 Fixed Capital Outlay (FCO)**

**e. Approve the Ratification of the 2023-2026 FAU BOT/PBA Collective Bargaining Agreement**

Mr. Kian presented the item. Mr. Kian summarized some of the changes of the proposed new three-year agreement. Among other things, it modifies the probation period for new officers, the nondiscrimination definition to comport with current law, grievance procedures, internal investigations, personnel records, on-call assignments and court appearances, leave and holiday time, learning opportunities, conflict of interest and outside employment provisions, take-home vehicle & travel expenses, and wages. It increases the starting salary for newly hired officers to \$68,000 to stay competitive within the market. President Stacy Volnick thanked everyone involved in making this happen. **There was a motion and a second to approve Ratification of the 2023-2026 FAU**

Board of Governors the possibility of extending the presidential appointment of Dr. Volnick. She said most of the faculty were happy with the search and the finalists selected and do not presuppose its outcome, but there is sentiment that the uncertainty and negative press associated with the prolonged pause in the search is detrimental to FAU. One area of concern is the inability to fill the many of the interim positions throughout the university. During the open forum, faculty senators relayed their appreciation and support of the job Stacy Volnick is doing. This support is consistent with the letters we have received throughout the search. Trustee Dunn asked that the Board of Trustees explore with the Board of Governors whether an adjustment could be made to the presidential process to extend a multi-year contract to Stacy Volnick to serve as our next president.

Dunn replied yes. Trustee Paez said he doesn't necessarily oppose what is being proposed, but best practices would put this noticed on the agenda for a thorough discussion at the next Board meeting. Trustee Cane said there is precedent for this, noting that the second vice chair position was eliminated through an amendment to the bylaws that was not a noticed agenda item. **With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed 10-2, with Trustees Paez and Stoch opposing.**

Trustee Flippo said the level of energy at the FAU football game is great to see, and it is extending across the campus. Trustee Bussani echoed Trustee Flippo's comments and looking forward to basketball season. He also thanked the members of the public who commented and to President Volnick and her team for acting in the best interests of the University. Trustee Ellison is more impressed with the university with each college and department he meets with. Trustee Davis said we are on the trajectory we need to be on, despite the bumps in the road. Trustee Cane thanked Trustee Calvillo for her leadership in SG. He also encouraged trustees to go to other sports including club sports. The students love when trustees come to their events. Trustee Cane concluded by noting that the university is thriving and the faculty, students and community are listening to us on our board calls. It's important for everyone to know we are here to represent the students in their best interests, even if democracy is messy sometimes. Trustee Paez congratulated the FAU faculty & staff on the US News World Rankings. Chair Levine noted we are up to #112 in the rankings.

## **VII. Adjournment**

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